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# APA's Virtual Centre of Excellence (VCOE) and its Vision

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# Overview of the APA – past, present

- APA set up in 2007
- Strategic plan
- Members including CERN, ESA, national libraries, national science laboratories etc
- Strategic plan implemented through European Commission funded projects



VISION

Digital Preservation activities

Information about users and practices

- ISO : Audit and Certification Standards plus organisation
- ISO standard: OAIS update
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Relationship to related work and community practices

Tools



Infrastructure





# APA .... and future

- Evolving to Centre of Excellence providing
  - Training
  - Consultancy
  - Tools
  - Services
- Provided by
  - APA staff
  - APA members
    - hence also “Virtual” Centre of Excellence

