

9.1 Core Concepts

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The Cost Recovery, Compensation, and Settlement Plane uses a small set of core concepts to support economic accountability.

- A [chargeable_work_unit](#) identifies a measurable unit of governed work for cost attribution.
- A [work_performed_event](#) identifies completed governed work.
- A [qualified_node](#) a Node recognised as eligible to perform a defined governed function.
- A [qualified_service_provider](#) identifies an accountable participant recognised as eligible to provide one or more governed functions.
- An [evidence_reference](#) links a record to supporting evidence without exposing the full evidence payload.
- A [compensation_claim](#) records a request for economic recognition for governed work.
- A [cost_rule](#) determines economic treatment for governed work.
- A [settlement_instruction](#) identifies settlement treatment for governed work.
- A [non-performance_indicator](#) identifies a lack of evidence for required governed work.
- [competitive_substitution](#) supports the replacement of one qualified implementation by another qualified implementation for the same governed function.
- [content_minimisation](#) limits exposed information to the information needed for an assigned purpose.
- [under-compliance](#) identifies failure to satisfy an applicable obligation for governed work.

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