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Serving the German Archival Community and beyond: the nestor Working Group “Archivstandards”

**nestor – Network of Expertise in Long-term Storage of Digital Resources in Germany –
is a no-profit organisation led by the German National Library**

nestor is Germany's leading organisation for digital preservation and long-term digital archiving. It has four strategic pillars: lobbying, content development, qualifications and digital services. It issues the [nestor Seal for Trustworthy Digital Archives](#), which assesses compliance with the German standard [DIN 31644](#) “Kriterien für vertrauenswürdige digitale Langzeitarchive” (Criteria for trustworthy long-term digital archives), and publishes free-access guidelines and technical specifications.

nestor has nine working groups. The [nestor working group on archival standards](#) was founded in 2019. It allows archivists (including digital archivists and record managers) to create and maintain standards for the German archival community. Its first standard was published in 2023: “Archivierung von Studierendendaten aus Fachverfahren” (Archiving Students' Data from E-Government Applications), and two more are now being drafted: “Standardisierte Aussonderung aus DMS” (Standardised Disposition from Record Management Systems) and “Prozesse und Kriterien zur Bewertung von Forschungsdaten” (Processes and Criteria for Appraising Research Data).

The working group is an established forum for archives to engage with other stakeholders (e.g. policy-makers, state agencies, software vendors) and collaboratively develop solutions, for stakeholders can comment and raise their concerns throughout the entire drafting phase.

Thanks to its open procedures, scientific independence and free-of-charge participation, the working group can claim to be representative of the German archival landscape, as well as to offer a good example of governance for community participation and participatory co-creation.

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