nestor Endorsement of TRUST Principles

nestor ad-hoc WG TRUST
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nestor = “network of expertise in long-term storage of digital resources in Germany”

Origins in funded „nestor“ projects (2003-2009), since 2009 open network

22 partner institutions (libraries, archives, universities, research institutes)

Working Groups on topics such as:
- Research Data
- Certification
- Documentation of Digital Preservation
- Archival Standards
- File Format Identification
Mixed reception of TRUST within nestor

- Much needed addition to FAIR
- Risk of becoming „just another acronym“ without tangible results
- Consensus, that endorsement would need further explanation

nestor Ad-hoc WG met during 2020 to discuss TRUST

- Members from libraries & research institutes
- Experience in trustworthy digital repository certification

highlights benefits & recommendations for TRUST

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Identified Benefits

- Provides common framework to facilitate discussion by all stakeholders
  - Address gap in wider discussion around best practice digital preservation

- Mnemonic helps to raise awareness
  - Draws attention to overall challenge that data holding institutions are facing

- Provides a low-threshold entry point
  - 5 principles offer structured & systematic approach and can serve as pathway to certification via well-established processes (CoreTrustSeal, nestor Seal, ISO 16363)

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**Recommendations Made**

- **Principles do not convey a sufficiently comprehensive picture of requirements**
  - Principles themselves leave much room for interpretation

- **Preservation planning & suitable long-term preservation strategies are missing**
  - Missing relevant aspects of digital preservation may be neglected by those using principles for guidance

- **TRUST Principles must be linked with established and accepted criteria suited to measuring TRUSTworthiness**
  - „Compliance to TRUST Principles“ must not be confused with TDR (trustworthy digital repository) status and shall not become another way to measure trustworthiness
Thank you!

Looking forward to questions and discussion during the session.

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