### Procedures

The starting point is completing the DSA self-assessment in the online tool. Once the assessment is submitted, it is peer reviewed by the DSA Board. When granted the Data Seal, the repository displays the DSA logo on its website along with the assessment and relevant documents.

### DSA Guidelines

There are 16 guidelines, based on five criteria that together determine whether the data are sustainably archived. The data:

- Can be found on the Internet
- Are accessible (clear rights and licenses)
- Are in a usable format
- Are reliable
- Can be referred to (persistent identifier)

### Objectives

- Support the long-term usability of data
- Increase the trustworthiness of digital data repositories
- Encourage transparency with respect to digital archiving policies and procedures

### DSA Board

- Initiated by DANS (The Netherlands)
- Established by a number of institutions committed to long-term archiving of research data
- Board members assigning the Data Seal:
  - CINES (France)
  - DANS (The Netherlands)
  - ICPSR (USA)
  - Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics (The Netherlands)
  - NESTOR (Germany)
  - United Kingdom Data Archive (United Kingdom)

### Impact of the Data Seal

- Displaying the DSA logo demonstrates that the repository is considered a reliable long-term archive
- The DSA indicates that the repository complies with the 16 DSA guidelines, as determined through an assessment.

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