

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 |
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| 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.

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| 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

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| 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.

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| 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 |