

REFOG

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What started outside REFEDS...

- ▶ Discussing processes and tools for
 - ▶ SAML Metadata Aggregation & Interfederation
 - ▶ Metadata Signing, Key management, PKCS#11
 - ▶ Smart Cards/Tokens, HSMs, networked HSMs
 - ▶ Entity Registries
 - ▶ Service Catalogs and Federation support websites
 - ▶ IdP Hosting, Support/Training, Monitoring, Stats, ...

...mostly stayed outside REFEDS. Why?

Why not REFEDS proper?

- ▶ Too large
 - ▶ Who's in this room vs. Who's on the list
 - ▶ More coordination, short surveys, GTD
 - ▶ Plus the occasional debate on principles & the future
 - ▶ Can't get too technical (no matter the topic)
- ▶ Publicly archived
 - ▶ Read-only audience practically world-wide
 - ▶ Not an env that encourages sharing of OP details

But there already exists... Yes. But no.

- ▶ One REFEDS does not fit all
- ▶ eduGAIN TSG (eSG)
 - ▶ Representatives from each member federation
 - ▶ “Limited” to formal eduGAIN members + observers
 - ▶ Should remain focussed on eduGAIN op issues
- ▶ HSDC – Hub & Spoke [Feds] Discussion Club
 - ▶ Great name (handling expectations)
 - ▶ Serves needs of a community / arch model but:
 - ▶ “Many of the topics we discuss are common to all federations” (Ajay, David)

The Proposal

Don't care where the discussion happens, only that it does happen (LeifJ)

- ▶ Create a (new) Federation Operator(s) Group
- ▶ Under the REFEDS umbrella
- ▶ To exchange practices & learn from each other
 - ▶ Merge with HSDC
 - ▶ Establish common group for common topics

This *might* turn out to work better because...

(Status: Draft)

- ▶ Closed (sub-)group, no public archives
- ▶ Share openly and honestly (do we need an NDA?)
- ▶ Focus on operational topics & issues
- ▶ As detailed or technical as required
- ▶ H&S (or FuMe) can branch off as needed
- ▶ Provide feedback to greater REFEDS/GÉANT community

One can always hope...

- ▶ Tool sharing & reuse, reduce wheel reinventing
- ▶ Distill BCPs
- ▶ Help with FaaS & Fed establishment where \nexists