2023 Workplan

These are the proposed top-level areas for the 2023 workplan, drawn from proposals crowdsourced in late 2022 / early 2023.

- REF23-1: REFEDS Coordination and Management
- REF23-2: Specialist Working Groups
- REF23-3: Promotion and Communication
- REF23-4: Standards and Specifications
- REF23-5: REFEDS Services

REF23-1: REFEDS Coordination and Management

Lead: Nicole Harris

Aims:
- To progress REFEDS position as an important player within the access and identity management space internationally.
- To build on established relationships with GÉANT project and other federation-related activities around the world.

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<td>REF23-1A</td>
<td>Maintain and develop the REFEDS blog, wiki and website.</td>
<td>As normal.</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>01/23</td>
<td>12/23</td>
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<td>REF23-1B</td>
<td>REFEDS annual meetings.</td>
<td>TNC and one other meeting (TBD)</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>01/23</td>
<td>10/23</td>
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<td>REF23-1C</td>
<td>Implement 2023 REFEDS Survey and present results of 2022 survey.</td>
<td>Annual REFEDS Survey to go out in November 2023.</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>09/23</td>
<td>12/23</td>
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<td>REF23-1D</td>
<td>Manage REFEDS contracts with third parties.</td>
<td>These are contracts with external parties that support REFEDS such as Spherical Cow Consulting.</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>01/23</td>
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<td>REF23-1E</td>
<td>Manage REFEDS Sponsorships.</td>
<td>Current sponsor list.</td>
<td>Nicole Harris</td>
<td>12/18</td>
<td>12/23</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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REF23-2: Specialist Working Groups

Lead: Heather Flanagan

Aim:
- To provide infrastructure and support for evolving ideas and areas in the REFEDS community.

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<td>REF23-2A</td>
<td>FOG: Federation Operators Group</td>
<td>Peter Brand with support from Nicole Harris</td>
<td>01/23</td>
<td>12/23</td>
<td>This is an ongoing discussion group and as such has no specific goals.</td>
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| REF23-2B   | Assurance  | Kyle Lewis | 01/23 | 12/23 | - Work on RAF v2  
- Revisit and modernize the specifications (formal review).  
- Ensure test facilities are in place to enable adoption. |        |
| REF23-2C   | Entity Category Support | Heather Flanagan | 01/23 | 12/23 | Consider whether a fourth Entity Category is necessary to handle more conditional use cases. |        |
| REF23-2D   | SPOG: SP Operators Group | Laura Paglione | 01/23 | 12/23 | This is an ongoing discussion group and as such has no goals. |        |
Browser Changes and Federation

Judith Bush, Zacharias Törnblom

12/22

12/23

Provide input to APIs under development by the browser community to implement new privacy controls managed by the browser. In FedCM (“A privacy preserving federated identity Web API” - quote from GitHub) several browser vendors are working to ensure users can still use buttons for “Sign in with <third party IdP vendor>...” even as the privacy-preserving practices around third-party cookies etc. are rolled out - privacy practices that would inevitably break the current login pattern. This baseline will enable us to continue offering our R&E community federated access as long as we take part in its development, and adapt our community’s critical software stacks.

Update the MRPS

TBD

02/23

12/23

The current Metadata Registration Practice Statement is out of date but is still used by eduGAIN candidates.

REF23-3: Promotion and Communication

Lead: Nicole Harris

Aims:

• To provide materials and support mechanisms to help federations promote effective approaches to IdPs and SPs.
• To provide feedback on documents produced by other groups to support clarity of messages.
• To reach out to target groups where specific messaging could be beneficial.

REF23-4: Standards and Specifications

Lead: Heather Flanagan

Aims:

• To provide support for the development of standards and specifications under the REFEDS banner.
• To pilot specification work to support implementation requirements.
• To put in place structures to ensure specification and schema sustainability.

REF23-5: REFEDS Services

Lead: Nicole Harris

Aims:

• To continue using MET and enhance where possible.
• To support the basic REFEDS infrastructure needs (website, wiki, and mailing lists).