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

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).