# Metadata about Federations Working Group

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## Overview

To find information about federations today requires that you go to each one of them you're interested in and manually gather the information or go to eduGAIN technical site and look for what is manually registered there. This working group discusses and (may) define a metadata extension that includes information and policy links plus contact information that is published in the federation metadata feed. This will allow others to aggregate this information, for example, in MET and the technical eduGAIN site. The solution should be federation technology agnostic, with examples for both SAML and OpenID technology federations.

The draft working group charter is being developed [here](https://lists.refeds.org/sympa/info/maf-wg).

A group mailing list is available here: [https://lists.refeds.org/sympa/info/maf-wg](https://lists.refeds.org/sympa/info/maf-wg).

## Terms

The following terms apply to all REFEDS Working Groups:

1. When a working group is agreed, REFEDS Participants will be asked if they wish to participate. Working Groups tend to be small, so consensus can be achieved quickly between participants.
2. A chair for the group is chosen from the REFEDS Participants.
3. GÉANT provides facilities for the working group, including meeting support, wiki space, mailing lists and, where appropriate, funding.
4. An appropriate output from the group is produced. Currently, this is typically a draft white paper or a wiki page.
5. When the Working Group is in agreement, the chair shares the outputs with the wider REFEDS community with an open period for discussion and comment. This is typically a period of 4 weeks, but may be longer if appropriate.
6. After this period of time, the REFEDS Steering Committee signs off on the work item. Work is either written up as a formal white paper, left on the wiki but promoted as finished work or occasionally submitted as an Internet Draft.

## Chair

Pål Axelsson

## Work Items

- Identify the set of metadata about a federation that is useful for knowing and contacting the federation
- Develop a specification that describes the set of metadata and how to publish it either using federation technology or in a federation technology agnostic manner

## Calls

**Weekly WG Call**

- Weekly calls starts 12 March 2024
- Every Tuesday 16.00 - 17.00 CET | 10 - 11 AM ET | 7 - 8 AM PT (US times can be wrong under the daylight-saving shift period)

## Meeting notes

Notes on all calls are recorded in the Google Doc [REFEDS Metadata about Federations WG Notes](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1...)

## Resources

List any internal / external resources that are useful for the group here.