

Introduction to cBioPortal

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Improve data management, not just analysis, in life sciences

Development of data management training resources



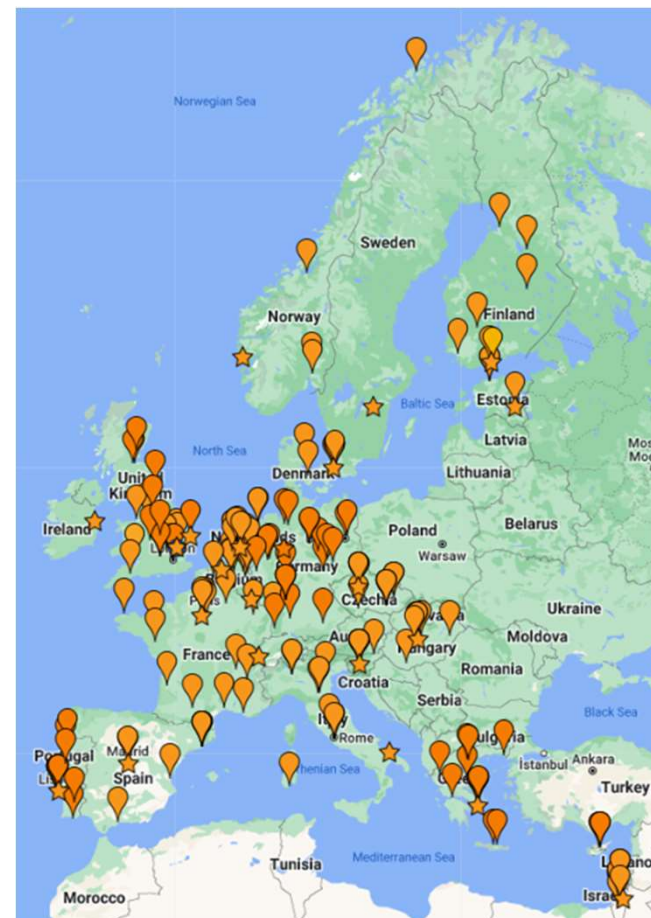
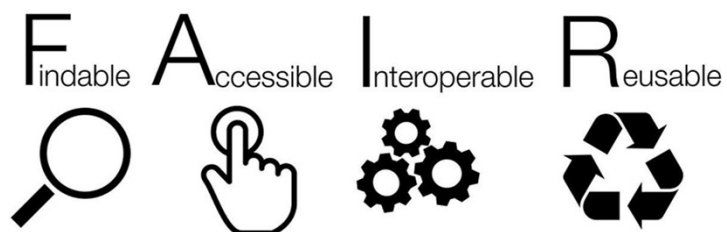
What is Elixir?

"ELIXIR coordinates and develops life science resources across Europe so that researchers can more easily find, analyse and share data, exchange expertise, and implement best practices."

Improve skills in data management

Improve quality of, and access to, informatics training

Develop and disseminate FAIR data principles in life sciences



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[Research Data Management bites](#)



[My videos introducing sequencing data](#)



Online training courses, cookbooks and carpentries



Local, in-person training

Introduction and Learning Objectives

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Session structure

- 12.35 Introduction and Learning Objectives
- 12.45 cBioPortal website demonstration
- 12.55 Problem-solving tasks
- 13.30 Recap and Further Resources
- 13.35 Accessing and using underlying cBioPortal data
- 13.45 Rstudio demo for accessing cBioPortal data
- 13.55 Summary and final remarks
- 14.00 Close

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Learning objectives

- 1 Recognise the applications and utility of cBioPortal for cancer research
- 2 Operate and explore the cBioPortal website to identify cancer data of interest
- 3 Complete two cancer biology problem-solving tasks using cBioPortal
- 4 Recognise the process for accessing and analysing cBioPortal data

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What is cBioPortal?

Public website for exploratory analysis, visualisation and download of large cancer omics datasets, with clinical metadata



Data derived from large consortia, as well as highlighted studies



Data annotated by external reference databases

Depending on the dataset, includes mutations, CNA, gene expression, methylation data *etc.*

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When using cBioPortal, cite the following papers, plus the reference papers for datasets used: [Cerami et al. 2012](#), [Gao et al. 2013](#)



Why use cBioPortal?



Access to the largest, publicly available cancer sequencing studies, all in one place

Explore broader relevance of laboratory/animal studies across cancer types

Hypothesis generation, including student projects

Data visualisation

Exploration of clinical data

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