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# The ELIXIR Italy Training Platform: supporting researchers and professionals in acquiring specialized computational and data management skills



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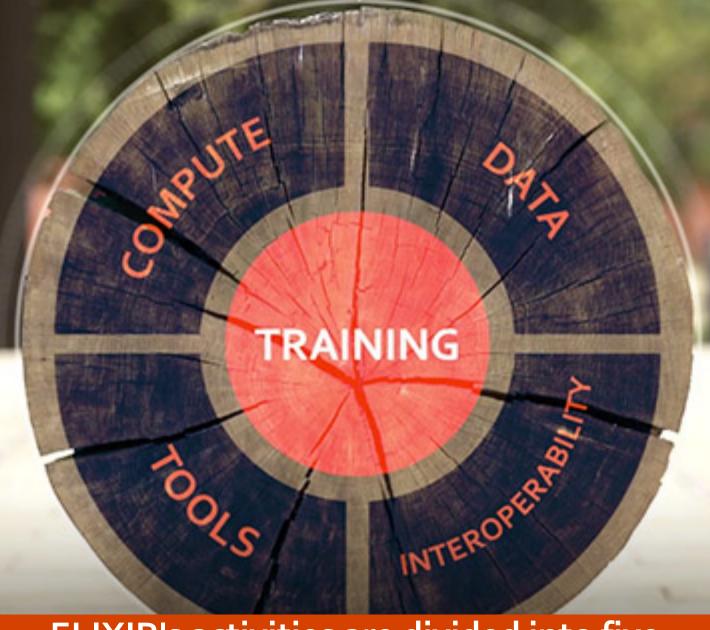
## A distributed infrastructure for life-science data

 ELIXIR is an intergovernmental organisation that brings together life science resources from across Europe

- databases
- software tools
- training materials
- cloud storage
- supercomputers







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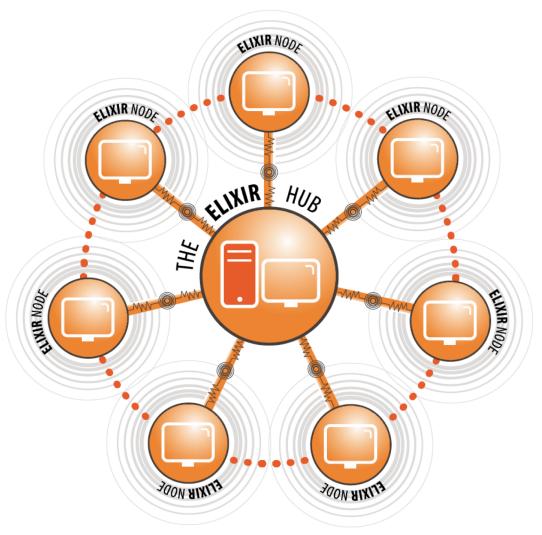
A distributed infrastructure to scale with the

challenge

ELIXIR data infrastructure for Europe's life science research sector

ELIXIR Nodes build local bioinformatics capacity throughout Europe

ELIXIR Nodes build on national strengths and priorities





## An ELIXIR Node is a network of research institutes within a member country









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**ELIXIR** is a European Research Infrastructure for biological data which primary objective is to support research in the field of "life sciences" and their translational activities to medicine, environment, biotechnological industries and society.

ELIXIR is organized as a distributed infrastructure constituted by several nodes (the "ELIXIR Nodes"), one for each Member State,

and each Node is hosted by one or more center of excellence for bioinformatics located throughout Europe . Nodes are connected to a central hub ( 'ELIXIR-Hub'), which is located at Hinxton (UK) in the "Wellcome Genome Campus" that also hosts the EMBL's European Bioinformatics Institute (EMBL-EBI).

The Italian Node of ELIXIR is coordinated by the National Research Council and currently includes 17 partners including research institutes, universities and technological institutions.

ELIXIR-IIB, which has the ambition to raise an Italian Infrastructure for Bioinformatics (IIB) distributed across multiple centers, aims to bring together all the Italian researchers working in the field of bioinformatics, encouraging the exchange and development of skills, integrating the various Italian bioinformatics resources that share international scientific recognition and are publicly available, and to contribute to their integration within the European infrastructure.

Another primary objective of ELIXIR-IIB is to organize training activities, both at basic and advanced levels, covering various application fields of Bioinformatics in order to encourage the training of young bioinformaticians, since demand for them is booming both at the national and international levels.

Keep in touch with us subscribing to the ELIXIR-IIB ML!

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# Goals of the ELIXIR Italy Training Platform

Develop a programme/infrastructure for bioinformatics training organisation and training

Collaborate with national/international organisations on research and training projects

Support and strengthen research in bioinformatics

**Capacity** building



## Which issues?

- Identify training needs
- Diversity of the audience
  - End users (life scientists, medical doctors, bioinformaticians)
  - Developers
  - Data scientists
- Training capacity (instructors)
- Course design and (FAIR) materials development
- Community building



# Which issues?

- Course organisation
  - Hosting institution
  - Local organiser(s)
  - Budget
  - Identify instructors
  - Train instructors (ensure they comply with our pedagogical model)
  - Training (IT) room
  - IT support (VMs / Cloud / Containers)



# Which (pedagogical) issues?

- Novices
- Adult learning (andragogy)
- Computational & data management skills to NON computational scientists
- HPC and parallel computing to bioinformaticians
- Developers
- Train the Trainer (including VM, Containers & Cloud in training)



Organisational model



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Pedagogical model

Training team



# The ELIXIR Italy Training team



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#### **ELIXIR-IIB Training Platform**

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#### **Trainers**

This is a list of instructors and helpers who taught in ELIXIR-IIB courses:

Rossano Atzeni [CRS4, Pula (Cagliari), IT]

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Raffaele Calogero [Dep. of Molecular Biotechnology and Health Sciences, University of Torino, IT]

Tiziana Castrignanò [CINECA, Roma, IT]

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The ELIXIR-IIB Training Platform is building a thriving community who strongly believes that quality training in bioinformatics is essential to achieve excellence in life science research. Thanks to a very motivated group of people, our programme is engaging an increasing number of passionate scientists interested in taking part in our training initiatives, activities and discussions.

Courses are mostly organised in collaboration with ELIXIR-IIB institutions and, whenever possible, in regions in need of a given expertise. They are limited to **20-30** participants to allow high interactivity and intensive practical work. Priority is given to candidates from ELIXIR-IIB institutions and other ELIXIR nodes. Instructors are selected among experts in the course's topic with experience in the application of advanced training practices and techniques.

We collaborate with other ELIXIR nodes in activities such as Train the Trainer, eLearning, EXCELERATE use cases' training support and we have a pilot to provide training support to extra-European countries.

If you want to be involved in our initiatives, collaborate with us or need more information about our training activities, you can contact someone from the **ELIXIR-IIB Training Team**.

https://elixir-iib-training.github.io/website/





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## **Training Courses**

Genova, Italy | Oct 22-24, 2018 |

# NETTAB18/ELIXIR-IIB Building a FAIR Bioinformatics environment [open]

The Eighteenth NETTAB Workshop is organised in collaboration with ELIXIR Nodes of the UK a Italy, as well as the Italian Society of Bioinformatics BITS. The main focus will be on FAIR principle in bioinformatics, a challenging topic that we hope will attract many researchers from all over the world, including but not limited to, Bioinformaticians, Biologists, Computer Scientists, and other working or interested in the above research scope.

Stockholm, Sweden | Oct 9-11, 2018 |

#### ELIXIR-EXCELERATE Train the Trainer [open]

ELIXIR-EXCELERATE, in collaboration with ELIXIR Sweden and ELIXIR-IIB, is pleased to annou Train the Trainer (TtT) event. This course is meant to offer guidance, ideas and tips for training/teaching design, development and delivery based on research-driven educational principles. Examples and discussions will also focus on the challenges presented by academic teaching.

Rome, Italy | Sep 27-28, 2018 |

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#### All events 2018

Event	Title	Organisers	Venue	Date	Application
EMBO Practical Course	Computational Analysis of PPI: Sequences, networks and diseases	A. Via T. Gibson M. Sharan V. Morea L. Le Pera	Roma, Italy	Nov 05-10	closed
NETTAB2018/ELIXIR-IIB Workshop	Building a FAIR Bioinformatics environment	P. Romano ELIXIR-IIB ELIXIR-UK BITS	Genova, Italy	Oct 22-24	open
ELIXIR-EXCELERATE	Train the Trainer	A. Via J. Lindvall L. Le Pera	Stockholm, Sweden	Oct 9-11	open
ELIXIR Scientific dissemination activity	Notte Europea dei Ricercatori (Facebook page link)	ERN-Apulia University of Salento F. De Leo A. Marabotti	Bari, Italy	Sep 28	
ELIXIR-EXCELERATE	Train the Trainer	A. Via L. Le Pera	Roma, Italy	Sep 27-28	closed
ELIXIR-IIB Training Course	Docker Advanced Course	G. Della Vedova L. Le Pera A. Via	Milano, Italy	Sep 26-27	closed
Bring Your Own Data Workshop	Summer School on Rare Disease and Orphan Drug Registries including BYOD	D. Taruscio M. Roos C. Carta	Roma, Italy	Sep 10-14	closed
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Pedagogical model

Code of Conduct



## Code of Conduct



- Use welcoming and inclusive language
- Be respectful of different viewpoints and experiences
- Gracefully accept constructive criticism
- Focus on what is best for the community
- Show courtesy and respect towards other community members

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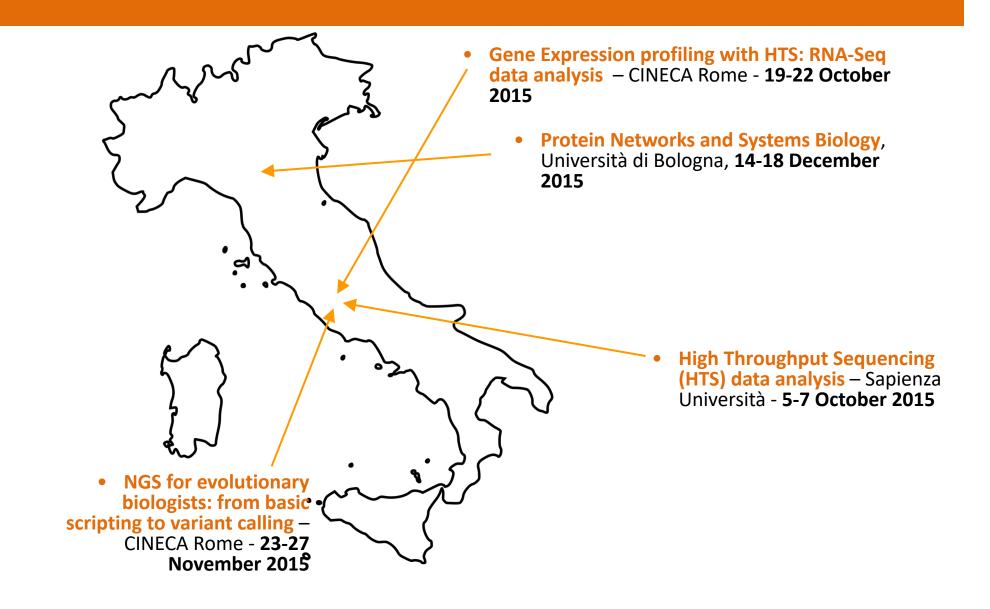
## **Best trainers...**

constantly monitor what is happening to learners as they set about learning and investigate when things do not proceed as planned or expected.

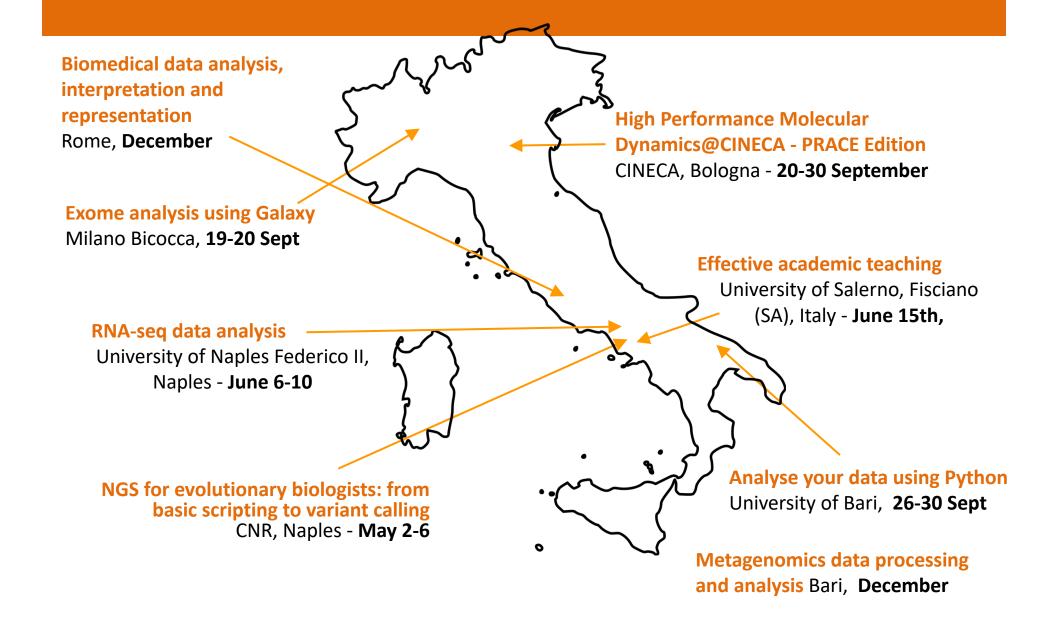
They also inquire their own practice so they might get better at ensuring that their students learn successfully.



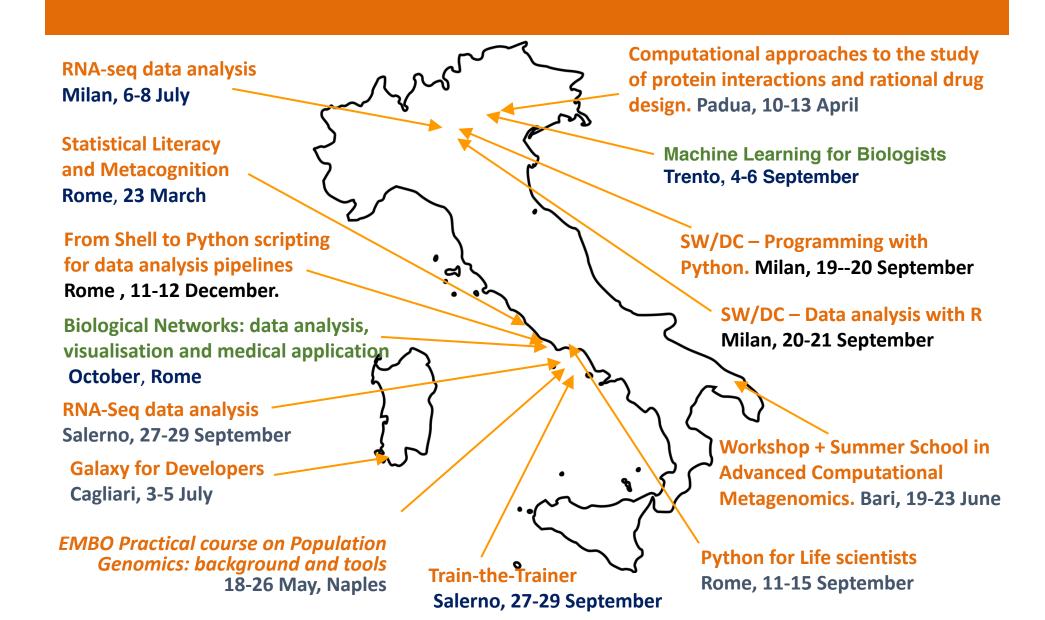
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