

Metadata Registration and Publication

Participants voluntarily register entity metadata with InCommon. By registering its metadata with InCommon, a Participant authorizes InCommon to share that metadata with any person, organization, or system entity. A Participant may remove its metadata from the InCommon registry at any time.

Every entity descriptor published by InCommon is annotated with a `RegistrationInfo` element that calls out the globally unique identifier of the registrar that registered the metadata. Metadata registered by the InCommon registrar is so marked. See [MD-RPI Elements](#) for specifics.



InCommon does not require Participants to include personally identifiable information (PII) in metadata. InCommon is not responsible for loss or misuse of PII in metadata.

InCommon routinely collects and publishes metadata from non-Participants. In particular, InCommon imports metadata from other R&E federations via eduGAIN. All metadata is tagged, annotated, and/or organized so that consumers may determine the source of individual entity descriptors.

See InCommon's [Metadata Registration Practice Statement](#) for details about the registration and publication process.