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## CoreTrustSeal Newsletter 11-2022

### Training

#### CoreTrustSeal Training

CoreTrustSeal will provide training on the [Requirements 2023-2025](#) to the Assembly of Reviewers in December 2022.

There will be a training session on Tuesday December 6 and an Open Coffee Hour on Thursday December 8. The Assembly of Reviewers have been invited separately. Please note that this will be an invitee training only but we will publish parts on our Youtube channel afterwards:

CoreTrustSeal YouTube channel

#### CESSDA Trust Landscape event

[CESSDA](#) will be giving a webinar on November 10 @ 15:00 hrs CET.

Trust is an essential part of open science, FAIR, and the European Open Science Cloud (EOSC). This webinar provides an overview of the recent developments in Trust activities, focussing on SSH domain and Europe.

Topics covered include repository certification, curation and preservation levels discussion, community principles, metrics, and current initiatives within and beyond Europe. The webinar's main target group is CESSDA organisations but it is open to all. More details can be found [here](#).

# CoreTrustSeal Application Management Tool (AMT)

The AMT will not accept new applications from 1 November 2022 – 15 January 2023 while the [Requirements 2023-2025](#) are being implemented in the new Application Management Tool.

This will not impact applications that are already in progress under the 2020-2022 requirements until December 1. In December 2022 the current tool will be closed down completely to migrate all data to the new online tool, which will become available on January 15 at the latest.

## Towards a European network of FAIR-enabling TDRs

The working paper “*Towards a European network of FAIR-enabling Trustworthy Digital Repositories (TDRs)*” has been published on Zenodo (link: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.7034314>). This paper is the initiative of a broad author team consisting of stakeholders from the European repository community. It details a vision of how the Network could be created and what next steps need to be taken to make this a reality. The paper was created in continuation of the workshop that was held in January 2022 (link: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5849658>), in which a large part of the community indicated a desire for this Network.

The core of the paper describes the main functions the Network should have to address the main challenges in the community: Networking and knowledge exchange, stakeholder advocacy and engagement, and coordination and development. The functions and accompanying activities are described and depicted to show the potential of the Network. Next, the paper describes the steps that need to be taken to further detail and develop the Network, including membership, business model, and governance.

The paper was created with input from the European repository community, as a consultation questionnaire was extended to the community in June 2022. The published paper will serve as input for the EOSC Task Force on Long Term Digital Preservation (link: <https://www.eosc.eu/advisory-groups/long-term-data-preservation>). One of the core activities mentioned in the charter of this Task Force is to produce recommendations on the creation of such a network.

## CoreTrustSeal Reviewers wanted

If you are currently certified through CoreTrustSeal, we are asking you to **nominate someone from your organisation to serve as a peer reviewer with CoreTrustSeal** and join the [CoreTrustSeal Assembly of Reviewers](#).

The Assembly of Reviewers is an essential component of the CoreTrustSeal, it helps

both the CoreTrustSeal Board to determine the trustworthiness of applicant repositories, and the applicants themselves to improve their performance through the highlighting of best practices. Moreover, many reviewers find that conducting reviews is highly valuable to their own organisations, since they learn and understand more about their own processes through examination of those used by peers.

Reviewers will conduct a minimum of two CoreTrustSeal reviews per year, and this will allow them to stand for election to become a member of the CoreTrustSeal Board and to vote in such elections (one vote for each CoreTrustSeal-certified repository).

You can nominate someone from your organisation by emailing [info@coretrustseal.org](mailto:info@coretrustseal.org) with the nominee's name, organisation name, and email address. If you have already provided a contact to CoreTrustSeal, thank you!



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