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## **CoreTrustSeal Newsletter 04-2025**

### **Introducing Marjan Hartsuiker 2025-2027 Board member**



My name is Marjan Hartsuiker and I work as a digital archives consultant at the Regional Archives in the beautiful city of Zutphen, the Netherlands. As a digital

archives consultant, I focus on managing and developing our digital repository and supporting local government agencies when they transfer their digital records to our repository. Making the records that are stored in the repository available to end users is also an important aspect of my work. In addition to my job, I study part time for a degree in archival science at the Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences.

I have been a reviewer for CoreTrustSeal for more than three years; in fact, I've been a reviewer since I started working in Zutphen. My predecessor was a CoreTrustSeal reviewer and it was simply another task I took over from him. Reviewing for CoreTrustSeal has given me valuable insight into various types of repositories and the different approaches organizations take to preserve and disseminate their digital assets. It also taught me to be critical of my own organization and repository. Having said that, when I was asked to join the CoreTrustSeal Board, I wasn't particularly eager! Eventually they managed to convince me, and having served as a Board Member for a few months, I do not regret my decision. Working with digital preservation experts from across the globe is a wonderful and valuable experience that helps me in my daily work and in my studies as well.

## **Guidance and training needs for trustworthy digital repositories - please share your input in the FIDELIS landscape survey!**

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The FIDELIS project is funded by the European Commission to work towards establishing a European network of FAIR-enabling Trustworthy Digital Repositories (TDRs). Over its three-year duration, FIDELIS will set up, develop and operate a European network of trustworthy repositories that will: support the development and growth of TDRs within the EOSC ecosystem; foster harmonisation and interoperability across repositories to enable an EOSC federation of TDRs; and strengthen the upskilling of repositories and expand the network through an active training and support programme.

Our landscape survey aims to contribute to our understanding of the current needs of repositories in specific areas. The results will inform different parts of the project, guiding efforts in providing harmonisation, training, and support for repositories.

The survey consists of a core set of questions, with optional supplementary questions for those who wish to provide additional information. The core questions are estimated to take around 20 minutes, with the whole survey taking approximately 40 minutes if all additional questions are also answered. Because of the inclusion of open ended questions, the true duration of the survey will vary largely between people.

Repositories come in many different forms. For the purpose of this survey, we use the term “repository” to encompass all services that manage research objects (data, software, literature or other), regardless of whether they are labelled as a repository, archive, e-depot or anything else. Other data service providers and registries are also welcome to participate in the survey, though some questions may be less relevant to your organisation, operations, and needs.

The survey will remain open until **Friday April 18 2025**.

Please share your experiences and needs for support with us by filling in the survey and sharing it with your colleagues and peers:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/2025-FIDELIS-Landscape>

## **Nestor Community Survey: Results of 2023**

Nestor proudly presents the results of its Community Survey 2023 and the 2023 update of the community profiles.

The Community Survey 2023 is a follow-up study to the first survey which nestor conducted in 2019/20. Again many national and international communities involved in digital preservation completed a questionnaire with about 40 questions. These questions covered many aspects that are crucial for the functioning of these communities. We analysed the results and publish them now anonymously as nestor material 27 with the title „[Results of the nestor Community Survey 2023](#)“. Most of the participating communities gave us permission to publish their data in the internet as a community profile as well. These profiles can be found on the [nestor website](#).

With this product nestor aims to improve the transparency of the digital community landscape and supports the decisions of institutions and individuals considering membership in national and international communities. Digital preservation is a

complex issue. That's why the communities with their manyfold services play such an important role in this field.

Nestor thanks all the communities that participated in the 2023 survey. It was certainly a challenge to gather all the information about their communities.

They will be preparing their next survey in 2026 and would be very grateful if your community would consider participating in this survey. If you would like to participate, please provide nestor with your contact details in advance via [strathmann@sub.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:strathmann@sub.uni-goettingen.de). Of course: They would be very happy to receive feedback and ideas on how to improve the questionnaire and the presentation of the survey results.

## Interesting workshop outcomes:

### FAIR Implementation Workshops

#### OAIS version 3 - What does it mean for repositories?

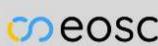
15:30 - 17:00 CET

24 March 2025 *Online*



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In our last newsletter we promoted the OAIS version 3 workshop. The slides, recording and post event blog are now available.

Our Chair of the Board, Olivier Rouchon was one of the speakers, so please take a look if you missed it!

<https://fair-impact.eu/events/fair-impact-events/oaис-version-3-what-does-it-mean-repositories>

# Feedback and comments welcome!

Please don't hesitate to contact [info@coretrustseal.org](mailto:info@coretrustseal.org) if you have feedback or suggestions for us on the tool, process, website or anything else!

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