

2015 REFEDS Workplan

These are the final top level areas for the 2015 workplan.

REF15-1: REFEDS Coordination and Management

Lead: Licia Florio / 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, ISOC and Kantara.

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-1A	REFEDS BOFS at appropriate meetings throughout the year.	First BoF held at APAN. Second BoF to be held as Townhall meeting with EWTI in Vienna.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	01/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-1B	Replace refeds.org website.	New framework proposed to SC, ready for implementation work.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	03/2015	06/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-1C	Maintain and develop the REFEDS blog.	Ongoing.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	02/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-1D	REFEDS annual meetings.	TNC15 (REFEDS birthday) and I2 TechX.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	02/2015	12/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-1E	Implement 2015 REFEDS Survey .	Survey distributed - collating responses.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	02/2105	03/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-1F	Manage REFEDS contracts with third parties.	1 x contract with Ian Young. (done) 2 x contract with Heather Flanagan. (done) 1 x contract with Emergya.	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	01/2015	03/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-1G	Manage REFEDS Sponsorships.	Current sponsor list .	Nicole Harris / Licia Florio	As appropriate	As appropriate	ONGOING

REF15-2: Federation Operator Best Practice

Lead: Nicole Harris

Aims:

- To complete work on metadata registration, publication and federation key management documentation and to feed in for dissemination and use within the GÉANT project (GN4) harmonisation task.
- To maintain and monitor use of existing entity categories.
- To shepherd proposals for 2-3 new entity categories (library / affiliation and academic) through to conclusion.
- To carry out a lightweight review of contacts in metadata.
- To liaise and work with projects focusing on assurance profiles

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REF15-2A	Documentation for federation operator practice statements .	MRPS work underway - needs summary and pushing back out.	Nicole Harris	01/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-2B	Report on uptake of R&S and Hide from Discovery Entity Categories.	Figures now being collated.	Nicole Harris	10/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-2C	Develop supporting material for Entity Categories focused on risk assessment.	Initial guidelines on release implemented on wiki. Looking at a small leaflet to support promotional work.	Nicole Harris	04/2015	06/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-2D	Consultations for new Entity Categories.	Academia consultation completed. Affiliation to be discussed.	Nicole Harris	04/2015	09/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-2E	Complete survey / review on how contacts in metadata are being used / implemented.	Work now included in SIRTFI work planning.	Nicole Harris	07/2105	08/2015	COMPLETE

REF15-3: Virtual Organisations and Groups

Lead: Licia Florio

Aims:

- To provide supporting material for organisations carrying out a needs assessment for VO / group management usage.
- To support the standardisation of namespace usage by VOs / attribute authorities.

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-3A	Update of VO / group management needs assessment documents.	Available on the REFEDS wiki .	Heather Flanagan	04/2015	12/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-3B	VO / Groups Problem Statement Document	Overview presented at Cleveland meeting , paper to be prepared.	Heather Flanagan	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-3C	Value Proposition of federations for VOs document.	Draft available on REFEDS wiki . Seeking further commentary.	Heather Flanagan	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-3D	3 x conference call to discuss namespace requirements.	Work postponed until 2016.	Licia Florio	04/2015	12/2015	POSTPONED
REF15-3E	Draft proposal on standardising namespace for groups.	Work postponed until 2016.	Licia Florio	04/2105	12/2015	POSTPONED

REF15-4: REFEDS Services and Monitoring.

Lead: Licia Florio

Aims:

- To provide support for existing REFEDS pilots as well as for the new ones
- To define a lightweight process for federation operators to work together on incident response management

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-4A	REEP Operations.	New contract with Emergya delivered, LF working to evaluate deliverables to date and make proposals moving forward.	Licia Florio	01/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-4B	Operational version of MET .	GARR working on final service version, inc updates to MET code and hosting. Need ot put small SLA in place with GARR for availability.	Nicole Harris	02/2015	06/2015	COMPLETE
REF15-4C	Liaison work with Fed Lab.	Cross GN4-AARC-REFEDS-KANTARA Work area kicked off. Funding proposal to REFEDS received.	Nicole Harris	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-4D	Incident Response Framework.	Initial charter and workplan for SIRTFI circulated with stakeholders. Consultation out	Licia Florio / Nicole Harris	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS

REF15-5: Standards and Harmonisation

Lead: Nicole Harris

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.

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REF15-5A	Federation at scale: work to pilot the Metadata Query Protocol within multiple federations and report on readiness to manage more complex metadata management.	New contract in place with Ian.	Ian Young	02/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-5B	Federation at scale: review of further work needed to support large-scale metadata management, including discovery.	To do.	Nicole Harris	02/2015	06/2015	POSTPONED
REF15-5C	SAML Entity Categories : finalising RFC for core documentation.	New contract in place with Ian. New version of the document ready to be released before end 2015.	Ian Young	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-5D	SCHAC development and sustainability.	All work on updating SCHAC documentation now complete. Not enough work to consider adding a further contract in place.	Heather Flanagan	01/2015	06/2015	COMPLETE

REF14-6: Specialist Working Groups

Lead: According to WG Chair

Aim:

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

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF15-6A	FOG: Federation Operators Group	Ongoing operation as usual.	Peter Schober	01/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS
REF15-6B	MARI: Managing Attribute Release in Interfederation use cases	On hold pending further discussions. Recommendation not to continue with this group.	Ken Klingenstein	01/2015	12/2015	CANCELLED
REF15-6C	OIDC(re): OpenID Connect for Research and Education	Not started yet. Roland H working on workplans.	Roland Hedberg	04/2015	12/2015	MOVE TO 2016
REF15-6D	SIRTFI	Work developing well, continuing to support.	Nicole Harris	04/2015	12/2015	IN PROGRESS