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Title: An experience in digital preservation in Italy

Abstract: The presentation will focus on the case of the Polo Archivistico dell'Emilia-Romagna (ParER). It is the digital archive center of the Emilia-Romagna region, responsible for the permanent preservation of digital records transferred from all regional public administrations. It is considered one example of the Italian best practices in preservation of digital archives. It was established in 2009, as part of IBC - Istituto Beni Culturali della Regione Emilia-Romagna, the regional agency for cultural heritage. For 10 years it has implemented and applied in practice policy and procedures to ensure that all records transferred from the public administrations can be safely stored, in order to be accessible in the forthcoming years. ParER has its own technological infrastructure and has developed a preservation system, called "Sacer", based on OAIS and national standard. It is also involved in definition of national models and rules on recordkeeping, appraisal and digital preservation. ParER preserves different digital record typologies: administrative, educational, cultural, health care, etc. Up to now, it has preserved over one billion of records, from over one thousand public administrations.

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