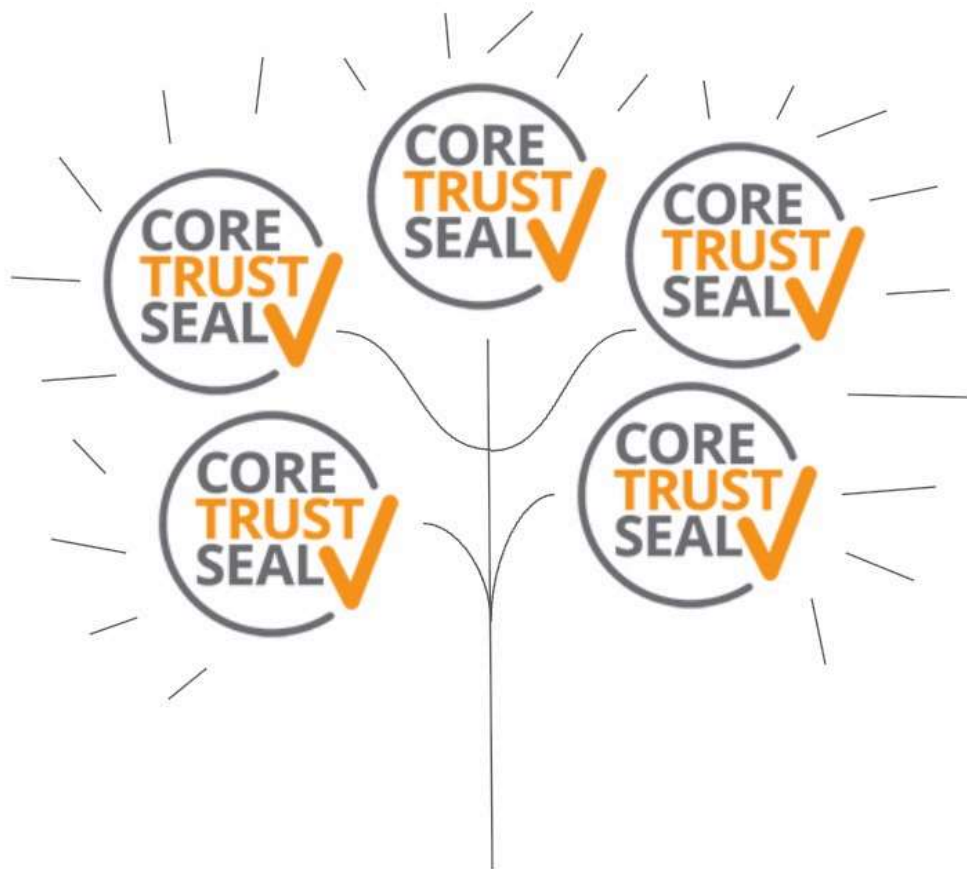


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## **CoreTrustSeal Newsletter 12-2025**



**Happy 2026 !!!!**

**Requirements 2026-2028**  
**Submissions via the online tool**

**possible from January 1, 2026**

The CoreTrustSeal Board has analysed the feedback received from its community on the proposed changes to the requirements for the next three-years period starting in 2026.

It was great to see that there is a general, positive consensus in favour of the revamping - with small adjustments suggested by the respondents to the survey which have mostly been taken into account.

The CoreTrustSeal Documentation Suite (requirements, extended guidance and change log) have been updated accordingly and are now available on our [website](#).

The new requirements will enter into force in January 2026 and new submissions are accepted in the tool from January 1, 2026 onwards.

## **Introducing Guoqing Li**

### **CoreTrustSeal Board member 2024-2027**



I am Guoqing Li, Director of the National Earth Observation Data Center at the Aerospace Information Research Institute, Chinese Academy of Sciences. My research focuses on remote sensing science and high-performance geoscientific computing, with recent interests in the management and governance of big Earth science data.

My engagement with the CoreTrustSeal began during my service as a member of the Science Committee of the World Data System (WDS). I participated in the joint

WDS–Data Seal of Approval (DSA) task team that developed the certification mechanism for data centers and repositories, which directly led to the creation of CoreTrustSeal. In addition to overseeing the operations of a national science data center, I have contributed to the evaluation of Chinese national science data centers and the review of WDS membership applications. These experiences have given me deep insights into the challenges of quality management in data repositories, particularly in regions such as China and Asia, where many data facilities exist but often lack formalized quality management frameworks. For example, while China has 20 national scientific data centers and numerous lower-level centers, only five have obtained CoreTrustSeal certification.

As a newly elected member of the Board, I am honored to work with the global CoreTrustSeal community to address these challenges. My priorities include fostering knowledge exchange among experts and advancing the implementation of robust quality management systems across data centers in Asia. I see this role as a key opportunity to bridge regional gaps and promote best practices in data stewardship, ensuring that scientific data is both trustworthy and accessible to the international community.

## Feedback and comments welcome!

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