REFEDS Strategic Plan

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About REFEDS

Mission Statement

REFEDS’ mission is to provide an open collaboration hub for stakeholders in the R&E identity federation ecosystem to learn, educate, and build standards and best common practices for federations around the world.

Values

The core values of REFEDS are trust, consensus, enthusiasm, community, and openness.

Target Audiences

Primary audiences include: Federation Operators and Stakeholders, Research Infrastructures

Secondary audiences include: Libraries, Project Stakeholders, Software Maintainers, Service Providers, Identity Providers
**Goals / Objectives**

To be a trust anchor for the trust anchors.

1. **We will empower open collaboration by:** enabling interoperability and trust between federation operators and federation stakeholders through community-led fora to help federations and their members be more efficient.

2. **We will support and educate our participants by:** promoting and facilitating knowledge exchange via meetings, working groups, peer support, and stories that enable and educate technology specialists.

3. **We will curate, develop, and maintain standards and best common practices by:** supporting expertise in standards and specifications as we develop community-driven best common practices for collaboration in the R&E sector and provide permanence for related specifications and profiles.

**Critical Success Factors**

1. **Meeting attendance and diversity of participation**

   People attend our meetings and participate on our mailing lists and slack channels.

   Attendance reflects a high level of diversity by including a wide representation of federation stakeholders from around the world.

   Individuals build relationships and develop common ways of working, through solving problems.

2. **Sustainable Standards Development Process and Adoption**

   We have a process that we follow for creating standards, and measure uptake/use of federation records via REFEDS-supported tools.

   We can support our community-developed standards in the long term.
The community looks to REFEDS for academic federation standards.

REFEDS offers clarity around what is being adopted and what adoption means.

3. **Supporting and Educating Members**

   We support and educate our participants through training partners.

   We deliver regular and on-demand info-sessions about REFEDS-supported standards.

   We hold more frequent, community-relevant meetings in addition to our semi-annual plenary meetings.

**Action Plans**

- **One Year**
  
  https://wiki.refeds.org/display/WOR/2022+Workplan++Proposed

- **Two to Three Years**
  
  TBD

- **Three to Five Years**
  
  TBD