That’s what we are like: first results of a survey on the worldwide situation of digital preservation communities

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What is nestor?

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Future of the survey
What is nestor – the German Network of Expertise in Digital Preservation?

- a network fostering digital preservation in Germany and beyond …
- a network linking libraries, archives, museums …
- a network providing support for digital preservation in institutions
- an open network that is in contact with many global players in the field of digital preservation
What is the aim / motivation of this examination?

- Transparency
- Position of nestor / comparison
- Topics and needs
- Factors of success
- Position of other communities
- Service for other communities
Definition of community

- an open association of people and/or institutions.
- thematically concerned with digital preservation (DP). DP can be one among several topics.
- an association which engages in digital preservation beyond pure self-interest. Offering a service or product is not to be its sole purpose.
- a platform for exchange about digital preservation and its advancement, including the goal to develop tools etc. or to provide services.
- local, regional, national or international / large or small / product-related or not product-related.
nestor - network of expertise in long-term storage of digital resources

Questions of the survey

- Exists since when?
- Internal organization
- Type of membership
- Events
- Objectives
- Cooperation with other communities
- Communication
- Legal Status
- Governance
- Persons working
- Further topics
- Financial aspects
- Services
- Number of partners
- Country / regional focus
- Cooperations with other communities
- Category of member
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### Some facts and figures

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<td>Communities/networks altogether</td>
<td>86</td>
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- Emails to head of network
- Requests by mailing lists
- Several reminders
- September 2019 – May 2020
Challenges within the analysis

- There are aspects that are connected or overlap partly so that a clear answer is difficult to achieve.

- Asking for information about internal, sensitive topics for a network e.g. the financing – result: communities are not very touchy.

- Topics with different cultural, legal or other characteristics e.g. bound to a region of the world.

- Topics that we could not describe properly.

- Answers from open questions are difficult to categorize / count / analyse.
Presentation of the results

- Characteristics of single communities
  - Short description with categories of the survey
  - Presentation in the internet
- Anonymous analysis of all data gathered in the survey
  - "Raw data presentation" as nestor – material in the internet
- Deeper analysis for publications on digital preservation communities
Characteristics of the communities I

- Short description of each community
- Data base: Answers in the survey
- Each community was asked to give the permit to publish in the internet – to be sure, we will repeat that
- Helps to gain more transparency about digital preservation communities worldwide
Characteristics of the communities II

- Presentation on nestor website in English
- To step in by
  - Regional aspects
  - Field of activity / objectives / subjects
  - Services
  - Target groups
- Clusters
  - Size / regional coverage / type of membership
Characteristics of the communities III

Profile of

nestor - Kompetenznetzwerk digitale Langzeitarchivierung / German network of expertise in digital preservation

Data base: own disclosure
The community agreed in letting nestor publish the individual results of the survey for this community

General characteristics

- Located in: Germany
- Regional focus: entire country
- Subjects the community is working in: digital preservation with all of its aspects
- Exists since: 2009
Characteristics of the communities IV

Mission and scope

- The 3 most important objectives of the mission statement: education, certification & training, standardisation
- Services the community offers for its members and if applicable for non-members: knowledge transfer, community building, certification, standardisation, lobbying

Governance structure and financing

- The community is a non-profit organisation.
- Legal status: cooperation network with a cooperation agreement between the partners
- Kind of bodies / internal organisation: steering entities, meeting of members, regular working groups, central community office
- Type of financing: membership fees, revenues from services to the community, in kind contributions

Organisational structure
Further evaluation of data on communities 1

Question 6: In which country is it located? 55 / 98%
Further evaluation of data on communities II

Question 10: What is the objective of the community?
## Further evaluation of data on communities III

Question 13: Concerning the internal organisation, what kind of bodies does your community have? – 55 / 100 %

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<td>Steering entities / board of directors</td>
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<td>Advisory committee (e.g. board of experts)</td>
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<td>Meeting of members (on a fairly regular basis)</td>
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<td>Regular working groups</td>
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Further evaluation of data on communities II Clustering

- Type of membership
- Category of members
- Number of partners
- Persons working

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- Governance
- Internal organization
- Financial aspects

- Objectives
- Services
- Further topics
- Events

- Communication

- Country / regional focus
- Exists since when?

Cooperations with other communities
Further evaluation of data on communities III relations

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Future of the survey

- Evaluation and interpretation of the data – where are its limits?
- Repetitions of the survey every 3 – 5 years
- Survey, characteristics and nestor-material are services of nestor for an international target group
- Marketing to augment the number of communities which participate in the (next) survey
Do you have Questions?

Do you have suggestions, hints, new ideas?

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