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WDS study results on community needs | Celebrating community efforts

The WDS Subcommittee on Standards and Certification recently published an article in Data Science Journal “Certification Frameworks for Scientific Data Repositories: Strengthening Repository Trustworthiness”. In this study, CoreTrustSeal was analysed alongside other existing certification frameworks to compare the expectations set on trustworthy repositories. Together with a community survey (WDS members and non-members), current challenges and opportunities were identified, resulting in a set of recommendations. The CoreTrustSeal Board has observed the results of the study with interest and support the recommendations made by WDS based on them.

Read the full study here: Castle, D., Santos Oliveira, D., Peters, D., Medeiros, C. B., Popescu, I., Madalli, D., ... Allard, S. (2026). Certification Frameworks for Scientific

25(1), 16. <https://doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2026-016>

WDS aims to implement several recommendations to support their community and lower the barrier to certification and trustworthiness at large.

CoreTrustSeal appreciates and supports these initiatives, and therefore would like to celebrate community support efforts in our newsletter going forward. **Do you know of any support initiatives that we should share with the wider community?**

Submit your suggestions to us via info@coretrustseal.org.

Community input needed: LTDR TF funding model survey

We invite you to participate in a short survey on funding challenges for research data retention and long-term digital preservation, designed by the EOSC-A Long-Term Data Retention Task Force to gather community feedback.

The survey is aimed at professionals working in repositories, archives, research infrastructures, libraries, research organisations, data centres, and related fields.

Estimated completion time: 5–8 minutes

Open until: 30 November 2026

[Survey Link](#)

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%,

administration fee.

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

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

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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