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CoreTrustSeal Newsletter 07-2025

AMT closed for new applicants in November and December 2025

The online tool will be closed for new application in November and December 2025 to enable the update to the new 2026-2028 requirements, which will be valid from January 1st, 2026.

Applications that are submitted before that time will still be processed during these months and will be reviewed according to the 2023-2025 requirements.

Kind regards,
CoreTrustSeal Standards and Certification Board

Introducing Maaike Verburg 2025-2027 Board member

Maaike Verburg is a Research Data Management Specialist at DANS, the national repository and center of expertise in the Netherlands. Her focus has always been on how to



support different aspects in the scientific ecosystem so that all effort put into science can reap its maximal impact. Through her experiences in different (inter)national projects and initiatives, she developed a focus on repository trustworthiness and support, which led her to join the CoreTrustSeal Assembly of Reviewers. She now serves as the Treasurer on the Board, overseeing the financial health of the organisation.

Reminder: Community input needed on Revision of Requirements

The CoreTrustSeal Board is seeking input for proposed changes to the requirements to take effect for 2026-2028. We value our community members opinions and feel the process of updating these trustworthy data repository requirements will be most successful with as much community participation as possible.

Our community is built around a Peer-to-Peer review process. We help each other protect our data assets for future generations by challenging each other to be the best repositories we can be. We all know that the ever-changing landscape we work in requires periodic review of our requirements and procedures.

The CoreTrustSeal Board appreciates your time and effort in completing this survey and providing valuable feedback on the CoreTrustSeal Requirements. While we do not have the resources to respond to each survey individually, be assured, we value each community member's input. We will make every effort to reflect them in the revisions of the Requirements.

The following link will direct you to the survey:

https://sciencespocdsp.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8jn9vE3bfnbAKR8

The estimated duration of this questionnaire is 20 minutes. It will be active until August 15th, 2025.

Thank you for your time and feedback!

We will share progress and outcomes in the coming months.

Thanks again for being part of our peer review community.

Kind regards,

CoreTrustSeal Standards and Certification Board

Release of a CoreTrustSeal Documentation Suite

Borealis is pleased to announce the launch of the [CoreTrustSeal Documentation Suite](#). The Documentation Suite is the result of a detailed review by Borealis and the [Digital Research Alliance of Canada's Preservation Expert Group](#). It is intended to support Borealis participants and data repositories across Canada and the world with CoreTrustSeal certification and research data preservation efforts more broadly.

[CoreTrustSeal \(CTS\)](#) certification signifies that a digital repository is trustworthy, sustainable, and meets the highest standards of data management and preservation. In the past year, the University of Victoria Libraries Dataverse and University of Manitoba Dataverse in Borealis achieved CoreTrustSeal certification as Trustworthy Data Repositories.

The Documentation Suite responds to the [2023-2025 certification requirements](#) and includes policy templates to support the management of institutional collections in Borealis, as well as an application template to support institutions interested in applying for CoreTrustSeal certification:

- Borealis Institutional Collection Policy Template
- Borealis Institutional Collection Deposit Guidelines
- Borealis Institutional Collection Curation Framework
- Borealis Institutional Collection Retention and Deaccession Policy Template
- Borealis Preservation Documentation Template
- Borealis Policy Framework Diagram
- Glossary of Terms for Use with Borealis Institutional Collection Policy Templates
- Borealis CTS Certification Application Template (French version forthcoming)

These templates build on [previous work by Borealis and the Alliance based on the 2020-2022 requirements](#).

The Documentation Suite and more information about the project are available on [SPOTDocs](#).

For any questions or comments, please contact the [Borealis team](#). Thank you!

Feedback and comments welcome!

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



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