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...

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- 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 🌍