NBIC Consortium Partners *

Universities
- Delft University of Technology
- Leiden University
- Maastricht University
- University of Amsterdam
- University of Groningen
- Utrecht University
- VU University of Amsterdam
- Wageningen University

University Medical Centres
- Academic Medical Centre
- Erasmus Medical Centre Rotterdam
- Leiden University Medical Centre
- Radboud University Medical Centre
- Utrecht University Medical Centre
- University of Groningen Medical Centre
- VU University Medical Centre

Institutes
- Hubrecht Institute
- Netherlands Cancer Institute
- Plant Research International
- SARA Computing and Networking Services

Industry
- DSM
- Philips

*) Organisations that have signed the NBIC Partner Agreement per January 2011.
NBIC Consortium: flexible public-private partnership

Open consortium; community approach

- partnership of legal entities with active interest in bioinformatics
- public-private partnership of academia, institutes and industry
- independent of project participation
- independent of funding agency
- long-term relationship: sustainability in policy and involvement of partners
- open to new partners

NBIC Projects

- small & large collaborative projects
- scientists use local & NBIC affiliation
- designed to work in collaboration with partner centres
- access to collaborative NBIC Consortium facilities (conditional)
Contracts: standard agreements

Bilateral NBIC Partner Agreement
- bilateral agreement between Stichting NBIC (co-ordinator) and Partner X
- arranges membership and rules of play of NBIC Consortium
- access to collaborative facilities, meetings, courses, etc. (conditional)
- generic NBIC IP Regulation
  - applicable to all NBIC Projects
  - all IP forms: registered IP (e.g. patents), software copyright, database rights, material, other copyrights
  - OSS and OAD policy

NBIC Project Agreement per project
- public-public and public-private collaboration
- confidentiality and IP rights at project level
- NBIC is Project Coordinator
- support in valorisation of project results
Document hierarchy for NBIC Projects

- Subsidy regulations (NL, EU)
- Bylaws (statuten & reglementen) of the NBIC foundation (Stichting NBIC)
  - Annex 3 to NBIC Partner Agreement.
- NBIC Partner Agreement
  - Annex 1 NBIC List of Definitions;
  - Annex 2 NBIC IP Regulation.
- NBIC Project Agreement
  - Annex 1: project plan/description
  - Annex 2: subsidy letter granting the subsidy to the project
  - Annex 3: Background IP Statement;
  - Annex 4: NBIC administrative procedures.
    - Applicable to subsidy regulations
- Hierarchy defined in
  - Article 1 of the NBIC Partner Agreement
  - Article 1 of the NBIC Project Agreement
NBIC IP Regulation

• Aim
  • Provide generic “valorisation” framework to make NBIC project results used and safeguard exploitation where possible
  • Make the regulation workable to and accepted by a broad field of partners, both in academia and industry

• General approach
  • ‘Protect or publish’ principle for all NBIC project results
  • Applicable to all sorts of generated IP, supports broad range of research projects
  • In line with (inter)national standards (law and funding regulations)
  • Simplify existing procedures, low administrative load (IP and projects)
  • Access rights arranged at project level
  • Access rights to all NBIC results in all NBIC projects
  • Release software under Open Source (OSS) licence as much as possible
  • Release data under Open Access (OA) licence as much as possible
NBIC Project Valorisation Scheme

Participant(s)

Project Manager (scientist)

Project IP Manager (TTO)

(Expert consultancy)

Dissemination and exploitation report

Progress report

NBIC Project

‘Project Results’

Project Valorisation Team

Project dissemination and exploitation plan

Evaluation of dissemination and exploitation process

Project dissemination and exploitation

Progress report

NBIC

NBIC Scientific Monitor

NBIC Valorisation Manager

(Expert consultancy)

Dissemination and exploitation report