Terms of Reference (ToR)
Federated EGA Strategic Committee

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1 Purpose and objectives

The goal of the Federated EGA Strategic Committee is to provide direction and strategic planning for the Federated EGA. The Federated EGA Strategic Committee receives input from the EGA Strategic Committee and provides feedback for the EGA strategic roadmap (see committee diagram below). The Federated EGA Strategic Committee advises the Federated EGA Operations Committee, and receives operational reporting from the Federated EGA Operations Committee.

Areas of responsibility include:

1. Contribute to FEGA strategy, development of FEGA roadmap, progress review, and prioritisation;
2. Feedback to EGA Strategic Committee on EGA SAB (e.g. consulted on responses to SAB reports, SAB membership proposals);
3. Review overall operational performance of federated nodes as reported by the FEGA Operations Committee;
4. Respond to security breaches as reported by the FEGA Operations Committee, and reporting these to the EGA Strategic Committee;
5. Review of new federated node applications and provide feedback to EGA Strategic Committee;
6. Maintain documentation for distribution to prospective new nodes (e.g. IT requirements for nodes, operational and personnel requirements);
7. Consult with, and provide feedback to, EGA Strategic Committee about changes to the Federated EGA model;
8. Approve (by vote) all documents constituting Common Kernel to maintain the operative Federated EGA environment, including accepting any ToR applicable to the Collaboration Agreement for the operation of a Node within FEGA, and any changes to such ToR.

Product list the FEGA Strategic Committee is responsible for:
1. Vision statement for Federated EGA (shared product with EGA Strategic Committee);
2. FEGA governance model documents (shared product with EGA Strategic Committee);
3. FEGA scientific and technical roadmap (shared product with EGA Strategic Committee);
4. FEGA node Maturity Model (shared product with FEGA Operations Committee);
5. FEGA risk register (shared product with FEGA Operations Committee)

6. FEGA membership list;
7. FEGA technical interfaces approval process;
8. Federation network principles.

2 Committee Membership

The Committee will be constituted of up to four representatives from Central EGA nodes and up to two representatives from each Federated EGA node. Status as a Federated EGA node is established with the signing of the FEGA Legal Agreement. The specific named members will be nominated by each node. Representatives of EGA Community nodes are invited to attend as observers.

The Committee will be co-chaired by one representative each from the Central EGA nodes, rotating responsibilities for chairing the meetings.

3 Decision making

All decisions require a two-thirds majority of all Federated EGA nodes and approval by both Central EGA nodes. For the avoidance of doubt, each node shall have one vote. For important decisions, an agenda with all items requiring voting decisions will be circulated at least one week prior to a Committee meeting. Decisions will be made by voting at meetings if enough nodes are present to approve a decision. Otherwise, decisions will be made through voting by email.

4 Meetings

The Committee will meet on a regular basis and meetings will take place either in person or via teleconferencing. The Committee will meet with at least one representative from each Central EGA node, and a representative from at least 50% of all the Federated EGA nodes. Scheduling arrangements will be carried out by a representative of a Central EGA node.

Diagram: ▣ FEGA Committees and WGs