

# 2021 Workplan

These are the proposed top level areas for the 2021 workplan, drawn from proposals [crowdsourced](#) in 2020.

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## REF21-1: 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.

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	COMMENT	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF21-1A	REFEDS BOFS at appropriate meetings throughout the year (maximum of 2).	Suggestions for where to target BOFs in 2021 welcomed. Proposal for an "unconference" style REFEDS meeting has been circulated to the community for discussion.	Nicole Harris	01/21	12/21	
REF21-1B	Maintain and develop the REFEDS blog, wiki and website.	As normal.	Nicole Harris	01/21	12/21	
REF21-1C	REFEDS annual meetings.	TNC and Internet2 Technology Exchange Meeting.	Nicole Harris	01/21	10/21	These meetings will be held virtually, be close to the indicated meetings. They won't be directly in the same week to avoid online fatigue.
REF21-1D	Implement 2021 REFEDS Survey.	Annual REFEDS Survey to go out in September 2021.	Nicole Harris	09/21	12/21	
REF21-1E	Manage REFEDS contracts with third parties.	These are contracts with external parties that support REFEDS such as Spherical Cow Consulting and RETI.	Nicole Harris	01/21	07/21	
REF21-1F	Manage REFEDS Sponsorships.	<a href="#">Current sponsor list.</a>	Nicole Harris	01/21	12/21	
REF21-1G	REFEDS Distinguished Engineer Programme.	On hold	Heather Flanagan			This is on hold as we only plan to have virtual meetings in 2021

## REF21-2: Specialist Working Groups

**Lead: Heather Flanagan**

### Aim:

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

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF21-2A	<a href="#">FOG: Federation Operators Group</a>	Peter Schober with support from Nicole Harris	01/21	12/21	This is an ongoing discussion group and as such has no goals.
REF21-2B	<a href="#">SIRTFI</a>	Tom Barton with support from Nicole Harris	01/21	12/21	

REF21-2C	<a href="#">Assurance</a>	Jule Ziegler with support from Heather Flanagan	01/2121	12/21	The goal as of 2021 of this working group is to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>revisit and modernize the specifications (formal review).</li> <li>ensure test facilities are in place to enable adoption.</li> </ul>
REF21-2D	<a href="#">Entity Category Support</a>	Nicole Harris	01/2121	12/21	The goal for 2021 will be to produce a v2 of the REFEDS R&S specification.
REF21-2E	<a href="#">Federation Trust 2.0</a>	Tom Barton and Judith Bush with support from Heather Flanagan	01/2121	12/21	
REF21-2F	<a href="#">SPOG: SP Operators Group</a>	Laura Paglione with support from Heather Flanagan	01/2121	12/21	This is an ongoing discussion group and as such has no goals.
REF21-2G	<a href="#">Federation Baseline Expectations Working Group</a>	Pål Axelsson and Alan Buxey with support from Heather Flanagan	01/2121	12/21	
REF21-2H	REFEDS OIDCre	TBD	02/2121	12/21	Restarting the OIDCre working group to serve as a requirements gathering point for information to submit to the OIIF OIDCre working group

## REF21-3: 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.

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF21-3A	Liaison with identified stakeholder groups and establish consistent working relationships	Nicole Harris	04/21	09/21	
REF21-3B	Further work to be defined following REFEDS Strategy meeting	Heather Flanagan	01/21	08/21	

## REF21-4: 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.

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF21-4A	<a href="#">Schema management</a>	<a href="#">Schema Editorial Board</a> with support from Heather Flanagan	01/2121	12/21	Work items to include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>eduPerson Reporting Code proposal to be prepared.</li> <li>Discussions on SCHAC Gender updates.</li> <li>Splitting the protocol-specific elements out of the schema</li> <li>formally vote to include voPerson in schema supported by the SEB</li> </ul>

REF21-4B	Standardize requirements for logos in metadata	Keith Wessel with support from Heather Flanagan	01/2121	12/21	
REF21-4C	Update the <a href="#">Cloud Services Cookbook</a> (It would be very useful to devote some resources to updating SAML-specific recipes as well as add OIDC and protocol-agnostic recipes.)	TBD	02/2121	10/21	

## REF21-5: 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).

WORKITEMS	DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNED TO	START DATE	END DATE	STATUS
REF21-5A	MET: revision of the MET service to bring back to consistent working environment	Contractor	01/21	12/21	Call for proposals issued: <a href="https://refeds.org/a/2492">https://refeds.org/a/2492</a> . Deadline for proposals: 26th February.