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Introducing Aude Chambodut CoreTrustSeal Board member 2024-2027



Aude Chambodut is a physicist (the French equivalent of a professor with observational responsibilities) at the **École et Observatoire des Sciences de la Terre (EOST)** in Strasbourg. EOST is an **Observatoire des Sciences de l'Univers (OSU)**, a research institute of the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Space, administered by the CNRS Earth-and-Universe division, which federates university-based laboratories dedicated to Earth-system, environmental and

policies on long-term monitoring and open-science practices.

At EOST, Aude leads the **International Service of Geomagnetic Indices** data-repository. Since 2019 she has also served as the **Scientific Delegate for Open Science and Data** for the four CNRS Earth-and-Universe scientific domains (Ocean, Atmosphere, Solid Earth, Continental Surfaces and Astronomy/Astrophysics). She promotes the adoption of CoreTrustSeal standards among French data repositories to enhance their stewardship, openness and trustworthiness. Aude is a member of the **CoreTrustSeal Board** since 2021.

NEW: CoreTrustSeal Reviewers discount



CoreTrustSeal certification is reliant on the volunteers that keep our review process afloat. The CoreTrustSeal Board would like to offer a discount to institutions that provide reviewers to the Assembly of Reviewers who start a minimum of six (6) reviews during their certificate period of three (3) years or until their next recertification. The discount will be valid for recertification only and is -33%, meaning that instead of 3,000 euro the institute pays 2,000 euro as an administration fee.

For more information on the rules and conditions please visit our website:

<https://www.coretrustseal.org/apply/reviewers-discount/>

CoreTrustSeal Board Endorses New Practical Framework for Managing Repository Cessation Risks

The Board of CoreTrustSeal formally acknowledges and endorses the important work of Jonas Recker and colleagues in advancing practical approaches to reducing the risks associated with repository cessation and service discontinuity.

For the complete press release please see the website:

Community input needed:

Shared Infrastructure, Shared Responsibility. CoreTrustSeal Board Discussion Paper

Federated and consortium-based repository models are increasingly common across the digital preservation landscape. Communities pool resources to operate shared curation platforms, preservation pipelines, storage infrastructures, and access systems. These arrangements offer clear benefits: reduced duplication, lower costs, shared expertise, and greater sustainability.

At the same time, they raise important questions for trust certification. When members of a federated environment apply individually for CoreTrustSeal certification while relying on shared or outsourced functions, how should responsibility, accountability, and evidence of trustworthiness be transparently displayed and assessed?

The CoreTrustSeal Board has created a discussion paper that articulates a CoreTrustSeal perspective on these questions, grounded in the principles of community stewardship, active preservation, and long-term responsibility. It builds directly on the [CoreTrustSeal Extended Guidance](#) on third-party services and outsourced functions, clarifying how that guidance applies to federated preservation communities. The central argument is straightforward: shared systems are acceptable and often desirable, but responsibility for preservation cannot be transferred, diluted, or obscured. Certified repositories must demonstrate active, organizational responsibility for curation and preservation, even when those activities are operationally distributed.

Comments are welcome on this shared [Google document](#).

Review essential evidence for TTRAM

The [Transparent Trustworthy Repository Attributes Matrix \(TTRAM\)](#) is a key reference point for [FIDELIS](#), a Horizon Europe project, developing a network of trustworthy digital repositories. The matrix uses [30 activities and functions](#) based on an analysis of multiple repository-relevant criteria, including CoreTrustSeal. The CoreTrustSeal Board has endorsed the [current mapping](#) between the CoreTrustSeal Requirements 2026-2028 and the TTRAM. The TTRAM includes variables that influence how each activity and function are delivered, which then influence the information (metadata, documentation, etc) should be made available. These variables include adoption of the [CoreTrustSeal Levels of Retention, Curation and Preservation](#) and ongoing work to describe the different depositors, users and object types served by repositories. FIDELIS does not perform evaluations, but there is a clear alignment between this evidence and potential evidence for assessment processes.

We have provided a [suggestion mode Google document](#) of the current activities and functions and would value input from the CoreTrustSeal Community on what you see as essential evidence for each A|F, including those not covered by CoreTrustSeal. We realise everyone is incredibly busy and there is no expectation that you complete responses to all thirty items, we're just looking for as much information as you have the time and inclination to provide. After the end of September 2026, we will confirm the TTRAM-CoreTrustSeal alignment and begin to update our public records of suggested evidence.

In case you missed it:

CoreTrustSeal is a finalists of the APTrust Award for Resilience, Maintenance and Continuity

CoreTrustSeal is among the finalists of the [APTrust Award for Resilience, Maintenance and Continuity](#).

This award is organized by the [Digital Preservation Coalition \(DPC\)](#) every two years and celebrates efforts that support and maintain critical infrastructure for digital

Before the judges decide on the winners, members of the Digital Preservation Coalition will be invited to cast their vote on each category once all the finalists have been announced. Members will be asked to select their first and second choices for each category and are asked to provide feedback to the finalists.

Each Full Member, Associate and Allied Organisation of the DPC may submit one vote. Votes must be cast online by 1200 (BST/UTC+1) on Monday 6th July.

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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