

“Identifying the components of the ELIXIR technical strategy”

ELIXIR 1st Technical Coordinators workshop

ELIXIR Hub, EMBL-EBI, Hinxton, UK (Courtyard room)

12:00 May 30-13:00 May 31

ELIXIR, as a pan-European, distributed research infrastructure will deliver a *comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable set of services that respond to the major challenges presented by modern life-science research.*

As ELIXIR is now being established with forming National Nodes it is now time to start the development of a coherent technical strategy for ELIXIR. The purpose the 1st ELIXIR technical coordination workshop is to bring together the technical coordinators (technical officers) of the emerging ELIXIR Nodes to discuss these challenges. *The workshop also marks the initiation of a workstream to start the development of an ELIXIR technical strategy.* The work stream should provide an analysis that results in options and recommendations for the shared technical and eScience components. The recommendations will feed into the ELIXIR Scientific Programme that will be delivered in November this year.

The expected outcome of the workshop would be to:

- Review on-going pilot projects to provide recommendations for effective execution of future ELIXIR technical efforts
- Identify the major technical challenges and opportunities for ELIXIR to support the development of the ELIXIR Scientific Programme and work-plan
- Propose format and remit for an *ELIXIR Technical Coordinators Group.*

Programme

Thursday May 30

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12:00-13:00	Arrivals, Lunch
13:00-13:15	Welcome and Purpose of meeting Meeting Agenda and Ground Rules (Niklas Blomberg, ELIXIR Hub)
13:15-14:15	Introductory session – forming the team (Rob Hooft, ELIXIR NL)
14:15-16:30 (including tea/coffee)	<i>Learnings for effective execution of ELIXIR technical efforts</i>

break 15:00-15:20, refresher 16:30- 16:30)	Update on pilots (5x20 min)(<i>We will try to cater for TC participation / contributions for this session, please let Joy know</i>) Report on delivery including key learnings from pilot <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Background to pilot, fit into ELIXIR service landscape - What worked well? Challenges identified? Next steps? Resourcing needs? - Recommendation for future pilot actions?
16:30-18:00	“Enlighten” proposal competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction to the opportunity for enlighten proposals (https://www.enlightenyourresearch.net/) - Rob Hooft - Light hearted (but seriously intended) team competition to develop an ELIXIR proposal & pitch with fabulous prizes for the winning team.
18:00-18:30	Check-in etc
18:30	Drinks, dinner
Friday May 31	
8:30-10:30 (including tea/coffe)	“Components of the ELIXIR technical strategy” Break-out sessions, groups of 4-6 to discuss key topics. Expectation is that the technical strategy work-stream will build on the materials produced. <i>See attached pre-work</i>
10:30-12:00	Report back from break-out, discussions
12:00-12:30	Parking Lot, Meeting evaluation (Rob Hooft, ELIXIR NL) Closing remarks and next steps (Niklas Blomberg, ELIXIR Hub)
12:30-	Lunch, departures