As part of its ongoing Support Programme for Data Repositories FAIRsFAIR recently offered a workshop to representatives from the ten repositories selected to receive assistance in achieving CoreTrustSeal certification.

All ten repositories aim to apply for official certification in February 2021 and had delivered guided self-assessments to the FAIRsFAIR certification team during September. Common issues arising during the self-assessment process, identified by the FAIRsFAIR team in a post-assessment survey, were the key focus of the workshop. These included long-term preservation (Requirements 3 & 10), and repository and archiving workflows (Requirement 12).
Workshop participants, who included representatives from all the supported repositories, were provided with detailed information on these topics by FAIRsFAIR experts Hervé L’Hours (UKDA) who addressed long-term preservation, and Olivier Rouchon (CINES) who dealt with archiving workflows.

The presentation slides are available for view and download [here](#).

**Next Steps**

Conditional on their progress and readiness, the selected repositories will submit the final versions of their self-assessments to CoreTrustSeal in February 2021. Until that time, the FAIRsFAIR support team will be at their disposal for further help and will also offer further topical, in-depth discussion sessions upon request.

Conference participation for members of the FAIRsFAIR repository certification support team in the short term includes these key events:

- **International FAIR Convergence Symposium 2020** 30 November-04 December 2020
  
  Session: Making your repository more FAIR-enabling 2 December 11:00-13:00
Upcoming FAIRsFAIR Event for Repositories

On 9 December 2020, specifically for repository owners and managers, FAIRsFAIR will host an online workshop to demonstrate the implementation of a DCAT-based FAIRdata Point that enhances FAIRness in the exposure of metadata in repositories.

For the full story of how FAIRSFAIR is supporting the repositories selected for CoreTrustSeal Certification, read the blogpost by Frans Huigen and Ilona von Stein.