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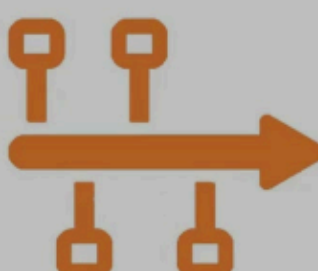
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Video on the changes to the CoreTrustSeal Requirements 2026-2028 available

The chair of the CoreTrustSeal board, Olivier Rouchon, has created a video to explain the changes between CoreTrustSeal Requirements 2023-2025 and the Requirements 2026-2028 that came into play in January this year.

Timeline

- October 31st pause submissions to transition over
- November- December work on existing submissions
- Early 2026 begin application under new requirements

A diagram illustrating the transition from old to new requirements. It features a horizontal orange arrow pointing to the right. Above the arrow are two orange squares, each with a vertical line extending upwards. Below the arrow are two orange squares, each with a vertical line extending downwards. This visualizes the flow from the old requirements to the new ones.

CoreTrustSeal Board member 2024-2027



Tuomas serves as the Head of Services for User Services and Data Processing at the Finnish Social Science Data Archive. He stood as a candidate for the CoreTrustSeal Board because, through his work in two EU-funded projects, he had gained hands-on experience in supporting European data repositories in achieving certification. Over the years, he has also had central role in drafting the Data Archive's own self-assessment. In his work, Tuomas has contributed to the planning of a national digital preservation solution for cultural heritage materials and research data, as well as centralised (data) discovery services in Finland. Ensuring the preservation, discoverability, and continued usability of data are matters close to his heart. Tuomas has also promoted professional development in data-related matters within IASSIST (International Association for Social Science Information Services and Technology), having served as the organisation's chair, among other roles.

Preparing for Repository Cessation

A recent article in the IJDC explores the question of how repositories can prepare for the cessation of their services. Even though this is an uncomfortable question to ask, the trustworthiness of our services also hinges on what happens to our collections should the repository cease to exist. An actual succession agreement, as

consortia.

To help repositories to start thinking about how to ensure that current holdings can be transferred to other organizations for continued preservation and reuse, a group of repositories from the German VerbundFDB created a set of questions guiding the documentation of necessary information.

The template covers the data collection(s) held by the repository, as well as organizational, technical, and legal aspects relevant to a data custody transfer. This can facilitate the discovery of potential gaps in the workflows and documentation, at the same time as structuring communication with target repositories.

Article: Recker, Jonas, Pegelow, Lisa, Schuster, Alexander and Mauer, Reiner. (2026). Hope for the best, plan for the worst: Reducing risks associated with repository cessation. In International Journal of Digital Curation, 20(1).
<https://doi.org/10.2218/ijdc.v20i1.1091>

Template: VerbundFDB Working Group Cessation. (2026). Template for preparing a cessation plan (0.9.0). Zenodo. <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.18920095>

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