

Future of REFEDS

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- [Overview and discussion paper](#)
- Purpose: initiate discussion and gather feedback

Why Change is Needed

- REFEDS operational since 2005
- Funding model ineffective
- Community engagement declining
- Fragmented T&I ecosystem

What Still Works

- Strong reputation
- Independent curator of standards
- Trusted home for specs
- Community organising role

Key Challenges

- New T&I directons
- Lack of governance
- Overlapping fora
- Low adoption of standards
- Limited resources

Core Recommendations

- Move REFEDS under eduGAIN
- Focus only on standards
- Appoint dedicated coordinator
- Streamline T&I landscape