Consultations on Outputs from REFEDS Working Groups

As noted in section 10 of the REFEDS Participation Agreement, REFEDS Working Groups produce prospective REFEDS specifications, standards, best practices, and related documents and provide them to the REFEDS community for review. This is called a Consultation, which typically spans a four to six week period. Feedback gathered through Consultation is considered by the referring Working Group to take into account either to produce a final draft form of the document that then is submitted to the REFEDS Steering Committee for final adoption, or to "go back to the drawing board" and consider whether a substantially different proposal should go forward. The purpose of consultations is to ensure that broad consensus is achieved within the community. Consistent consultation and consensus gathering means that adoption is significantly more likely.

Consultations on Outputs from Other Entities

From time-to-time, REFEDS is asked to become the custodian of outputs from other organisations. Typically these outputs will go through a REFEDS consultation before being accepted (unless there are good reasons not to complete such a process). Requests such as these will first be considered by the REFEDS Steering Committee and will take into account the following points:

- the proposal must support the objectives / purpose of REFEDS.
- the proposal must have a clear benefit for REFEDS Participants and the REFEDS Community.
- the proposal must receive support from REFEDS Participants by being socialised to REFEDS lists before consultation.
- the proposal must follow the formal REFEDS consultation process and accept changes / outcomes proposed by REFEDS.
- there must be available support from the REFEDS Secretariat / community to complete the necessary transition.

Current consultations:

- Consultation: eduGAIN Security Incident Response Handbook. This Consultation opens on 20th July 2020 at 13:00 CEST and will close on 11th September 2020 at 17:00 CEST.

Recently closed consultations:

- Entity Category: Authentication Only. This Consultation opened on 6th July 2020 at 17:00 CEST and closed on 31st August 2020 at 17:00 CEST.
- Entity Category: Anonymous Authorization. This Consultation opened on 6th July 2020 at 17:00 CEST and closed on 31st August 2020 at 17:00 CEST.
- Entity Category: Pseudonymous Authorization. This Consultation opened on 6th July 2020 at 17:00 CEST and closed on 31st August 2020 at 17:00 CEST.

Previous consultations:

- Change Request: Managing Metadata Extensions
- Consultation: Academic Institution Entity Category
- Consultation: eduGAIN Security Incident Response Handbook
- Consultation: Error Handling
- Consultation: Managing Metadata Extensions
- Consultation: REFEDS Assurance Framework
- Consultation: REFEDS Assurance Framework round 2
- Consultation: REFEDS MFA Profile
- Consultation: REFEDS SFA Profile
- Consultation: SAML and OIDC Mappings
- Consultation: Template
- Entity Category Consultation: Academia
- Entity Category Consultation: Anonymous Authorization
- Entity Category Consultation: Authorization Only
- Entity Category Consultation: Hide From Discovery
- Entity Category Consultation: Pseudonymous Authorization
- Entity Category Consultation: Research and Scholarship
- Entity Category Consultation: Research and Scholarship 2
- Metadata Registration Practice Statement Consultation
- SAML Entity Metadata Attribute Types
- SIRTFI Consultation: Framework
- Sirtfi Consultation: Sirtfi Identity Assurance Certification Description