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Agendas

Thursday 22nd October, 14:00-15:00 (IST)

ELIXIR Ireland & Europe onboarding session

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Chair: Aedin Culhane (UL)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Pilib Ó Broin (UG), Bilal Javed, (TUD), Therese Murphy (TUD), Hugh J. Byrne, TU Dublin, John Ronan (SETU), Karsten Hokamp (TCD), Ian Jeffery (UL), Daniel Murphy (DCU), Fiona Roche (TCD), Gaetan Thilliez (DCU), Aedin Culhane (UL), Alan Rice (UCD), Michael Kitching (DCU), Gionmattia Carancini (UCC), Róisín Long (TCD), Noel O'Brien (UL), Brendan Dore (UL), Metin Yazar (UCD), Denise Harold (DCU), Máire Ní Leathlobhair (TCD), Bin Zhao (TCD), Kayleigh Perkins (TCD), Eithne Cunney (TCD), Corey Alwell (TCD)

Apologies:

1. Please add names to agenda, & co-support live taking of minutes
 - a.
2. Presentation
 - a.  ELIXIR-IE_VIBE_Session_20261022
 - b.
3. Onboarding portal
 - a. <https://elixir-ireland.ie/participate/>
4. Newsletter sign up
 - a. New: <https://elixir-ireland.ie/participate/elixir-ie-members/#newsletter>
 - b. Adding news: mail elixir@ul.ie & gavin.farrell@ul.ie
 - c. Aim for monthly or bimonthly
5. Discussion Q&A
 - a.

6. AOB / VIBE major updates

- a. Register: <https://vibe-ireland.ie/>
 - b. Next call 26th Nov, 14:00-15:00
 - i. New year plan for webinar series - rotating institutional focuses, projects, programmes, services, +
 - c. Action post questions or email follow up
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Thursday 1st October, 14:00-15:00 (IST)

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8. Events:

- a. **Meeting in Dublin:** EU Presidency Affiliated event: 1+MG Genomic Data Infrastructure 7-8th Oct, Gibson Hotel <https://gdi.onemilliongenomes.eu/>
- b. **Meeting in Dublin:** ELIXIR Federated Human Data Meeting, 8-9th Oct Trinity College Dublin <https://elixir-europe.org/events/fhdc-meeting-2026>
- c. **Online** [EOSC IE service providers readiness workshop \(online\)](#)
 - i. Monday 19 October 2026, 10:00–12:00
- d. **Online** [EOSC IE TRE workshop \(online reg\)](#)
 - i. (limited in person Dublin)
 - ii. <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/Wx4L2sQWBw> - sign up
 - iii. Friday 27 November 2026, 10:30–16:00
- e. **Meeting in Dublin:** AI in Science Summit 2026 AIS26 <https://www.ais26.eu/>
 - i. <https://www.ais26.eu/registration/> (registration is open, free to attend)
 - ii. 15th / 16th October
- f. **Meeting in Limerick:** All Island Cancer Data Forum. 2027. 18-19th January <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-all-island-cancer-data-forum-tickets-2002052913157>
- g. **34th Irish Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Cognitive Science (AICS 2026)** <https://aics2026.com/>
15-16 October 2026 - University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
(EU Presidency associated event)

9. VIBE Updates (Daniel/Committee)

- a. New website URL: <https://vibe-ireland.ie/>
- b. Abstract platform and registration open. Abstracts until 3rd November. Social media post and BIOINF emails sent about abstract submissions. Posts on registration will follow next week.
- c. Sponsorship - 3 sponsors so far (1 gold, 2 silver). Some additional money from DCU and Elixir.
- d. CRT alumnus award - deadline was 30th September. A few abstracts to review. Will notify successful candidate next week/week after.

10. ELIXIR-IE welcomes 5x new member institutes

- a. SETU
- b. MTU
- c. TCD
- d. DCU
- e. TUD
- f. News release in planning
- g. Build up profile of ELIXIR skills, visibility, contacts, expertise - alignments to support building connections for project bids & avail of European opportunities on grants side
- h. Showcase ELIXIR nationally eg VPRs, share our survey needs, and institutional profiles fo strengths
- i. ELIXIR Strategy moving forward - can now feed in from all new institutes and ensure needs are presented at ELIXIR Europe level
- j. Discussion
 - i. ESFRI roadmap needed in Ireland
 - ii. Low ESFRI membership and Ireland lagging on research infrastructure
 - iii. Ireland has some across marine, agri, social sciences
 - iv. ESFRI: <https://www.esfri.eu/>
- k. ESFRI meeting in Cork
 - i. BBMRI - biobanking (Galway interest)
 - ii. Eurobioimaging - bio imaging technology (Galway interest)
 - iii. INSTRUCT ERIC -
 - iv. MARINE IRG - marine
 - v. ACTRIS - environmental
 - vi. EATRIS - translational medicine
 - vii. Plan to bring national ESFRI bodies in Ireland together to get ESFRIs together in Ireland to lobby for a roadmap
 1. → early plan and mapping: <https://ienn.ie/about/> (mapping of esfris)
 2. Pilib: French roadmap very good example: <https://roadmap2021.esfri.eu/>

3. Goal for sustainability model with investment in ESFRIs vs short project cycle based funding
 4. Pilib: EATRIS - [TMAI.ie](https://www.tmai.ie) , some links here and lobbying towards government on this from Galway also
- I. Profiles: on VIBE website - get this sent out to everyone to update
- i. **Action**
 - ii. Also think on institutional profiles but structured- and mapping

11. ELIXIR-IE onboarding session for all institutes - especially new ones

- a. Next months call - October 22nd call 14:00-15:00
- b. ELIXIR intro session
- c. Onboarding - session; Daniel check sent info to ensure all aware time slot & communicated
- d. Aedin: matchmaking and longer session possibly - in the planning
 - i. Would be ideal to have site specific day/symposium/etc
 - ii. And longer session in future
- e. Therese: sharing applicability Q - who targeted to
 - i. Aedin: will be from very basics and suitable for all audiences even if just curious about ELIXIR + the onboarding
- f. Gavin: will scope for wide audience & accessible - cover VIBE, ELIXIR-IE, Europe, etc
- g. **Related**
 - i. Intro to ELIXIR as an ESFRI <https://elixir-europe.org/events/elixir-esfri>
 - ii. ELIXIR as an ESFRI | ELIXIR
 - iii. Wed 18 Nov 2026 - 15:00 to 16:00 Time zone CET
- h. **New institute slide intro - action link up ensure folk can do this or not**

12. Webinar series planning

- a. Scheduling
 - i.
- b. NGGO
 - i.
- c. All member institutes
 - i.
- d. Format discussion, preferred coverage?
 - i. 1x per call (~30mins + discussion?)
 - ii. Other? (2x and 15min each?)
 - iii. Recording key
- e. Colm: Maybe separate call if ELIXIR-IE ltos ot cover with community on this call
 - i. Could be quite nice format, not massive overhead to run
 - ii. Variable focus areas
 - iii. Aedin: if open ones we could also share and point to also
 - iv. Virtual seminar series

- v. Aedin: research strengths, unique projects, etc and share and rotate these by each member institute can share
- vi. Gavin: maybe project hook and very small overview of the member site as format?
- vii. Colm: maybe centres may be the right way to go
- viii. Time wise - likely no better/worse slots
- ix. What will folk get from it?
 - 1. Centres and link to ELIXIR?
 - 2. Goal from series?
- x. Karsten: opportunity for centres - keep small to start and then maybe look and revise in future; 15mins initially
- xi. Daniel: might be good to push to a wider audience - ensure very wide set up
 - 1. Attendance key for making value for speaker also
- xii. Therese: researchers focus first then into the centres
 - 1. ELIXIR communication value but hard to get folk involved and others would likely be in same situation
 - 2. Advertise as webinar and have folk join
- xiii. Aedin: balancing both aspects?
 - 1. Therese: maybe alternate - but keep separate for these
 - 2. Daniel: also agree separate for format
- xiv. Coordination & actions
 - 1. **Action:** Gavin set up coordination sheet & then align with MB members
 - 2. Better time for seminar? → lunch time possibly as people more free?
 - 3. Days?
 - 4. Out of term symposium?
 - a. Monthly lunch time as harder to find 3 hrs
 - 5. 30mins slot (15 talk)
 - 6. Tech vs domain focus - maybe this split? Emergent themes?
- xv. Metin: can check with the organising institute to pick for theme as rotational
- xvi. **Action set up**

13. INSPIRE alignment & planning

- a. P1
 - i.
- b. P2 EOIs circulated to submitters to align with each other
 - i. ~4x big TRE bids - to align proposal
- c. P3
 - i.

14. ELIXIR-IE Digest newsletter

- a. Under planning - interest/useful?

15. ICHEC updates

- a. Simon: From the ICHEC side we will announce soon an online meeting/webinar to inform users of the CASPIr procurement.

16. EOSC IE updates

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17. News

- a. [EOSC IE survey for service providers readiness](#)
 - i.
- b.

18. AOB

- a.
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Thursday 27th August, 14:00-15:00 (IST)

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Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Cathal Seoighe, Simon Wong,

Apologies: Daniel Murphy (DCU), Pilib Ó Broin (UG), Karsten Hokamp (TCD),

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20. VIBE Updates (Daniel/committee)

- a. It will be on **Thursday 3rd December in the Polaris Building in DCU Glasnevin Campus.**
- b. Website, LinkedIn and Oxford abstracts are not yet open/fully live but soon
- c. Next week there will be send out an email to the bioinf mailing list.
- d. CRT alumnus speaker. New for VIBE & likely possible in future formats.
- e. Still searching for sponsorship
 - i. Ideas and contacts welcome to Daniel & VIBE committee
 - ii. **Action: Pilib see if list to forward of sponsors**
 - iii. **+Illumina**
 - iv. Rinn AI? → unlikely
- f. In talks with the DCU Life Sciences Institute to possibly host a second industry day - TBC

- i. Flag to Daniel
- ii. Nanopore, etc
- iii. Genseq? Siobhan Cleary (ex-UCD/UG)
- iv. → Novaseq did

21. TRE INSPIRE ELIXIR-INSPIRE - P2 Aligned Proposal (Aedin)

- a. - reference slides from last month
- b. Updates & INSPIRE general alignments
 - i. National storage layer - concept: Venkatesh leading (Simon updates)
 - 1. W/ DFHERIS & Asiera - national view point
 - 2. Early in progress and one meeting to date
 - 3. Link up w/ advanced computing strategy plans
 - ii. CASPIr procurement & developments (Simon updates)
 - 1. Earlier in year kicked off - vendor responses
 - 2. Coming months dialogue stage - first meeting this week to see what could be possible
 - 3. Then refine concepts
 - iii. Survey Planning (related to CASPIr)
 - 1. Get PoV from bioinformatics and genomics community - functional requirements and get idea for scale
 - 2. **Action: Gavin send previous survey info & Qs already gathered to support**
 - 3. Interoperability needs - TRE/SPE scopings - key to capture
 - 4. To then drill down to compute
 - 5. **Action: The workflows & systems vs hardware - the community feedback & governance aspects → workshop & co-location against VIBE?**
 - a. Science council - in past reviewed proposals but not active
 - b. Class B & A - semi annual 2x calls a year - any life sciences calls?
 - c. Communication and governance - what is the new and next mechanisms?
 - 6. EOSC survey & interviews: CSC/etc
 - a. Community engagement and satisfaction from users and metrics - how this could be captured? KPIs & active metrics ongoing once live?
 - b. Simon: recent changes - national HPC service and user support - will now take charge of the national service and time to work with community
 - 7. EOSC grant & planning/roadmap from ICHEC
 - a. Simon will check in on plans w/ Evan
 - b. Meluxina interim hardware limitation to commit or support services - beyond current scope

- c. Only compute hours at the moment
 - d. Can feed into requirements - e.g. feeding EOSC & services - infrastructure; private cloud like service to then make services become deployed and in service catalogue
 - e. Tender what is defined - available rubric
 - f. EuroHPC - 15 pflop for example - number need to be met by EuroHPC funder aspect - but rest is flexible
- 8. Wired Act - Data Centres: independently green, etc
 - a. Impact for site and physical infra delivery?
 - i. E.g. green compute aspects considered?
 - ii. No info yet
 - iii. WAtEr & power aspects
 - b. Sovereignty of data centre?
 - i. Software, etc? Dependencies
- 9. Q2-4 2027 rough timelines
- 10. Workflows & onboarding - Tools, etc.
 - a. Approaches - hackathons, onboarding support, stack of reusable common tools?
 - b. Simon: can start in advance of CASPIr to pilot and PoC of bringing this into the system well in advance of this - so immediately available once CASPIr arrives
 - c. Training side - upping capacity and efforts here; beyond basic jobs and scheduling: targeted workshops & containers, hackathons, +
 - d. Hardware makes hard to commit to organising yet - but smaller PoC w/ communities would be key and ways to pilot
- 11. Working with Uni IT department groups? Research IT across the unis?
 - a. Simon: unclear exact relations but can look further
- c. TRE/SPE workshop planning (support from EOSC IE)
 - i. Background - lots of different INSPIRE bids from each institute for TRE/SPEs different software stacks, governance, +. Major diversity issue to interoperate & need to retrofit - aim to align & coordination layer for P2 plan
 - ii. But also how fits in national plan & for CASPIr alignment over TRE & SPE
 - 1. Simon: persona workshop would be very useful
 - 2. But also clear need for TRE/SPE focus workshop
 - 3. + links into ITDs also a need
 - 4. Plan to visit unis and in person trainings & ICHEC outreach to unis - may be right chance to link in with ITDs via these
 - iii. **Action** share Simon planning for dates
 - iv. Planning for workshop dates: Nov-Dec 2026

- v. Early planning - and to link in and align national & international (NL/UK/FI)
→ 3X Complementary models for the workshop and reuse in Ireland

22. New ELIXIR Ireland institutes - legal updates status

- a. Final review of paperwork awaiting (1 of 10) - then can send for signature to finalise new institutes joining after paperwork circulation
- b. **Onboarding session**
- c. 5x new ones joining soon

23. EOSC IE updates (Roberto)

- a.

24. ICHEC CASPIr updates (Venkatesh/Simon)

- a. .

25. News

- a. <https://elixir-ireland.ie/news/>

26. Events

- a. <https://elixir-ireland.ie/events/>
- b. Genomic Data Infrastructure EU General Assembly meeting:
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 - iii. Thursday 8 October 2026, approximately 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
 - iv. Friday 9 October 2026, approximately 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
 - v. Updates
 - 1. Last practical alignments moving for the event - approx 50 bodies
 - 2. Registration closes in coming weeks
 - 3. Working out last venue aspects TCD side → Claire Dylan (TCD) past event for lunch space worked very well

27. AOB

- a. INSPIRE - no updates
 - b. Research Ireland PhD Programme - December?
 - c. Genomics CRT until 2028 extension
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Thursday 23rd July, 14:00-15:00 (IST)

Chair: Aedin Culhane (UL)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Eugene Hickey (TUD), Therese Murphy (TUD), Karsten Hokamp (TCD), Metin Yazar (UCD), Pilib Ó Broin (University of Galway), Katie Cremin (UL), , Nick Cooley (UL), Guerrino Macori (UCD), Anmol Kiran(UCC) Siobhan Scarlett (TCD), Graham Hughes (UCD)

Apologies:

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29. VIBE Updates (Daniel/committee)

- a. First week December - before the 12th likely
- b. DCU

30. TRE INSPIRE - P2 Aligned Proposal (Aedin)

- a.  ELIXIR-INSPIRE
- b. Alignment piece - 1 pager plan
- c. EOI plan
- d. Research offices engagement and alignment
- e. Discussion
 - i. Can share EOI text with all
 - ii. Nick: server co location w/ SME? Is this an optimal model?
 - 1. Aedin: model expansion
 - iii. Nick: need for academic compute - 2MW?
 - 1. Aedin: that is the DoH needs
 - 2. AI antenna mini GPU cluster - take 1-5% of T2 2MW centre and if you scale up - need full 10MW centre for heavy GPU
 - iv. Aedin: practicality - some e.g. UCC have Boole SME partnership, most unis stuck in cloud and a lot of data in AZURE
 - v. Scaling out to EuroHPC capacity for large size
 - vi. Therese: selling pint is clarity across the sector - everyone use ICHEC/school of computing as nothing for life sciences - supports both TUs & traditional unis - and fills need, and help facilitate this. Other bids will need supports for such a centre
 - vii. Pilib: idea of multi institutional bid and buy in not single uni and not provide service alone - very big selling point and bonus
 - viii. Therese: parity
 - ix. Laura: 132 GPU nodes in CSC.
 - x. Siobhan: TILDA - highly beneficial, group needs to happen but institutions agreeing on how it should be done - data protection - get over line would be very useful and for multi tenant TRE model and offer SERP - works very well as a model and a lot of institutions. POSSible way forward and uni

agreement - co-location best way to go ahead, one big centre by all, wont agree eon this but advances in tech capabilities for federated access real strong argument to use INSPIRE Bids with intention to all talk together and using infra depleted over time once INSPIRE ends. As default expected coordination between unis and

- xi. Maire: staffing?
 - 1. Aedin: co location model so the compute that is through is co located - where big choice. Advantage means far less staff and overhead. Each uni - scaling and unis - power and air; can only put so much infra in and then a limit for hardware choice location. FR mesocentre model and staff co location
 - xii. Eugene - put in place for external access and discovery to data?
 - 1. Connected in with other ELXIIR nodes and part of the plan
 - 2. Gavin: We could also federate with: <https://www.ebi.ac.uk/ebisearch/about> (which has many resources also outside of EBI connected for data discovery and data linkage)
 - 3. Aedin: EOSC also a way to help discovery
 - 4. Gavin: Also federated EGA for genomics: [Federated EGA - EGA European Genome-phenome Archive](#)
 - xiii. Graham: UCD side - data centre but oversubscribed. Lots of desk servers and interest from this side. See value in it.
 - 1. Guerrino: all rely on same - no last comments . SAme issues across departments
 - xiv. Nick: i have another meeting on the hour, so i'm going to step out for that, i think all of this sounds on track, i guess the one thing that seems missing is a gross level estimate of what kind of throughput we want these systems to handle vs what the current research community currently can record for themselves, i.e. are we asking for a capacity that is matched to what we expect to need?
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- f. Aedin: Formal backing of multi institutions;
 - i. Need more to get past EOI and for consideration
 - ii. Guerrino: not clear what type of commitment to support it
 - 1. Groups/uni/how?
 - 2. Emma Teeling alignments - good to discuss on sequencing
 - 3. Another possible bid also - alignments needed likely (multi Omics)
 - iii. Plan allows synergies to plug into other projects in inspire
 - iv.
 - g. Important - lobbying as a group:
 - i. **ACTION JOINT LOBBY**
 - ii. EOI in and research offices support

- iii. INSPIRE deadline
- iv. 1 pager without EOI, may not make sense without the submission
- v. Research IT bodies - need to get backing (team for national plan linking in)
 - 1. Darach TCD
- vi.

31. New ELIXIR Ireland institutes - legal updates status

- a. MTU/SETU/TUD/DCU/TCD - should receive paperwork shortly to finalise the accession to ELIXIR Ireland
- b. Apologies for delays

32. EOSC IE updates (Roberto)

- a.

33. ICHEC CASPIR updates (Venkatesh/Simon)

- a. .

34. News

- a. .

35. Events

- a. Genomic Data Infrastructure EU General Assembly meeting:
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- c.

36. AOB

- a. Action: follow up by mail w / all and give the text to all

Call Cancelled - Thursday 25th June
(Low availabilities)

Thursday 28th May, 14:00-15:00 (GMT)

Chair: Gavin Farrell/Aedin Culhane (UL)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Nick Cooley (UL), Pilib Ó Broin (UG), Anmol, Ctahal, Maria, Aedin, Nicholas, Swarali & Colm,

Apologies: Therese Murphy (TUD), Eugene Hickey (TUD), Venkatesh Kannan (ICHEC), Simon Wong (ICHEC),

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- a. Welcome Anna Ershova (TCD) → bacterial & epigenomics
- b. Welcome Jan Taylor (NGGO) → HSE national bioinformatics director
 - i. Clinical, genomics and translational focus

38. VIBE updates from Daniel Murphy (DCU) - daniel.n.murphy@dcu.ie

- a. VIBE Industry event idea - to apply for funds? (but possible GDI Dublin option also)
- b. Anmol: linked in with Daniel - some initial planning on early topics/themes
- c.

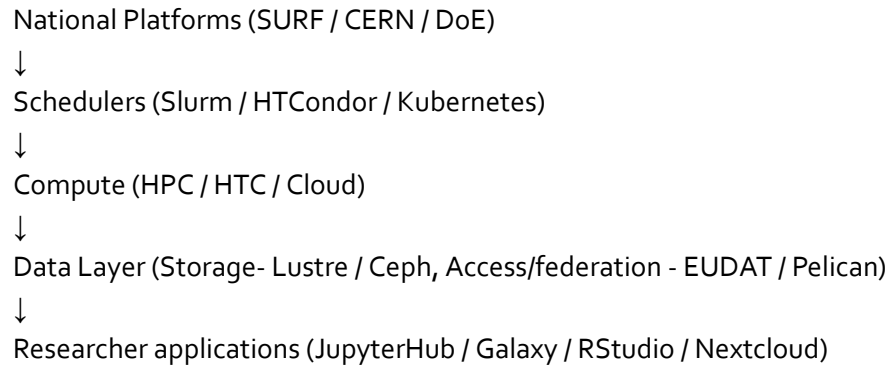
39. INSPIRE planning alignment (round table)

- a. Aedin:
 - i. Compute & hardware - pricing considerations with current market
 - ii. UL IT updates re phase 1 (internal)
- b. Pilib:
 - i. UG - requests in but still under considerations - focus for storage as one point re phase 1
- c. Asiera - good to link in on planning around storage & INSPIRE
 - i.
- d. EOSC & National infrastructure
 - i. Big focus of department at current for alignments
 - ii. EOSC
 - iii. [NEXT CLOUD](#) | One cloud
 - iv. [Eudat](#) & [b2drop](#) like services
 - v. [SURF research cloud](#) (EOSC NL)
 - vi. AAI - single sign on: [EOSC AAI](#)
 - vii. Nick: OSDF uses Pelican - <https://pelicanplatform.org/>
 - viii. [One data](#)
 - ix. Architecture under planning

My understanding

EOSC / Federation Layer





- e. Ideas welcome re interactions with different layers EOSC & Compute (e.g. department and institutional and regional and national)
- f. Planning for ELIXIR Ireland
 - i. Alignments to national layers & INSPIRE
- g. 7th June EOI for INSPIRE - UL deadline
 - i. National, multitenancy TRE ideation
 - ii. **Q: interest on this?**
 - iii. Colm: UCD planing on phase 1 for current w/ VPR office - generalist focus vs domain biospecific
 - iv. Aedin: working out best use & staffing for national services - to allow reduced redundancy (e.g. for future EGA or such services)
- h. Nick
 - i. Condor is built for this kind of situation: <https://htcondor.org/>
 - ii. Aedin: EU sovereignty on models
 - iii. Nick: condor like slurm - could fork and deploy as needed
- i. Phase 2 status?
 - i. UL - hope to prepare a phase 2; EOSC & national compute alignments w/ wider stakeholders
 - ii. NGGO & links also would be very valuable - GDI project for example under DoH & wider ELIXIR under DFHERIS. DETE leading life science strategy. National lab reform. EHDS, +
- j. Others:
 - i.

40. Round table welcome w/ Jan & info

- a. Current members: UG UL UCD UCC RCSI
- b. Incoming members (awaiting legal paperwork): TUD TCD MTU DCU | Possibly SETU
- c. VIBE - all island network (include northern Ireland) - an annual meeting
 - i. Standard conference 1-2 days, rotates between hosting sites
 - ii. Mail list
- d. Genomics CRT - SFI Centre (Cathal & UG team)
 - i. Also internal comms

41. ICHEC & CASPIr updates (Simon/Venkatesh) → apologies

- a. Survey under planning for bioinformatics community for CASPIr procurement planning - will align w/ ICHEC to build complementarity on prior survey Q4 2025
- b.

42. EOSC Ireland updates (Roberto - apologies for today)

- a. News on ELIXIR-Ireland website <https://elixir-ireland.ie/news/> (see item 8 below)
- b. CSC FI
 - i. Very large & consolidated
- c. SURF NL
 - i. Similar large site & working close w/ ELIXIR via Health RI (+ other ESFRIs - EATRIS & ECRIN, BBMRI, +)
- d. EOSC PL
- e. PANOSC (photon neutron)
- f. LS Connect (EMLB/ELIXIR/INSTRUCT/EuroBioimaging)
- g. EOSC EU Node (first exemplar platform)
- h. EOSC ireland - learning from these large and advanced structures, very interesting models & integrations
- i. Another model
 - i. [French mesocentres](#) - shared expertise & staffing, multi institutes across sites; more effective for data centres alignments and scale efficiency - esp for research computing IT. Regional centre & allows scaling to larger infra + shared staffing
 - ii. **Q:** Is this a possible model to boost institutional research IT & life sciences together - national or regional/both
- j. Lars: set of short Qs - what didn't work out - would be great to know also; to avoid pitfalls (**action**) →
- k. Maria: EOSC UK - JISC NREN; key Q how NI comes in
 - i. Gavin: v advanced - may be rebranding vs a lot of new
 - ii. Aedin: Ireland build up makes more significant for development

43. Funding opportunities (round table)

- a.

44. ELIXIR-IE new institutes - legal paperwork progress

- a. MTU/TCD/TUD/DCU - all approved applications to join by ELIXIR-IE Management board in past months
- b. SETU engagements - positive national alignments via EOSC
- c. Final alignments - MU/ATU/TUS where relevant body do link in w/ ELIXIR to allow national network coverage & ELIXIR access in time for next paperwork
- d.

45. ELIXIR-IE web updates to support national dissemination

- a. [News page](#)
- b. [Event page](#)
- c. [VIBE PIs page](#)
- d. → submission templates for all at bottom of page via Github templates
- e. Or general submission to Gavin & Aedin via elixir@ul.ie

46. [News](#) (round table)

- a. 2X EOSC Items - ELIXIR involvements & life sciences contributions
- b. Lars Jermiin ELIXIR RDM Coordinator featured profile
- c. Open science for life science - [OS4LS](#)
 - i. EOI open until June 7th
 - ii. CZI OSS follow on
 - iii. User metrics big aspect - ensure tracking
 - iv. Pair up usefu

47. Events (round table)

- a. [EuroBioC2026: June 3-5, in Turku, Finland](#)
 - i. Hackathon (Nick) hybrid if people want to join
- b. [ELIXIR AHM June 8-10, Lyon \(hybrid\)](#)
 - i. [Eventscase](#) may still be possible for workshops/main sessions/etc to tune in hybrid
- c. FHD data community
- d.

48. AOB

- a. PLease consider following us on linkedin
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/elixir-ireland/>

Thursday 23rd April, 14:00-15:00 (GMT)

Chair: Gavin Farrell (UL)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Laura Whelan (RCSI), Nick Cooley (UL), Eugene Hickey(TUD), Metin YAZAR (UCD), Lars Jermiin (NUIG), Anmol Kiran (UCC), Karsten Hokamp (TCD), Cathal Seoighe (UG), Maria Doyle (UL), Aedin Culhane (UL), Cliona O'Farrelly (TCD), Maire Ni Leathlobhair (TCD), Simon Wong (ICHEC), Roberto Sabatino (Asiera)

Apologies: Daniel Murphy (DCU), There Murphy (TUD), David MacHugh (UCD)

49. Please add names to agenda, & co-support live taking of minutes

50. Survey release & national engagements progress

- a. [Zenodo](#) & [news item](#)
- b. All feedback welcome and can update for new version if any issues/revisualisation needed w/ new version
- c. ELIXIR-IE engaging DFHERIS since last year - info being provided such as key survey data to engage for progress to align national life science data infrastructure supports ongoing under their wider plans
- d. Feeding info into sources such as DETE life science strategy, + where opportunities arise
 - i. Updates - Laura may have info: Feb 2026 - expect strategy in second half of 2026 (EU Presidency alignment likely)
 - ii. **Action:** Laura if contact - can send over to contact contributing to the strategy
- e. Also workshop published - gaps identified
 - i. Skills focused output - on Zenodo also

51. VIBE updates from Daniel Murphy (DCU) - daniel.n.murphy@dcu.ie

- a. Daniels send apologies for today
- b. Contact Daniel to support **planning committee** for VIBE 2026
 - i. More support needed - please do get involved
- c. The date is not fully confirmed yet but it will be in the **first/second week of December** like last year.
- d. Sponsors and speakers - under way to organise
 - i. If sponsor suggestions or support possible = do flag to Daniel
- e. **Q - industry event; ELIXIR day**
 - i. **Action - Gavin check w/ Daniel**
 - ii. School of biotechnology - may be useful
 - iii. →skills of tomorrow idea
 - iv. Cathal: current SFI CRT last cohort moving on - may not be as many to engage in as for past events on this
 - v. Aedin: new PhD programme - link to find: Research Ireland 2026 plan: <https://media.researchireland.ie/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Research-Ireland-Programme-Plan-2026.pdf>
 - vi. Innovate for Ireland programme related? But not genomics/bioinformatics yet - Research Ireland current push
 - vii. Nick: academic to industry format - transition useful context
 - viii. **Action:** to scope possible industry day event and ask for input
 - ix. Cathal: Timelines work well on career events - useful for researchers and students - hardest part connect industry
 1. Innovate for Ireland does work easier and already tied to industry in particular areas
 - x. Aedin -maybe breakout session with industry & what they foresee

1. EHDS & Data spaces - new opportunities for data for research
2. Work out what industry thinking
3. Cathal: last industry day - getting participation from industry was challenging; might be helpful to have additional reasons for why they should be coming for potential future employees and interested in AI & new opportunities & transitions to industry
- xi. Maire: last year format worked well and good feedback from attendees
 1. Venue or forum - after panel discussions, a lot ended up talking in the lecture theatre - space after would be great ; format mixer lunch
 2. PI side - thought of separate event - speed compatibility between PI and industry partner with finding grant opportunities to work together
- xii. Lars: Sydney - people who wanted to speak could speak on interest but need expertise X & who would be interested to collaborate where funding available - not talk about science but connecting to need and skills/roadblocks to
- xiii. Aedin: 'chalk talks' - no slides, couple notes and talk through idea & good format what are will be going forward with open discussion and feedback
 1. Collective plan together
 2. Duration - one or half day;
 - a. Can be flexi
 3. Can work out a few co-chairs for this if funding and go ahead in place for practical side

52. INSPIRE planning alignment (round table)

- a. Updates & alignments welcome
- b. Pillar 1 plan alignments - institutional bids (Pillar 1)
 - i. Likely SPE hardware bids from many institutions for gap - likely not interoperable if not aligned of software and standards
 - ii. Call timelines impact and urgency for alignments
 - iii. EOSC SPE blueprint (EOSC ENTRUST) may co inform TRE
 1. **Action - check if useful to disseminate**
 - iv. Simon:
 1. TEHDAS2 - EHDS project <https://tehdas.eu/>
 2. National working group discussing SPEs
 3. CSO - involvements/alignments
 - v. Aedin: ICHEC planning/outputs?
 1. Simon: ongoing discussion and involvement
 2. Aedin: scoping for near term of SPE/TRE architecture/service?
 3. Simon: updates shortly
 - vi. Gavin: working group for these folk if granted to stay aligned?
 1. Aedin: EU standards and EHDS may co inform
- c. Any info on cross institutional bid dates? (Pillar 2?)

i.

53. ICHEC & CASPIr updates (Simon/Venkatesh)

- a. Tender for CASPIr system has gone out
- b. Another 2-3 weeks, building short list and dialogue phase on exact requirements
- c. Working towards architecture model
- d. Then extensive communities and PIs to work out needs and co inform model
- e. SPE extension of CASPIr being considered closely and known national gap to hopefully address
- f. Gavin: Q on format for feedback?
 - i. Simon: welcome for direct engagement, can co inform discussions here,
 - ii. Aedin: survey - can co inform
 - iii. Simon: can run another short one
- g. Aedin: Q on scale? Price flux impacts?
 - i. Simon: price influxes are possibly changing scopings - all TBC

54. EOSC Ireland updates (Roberto)

- a. EOSC Gravity charter awarded - to write EOSC Ireland Node application
 - i. UL/ICHEC/ASIERA - awarded - small 50k project
 - ii. Preparing the EOSC Ireland charter to join in future wave of EOSC Node calls
- b. Project for EOSC Ireland kicked off in Feb 2026
- c. March has involved visiting and landscaping other EOSC Nodes - PL/EU/NL/PANOSC/Life Sciences 19th May also plans
- d. Straw man architecture - led by Evan Smyth ICHEC
- e. Various work and progress on
- f. [Second wave Nodes also nearing end of selection](#) - news item
 - i. Amongst these SE/CH/etc but also near same pace as EOSC Ireland which bodes well - can cross exchange views etc soon to benchmark
- g. Third call towards end of this year and may be suitable timing to start connecting and working on this in 2027 - does not mean fully operational Node needed then; so time to get lined up for this
- h. EOSC co-fund call upcoming
 - i. Research Ireland must apply (funded by DFHERIS)
 - ii. Would mean committing money to co fund then to open national calls for EOSC IE
 - iii. More services, capacity, storage, compute, thematic service capacity, +
 - iv. 20% of co fund model: if 1m in - get 800k out also
 - v. Reliant on DFHERIS, HRB, + to engage on the co-fund
 - 1. Some engagements w/ HRB
 - 2. **Action:** check contacts on this side also
 - 3. **Action:** Roberto will send over to Aedin & Laura

- vi. Call open next Feb 2027, but should start this summer to get departments involved
- vii. Few million contribution IE, e.g. if 40m budget (max co-fund)
- viii. **Call: HORIZON-INFRA--2027-01-EOSC-01**
- ix. Engagement materials in ASIERA folder
- i. Aedin: go in as part of bigger network and highly competitive
 - i. Roberto: model certain percent back out

55. Funding opportunities (round table)

- a.

56. ELIXIR-IE new institutes - legal paperwork progress

- a. MTU/TCD/TUD/DCU - all approved applications to join by ELIXIR-IE Management board in past months
- b. First round legal updates finally completed (representing entity update from UCD to UL)
- c. Initiating second round and waiting formal legal effort assignment to progress
 - i. Last chance for any missing institutes to join - no cost, only approval and legal paperwork
 - ii. Access to European network and opportunities in ELIXIR such as funding (e.g. travel grant) and consortia

57. ELIXIR-IE web updates to support national dissemination

- a. [News page](#)
- b. [Event page](#)
- c. [VIBE PIs page](#)
- d. → submission templates for all at bottom of page via Github templates
- e. Or general submission to Gavin & Aedin via elixir@ul.ie

58. News (round table)

- a.

59. Events (round table)

- a. [Monthly OHDSI-Ireland workshops, Journal Club series for the next 4 months](#)
 - i. Started Friday March 6th - at 11am
- b. [SSI CW26: Tuesday 28 April to Thursday 30 April 2026, Belfast](#)
- c. [EuroBioC2026: June 3-5, 2026, in Turku, Finland](#)
 - i. Hackathon (Nick) hybrid if people want to join
- d.

60. AOB

- a. Next call: Thursday 28th May, 14:00-15:00
- b.

CANCELLED - Thursday 26th March, 14:00-15:00 (GMT)

Thursday 5th March, 14:00-15:00 (GMT)

Chair: Pilib Ó Broin (U Galway)

Attendees: Aedin Culhane (UL), Metin Yazar (UCD), Nicholas Cooley (UL), Daniel Murphy (DCU), Maria Doyle (UL), Anmol Kiran (UCC), Steven Watterson (UU), Simon Wong (ICHEC)

Apologies: David MacHugh (UCD)

1. **Please add names to agenda, & co-support live taking of minutes**
 - a. Add AOB, events, & funding opportunities at relevant agenda markers for info exchange
2. **Calendars**
 - a. Issues identified with shared Google calendar
 - i. Sensitive pings
 - ii. Updates to times do not propagate across MS Outlook calendars
 - b. New calendar from teams sent **Wed 4th March**
 - i. [Google calendar](#) - attendees removed but can still add to follow if preferred (but no direct attendee maintenance)
 - ii. Contact elixir@ul.ie or gavin.farrell@ul.ie if any support needed to be added/removed
3. **Survey Initial Results (Maria Doyle)**
 - a.  [National_Life_Science_Data_Gaps_Survey_Key_Data_\(Q4-2025\)_20260304....](#)
 - b. Initial findings - plan to progress to publish the aggregate & non-sensitive results with more info on **Zenodo** later this month
 - c. Additionally to update ELIXIR & VIBE PI registry for those flagged yes to be added in responses on [webpage](#)
 - d. Pilib: Idea for dashboard of aggregate & metric results for research offices use - simple & nothing sensitive will be included (e.g. direct responses)
 - e. Will update on future calls - huge thanks & this will be made properly available with citeable DOI soon (end of month goal)
4. **VIBE 2026**
 - a. DCU - Daniel Murphy/others if any updates on planning

- b. Discussion
 - i. Date TBC, looking at venues (Helix ~€4k/day or lecture theatre in DCU)
 - 1. DCU venue depends on academic schedule
 - 2. Aiming for late summer to avoid student conflicts
 - 3. Dates needed soon to prevent clashes with other conferences

5. New ELIXIR-IE institutes status updates

- a. First round legal updates completed - UL have finalised role as consortium representing entity for ELIXIR-IE after change from UCD
- b. New incoming institutes with paperwork to start soon with DCU/MTU/TCD/TUD
 - i. Contact points needed MTU side still for when this begins
 - ii. If any other last institutes wanting to apply flag urgently to elixir@ul.ie & gavin.farrell@ul.ie to make this updates round
- c. Soon will have UL legal drafting second round legal updates and engaging contact points provided to
- d. Onboarding session will be planned once closer to completion for all interested to engage via ELIXIR Europe international opportunities
- e. **Note:** QUB also progressing ELIXIR-UK application - updates expected in coming months but another positive alignment to align existing all-Ireland VIBE network to enable ELIXIR Europe joint engagements & leverage funding opportunities
- f. QUB progressing paperwork with UK node, UU paperwork underway
- g. **ACTION:** Send Steven Watterson (UU) ELIXIR UK contacts

6. PRTL bids - Cross-institutional 500k + planning

- a. Cross institutional bids open/info yet?
- b. To coordinate across ideas when known.
- c. Current idea - SPE/TRE gap for national life sciences needs at neutral co-located site
- d. Flag to aedin.culhane@ul.ie & elixir@ul.ie if interested to be involved when more is known on planning and provided idea viable for funding call parameters

7. ICHEC updates (Venkatesh/Simon)

- a. Compute strategy - if info
 - i. Talking to HIQA re data standards. Simon on Committee given his expertise with HRB DASSL
- b. Caspir updates
 - i. Still in procurement phase
 - ii. Kicking off, AI factory Antenna project starting in April – opportunities for collab with companies. Working with CeADAR

8. EOSC Ireland updates (Roberto)

- a. Launch of EOSC- Ireland Feb 23rd. Submitted EOSC Gravity proposal

9. News items

(@ALL - do add any links & info)

- a. Gianpiero Cavalleri (RCSI) on [national science advisory board](#)
 - i. Congrats Gianpiero!
- b.

10. Funding Opportunities

(@ALL - do add any links & info)

- a. Ireland is a member of a successful HDTR EOI. Proceeding to next stage. The EOI was developing and connecting GDI data standards, with OHDSI OMOP and CANDLE NCDN.

11. Events

(@ALL - do add any links & info)

12. [EuroBioC2026: June 3-5, 2026, in Turku, Finland](#)
 - a. Hackathon (Nick) hybrid if people want to join
13. [SSI CW26: Tuesday 28 April to Thursday 30 April 2026, Belfast](#)
14. ELIXIR UK bursary application for biohackathon
15. Monthly OHDSI-Ireland workshops, Journal Club series for the next 4 months. Starts tomorrow Friday March 6th 11am. <https://www.ehealth4cancer.ie/#/ohdsi-ireland>

16. AOB

- a. Next call: **26th March, 14:00-15:00 GMT**
- b.

Thursday 22nd January. 14:00-15:00 (GMT)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Aedin Culhane (UL), Karsten Hokamp (TCD), Laura Whelan (RCSI), Metin Yazar (UCD), Daniel Murphy (DCU), Eugene Hickey (TUD), Therese Murphy (TUD), Graham Hughes (UCD), Colm Ryan (UCD)

Apologies: David MacHugh (UCD), Pilib Ó Broin (Galway),

17. EOSC Ireland updates - Roberto Sabatino

- a. EOSC Ireland pilot project led by HEAnet: small 800k for 12months
 - i. DFHERIS - project approved
 - ii. Deadline: 6th Feb for UL & RCSI involvement
 - iii. Life sciences support focus as use case & GDI Ireland alignment
- b. EOSC Winter School - on EOSC Nodes
 - i. Roberto (HEAnet) will attend and interview some Nodes
 - ii. National Node interviews being set up for other Nodes NL & IT
 - iii. Inform our national node
 - iv. Track 3 - EOSC Winter school; competency & training if report back

- v. **Action:** Roberto will see what can be sent back
- c. Website: incoming
- d. Zenodo documents: <https://zenodo.org/records/15261566>
- e. Action: download and share: [EOSC CSA EOSC Ireland Node project description.docx](#) (locked but Gavin will fix up)
- f. Asiera (HEAnet)
- g. Discussion
 - i. EOSC - enabling infrastructure that allows people to conduct open research
 - 1. FAIR & reproducibility
 - 2. Interoperable data
 - 3. Connectivity layer
 - ii. Aedin: Eduroam - common wifi system; EOSC equivalent next step up - all on same infrastructure; everything findable & sharable in harmonised way
 - 1. Roberto: slides
 - 2. NORF projects: <https://norf.ie/>
- h. **Action: align for future talks from EOSC Ireland**

18. Congrats VIBE@TCD. Amazing meeting Máire!

- a. Huge thanks to Maire & all involved in coordinating!
- b. **Who is host for 2026?**
 - i. Daniel Murphy: DCU - volunteered to lead for 2026 event
- c. TBC: Easy access chair for submissions → Oxford Abstracts
 - i. Possible central budget to support platform
 - ii. Web clone for easy next web updates
- d. [ELIXIR-IE's report on VIBE workshop](#) & posters, etc
 - i. .
- e. Action - Gavin: follow up Daniel - DCU
- f. Letter of supports from ELIXIR possible for any reason
- g. **Action:** Workshop report online soon
 - i. Always like career paths +

19. Congrats Pilib O Broin (Galway) Laura Whelan (RCSI) - new ELIXIR-IE Deputy HoNs

- a. ELIXIR Ireland cross institutional supports & expansion

20. Check if time/frequency still works

- a. Currently: fourth Thursday each month, 14:00-15:00 (Irish local time)
- b. Comments
 - i. **Action: summary mail check w/ them**

21. Updates on life science data survey. 99+ responses. Funding ELIXIR update

- a. Screenshare - draft write up
- b. Plan to get on Zenodo
- c. Strategy intentions as next step

- d. **Action:** get available on Zenodo & stats/support for institutes we can help provision
 - i. → draft report for input
 - ii. Analysis and ideas very welcome

22. [RDMKit](#) and [RSQkit](#)

- a. Useful resources on data management for life sciences and research software quality

23. INSPIRE coordination

- a. Timelines
 - i. For larger cross-institutional bids; not yet known (500k+ euro)
- b. Cross institutional planning
 - i. Thinking for an ELIXIR cross institutional bid
 - ii. Equipment bid - multi tenanted across sites; reduced redundancy
 - iii. TRE - sensitive data compute; e.g. health/genomic but also wider
 - iv. Asiera - cannot put in bid; but happy to align & engage for national supports
 - v. Alignments w/ ICHEC, etc & national needs
- c. If interest do contact aedin.culhane@ul.ie to align
- d. Discussion
 - i. Colm: TRE idea - data scoping very important: omics clear focus
 - ii. AJ: social, health, environmental, and molecular data
 - iii. Aedin: upcoming cancer meeting big TRE speakers
 - iv. Key thing is alignments and standardisation for TRE models
 - v. Action:

24. New institutional progression for ELIXIR-IE

- a. Finalising update 1 to paperwork this month
- b. Then to include MTU, TCD & TUD
- c. MTU need info on key contacts
- d. Anticipating April/May
- e. Contact gavin.farrell@ul.ie if other institutes wishing to apply for approval- now is time to act in next legal update round

25. [VIBE web page & charter](#)

- a. Info on prior events
 - i.
- b. Charter on zenodo - from archives
 - i.

26. Meetings 2026. ECCB <https://eccb2026.org/submission-guidelines>. What meetings should be on calendar.

- a. ELIXIR-IE website for events content/news
- b. EuroBioC2026, <https://eurobioc2026.bioconductor.org/>

- c. SSI CW26, Belfast
<https://www.software.ac.uk/workshop/collaborations-workshop-2026-cw26>

27. AOB

- a. Simon: ICHEC updates
 - i. Planning and procurement soon for Caspir infrastructure
 - ii. Planning for the year - alongside the hardware
 - iii. Data oriented services
 - iv. Aedin: NORF/HEAnet & alignments w/ ICHEC
 - v. Simon: envisage system w/ distributed data and federated infrastructure
 - 1. Caspir not only HPC in past but now thinking - partition for more dedicated communities and datasets
 - 2. Starter projects & lighthouse - prep now domain specific & for communities
 - 3. Aedin: **action- survey info can be shared to cross inform ICHEC planning**
 - 4. INSPIRE bids - not yet known what status is Venkatesh will know
 - b. ICHEC & EOSC add to next agendas
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Thursday 27th November, 14:00-15:00 (GMT)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Aedin Culhane (UL), Metin Yazar (UCD), Courtney Gorman (UCD), Pilib Ó Broin (University of Galway), David MacHugh (UCD), Darrin Hulsey (UCD), Maria Doyle (UL), Máire Ní Leathlobhair (TCD), Pasha Baranov (UCC), Colm Ryan (UCD), Laura Whelan (RCSI).

Apologies:

1. PTRLI & INSPIRE

- a. Kevin Byrne - bioinformatics related link point: on the working group for this
 - i. **Action:** invite Kevin to join VIBE & ELIXIR calls to give background on the call
- b. Upcoming funding calls – discussion & alignment
- c. New PTRLI program announced [INSPIRE](#) at least €500m over the lifetime of the National Development Plan 2026-2031. Initial €100 million allocated in 2026
 - i. Two Phase funding **Q1 2026**,
 - 1. **Local Institutional Infrastructure:** equipment used routinely for both teaching and research purposes within a higher education institution, typically costing between €25,000 and €500,000.

2. **Shared Advanced Infrastructures:** costing in excess of €500,000, these refer to larger-scale more advanced equipment appropriately shared across a number of higher education institutions and also with external users.

- ii. **Strategic National Infrastructures:** Wider research infrastructure eg Ireland's High-Performance Computing (**HPC**) capability and support for Tyndall National Institute, Irish Research electronic Library (IReL) etc

d. Discussion

- i. SMEs & other call outs in the call text
- ii. TBC - call doc release; keep on our radar and idea for joint collaboration on this call to fund shared infrastructure for all of our needs
- iii. **Action:** Venkatesh engagement on shared infrastructure - sensitive human data supports in this space / GDI / +
- iv. Alignments data labs, hubs, data spaces, AI Antenna, +
 1. IRLdat engagements possible
- v. ICHEC - legal entity; not changing any time soon but long term consideration
- vi. **Action:** work on ideation on this for proposal & strategy align
 1. Work out overlap
 2. Set up document
- vii. 2027 & data spaces vision
- viii. **Action:** staffing Q identify | identify what institutional bids and focus is to align

2. Life Science Strategy consultation (DETE)

- a. [News item](#)
- b. [Public consultation on National Life Sciences Strategy](#) (Deadline Dec 5th)
- c. Discussion
 - i. Past letter to DFHERIS on bioinformatics needs - reuse
 - ii. Aedin - could put in with other ESFRIs or do we do it within the group?
 - iii. ESFRIs in Ireland: <https://zenodo.org/records/16733444>
 1. ECRIN - TBC
 2. ISSDA & DAIRAH
 - a. TILDA → ISSDA managed
 - b. Human sensitive
 - iv. Denis- targeted response from this group may be better
 - v. **Action: document**
 1. **Ask ISSDA to sign sensitive data**

3. VIBE event updates (Maire/Corey/+) <https://www.gen.tcd.ie/vibe/> 8-9th Dec

Other events on Dec 9th, launch of the report *A Landscape Analysis of Cancer Research on the Island of Ireland (2019–2024)*, taking place on Tuesday, 9th of December 2025, at the Museum of Literature Ireland (MoLI), Dublin. [Register](#)

Aedin will give talk on ELIXIR & VIBE

VIBE: full programme and speakers available - 200 people registered for main day;
2x venues: <https://www.gen.tcd.ie/vibe/>

ECR & industry over 100 on the 9th

Breakout available on the **8th - action Gavin follow up: confirmed**
-V early morning possible on 9th

Largest VIBE so far; close in the past

ELIXIR & VIBE website -

GitHub: <https://github.com/codemeleon/elixir-ireland.github.io> action: Gavin add archive
& PI page & button to contribute

Late registration: email vibe.eire@gmail.com

4. AICRI event 9th December - Molly museum after ECR

5. Survey - updates & request to push out

- a. Link to Survey <https://forms.gle/p3DuBH7bfvdnaXGS8>
- b. Sharing Q?
 - i. **Action please share as wide as possible**
 - ii. If they work with life science data - they are within scope to reply
- c. Have refined and made shorter to skip irrelevant sections
- d. Sent out survey, based on initial 10 responses, updated. Have printed copy available for those without google [Aedin to upload link]
- e. Research Ireland will disseminate the survey (via Maria Nash)
- f. Should we make a poster?
 - i. → Gavin will have VIBE poster on the strategy & survey :)
- g. **Action: LinkedIn - & send out pack Gavin send today to support dissemination**
- h. New end deadline 19th December
- i. Denis: genomics data CRT
 - i. **Action: sandra.healy@universityofgalway.ie**
 - ii. VIBE PIs direct mail
- j. Pasha: presentation on data provenance - this is a big difficulty



6. National strategy

- a. DFHERIS engagements update
 - i. Meeting last month with William Beausang (DFHERIS) w/ Gavin & Aedin
 - ii. Very interested & engaged
 - iii. Feedback is not coming through enough - so value the survey
 - iv. Looking forward to what the future scenario should look like
 - v. See as important - data spaces & compute: if done right for life sciences and extensible approach and model that can scale
 - vi. Alignments between EOSC Ireland (HEAnet), ICHEC, +
 - vii. Have requested minor stop gap suggestion for funding to get ELIXIR Ireland some sustainability to cover immediate needs
 - viii. European best scenario benchmarks
- b. Survey will greatly support the engagements & goal for national support

7. **Workshop date - at VIBE: Note above point 8th December breakout during VIBE**

- a. Ideation and crystallise the strategy document
- b. Get more engagement for survey responses
- c. Ideas welcome for the format

8. **ELIXIR Ireland new Deputy Heads of Nodes**

- a. Laura Whelan (RCSI)
- b. Pilib O Broin (Galway)

9. **EOSC updates (Roberto - where available)**

- a.

10. **ICHEC Caspir updates (Venkatesh & Simon - where available)**

- a. GDI engagements - online meeting & scoping use case
- b. Scientific council - Q action Venkatesh

11. **AOB**

- a. Welcoming Metin - working on ELIXIR STEERS projects
- b. Darrin - imaging also good to have on survey
 - i. CT scan | movie image analysis | memory intensive
- c. Nicholas Cooley - working on Bioconductor and research software
 - i. To link in with Maria

d.

Thursday 23rd October, 14:00-15:00 (Irish local time)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Karsten Hokamp (TCD), Pilib Ó Broin (University of Galway), Cathal Seoighe, Maire Ni Leathbaoir, Simon Wong, Venkatesh Kannan, Denis Shields, Laura Whelan, Aedin Culhane, Metin Yazar (UCD)

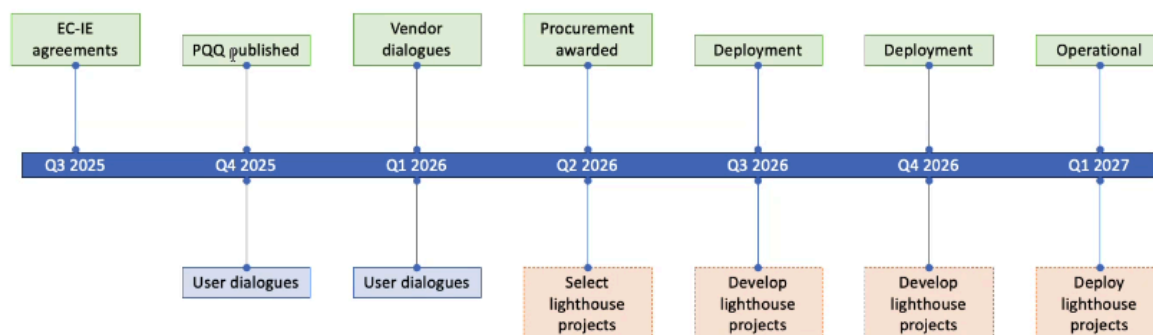
Apologies:

12. EOSC CSA project

- a. Funded
- b. EOSC Ireland Plan <https://zenodo.org/records/16266119>
- c. Led by HEAnet
- d. Various working groups (work packages)
 - i. Described in Zenodo
- e. Demo for the earth sciences
- f. Sensitive data focus also
- g. Start up Q1 - March/April 2026:
 - i. Primary WP Leads meeting end of next week
 - ii. Irish presidency event cross links (data focused event)
 - iii. EOSC Symposium may be in Ireland in 2026 usually (Q4 November for these events)
- h. Other cross linked events - HRB
- i. EOSC Nodes
 - i. Life sciences connect one
 - ii. May get funded

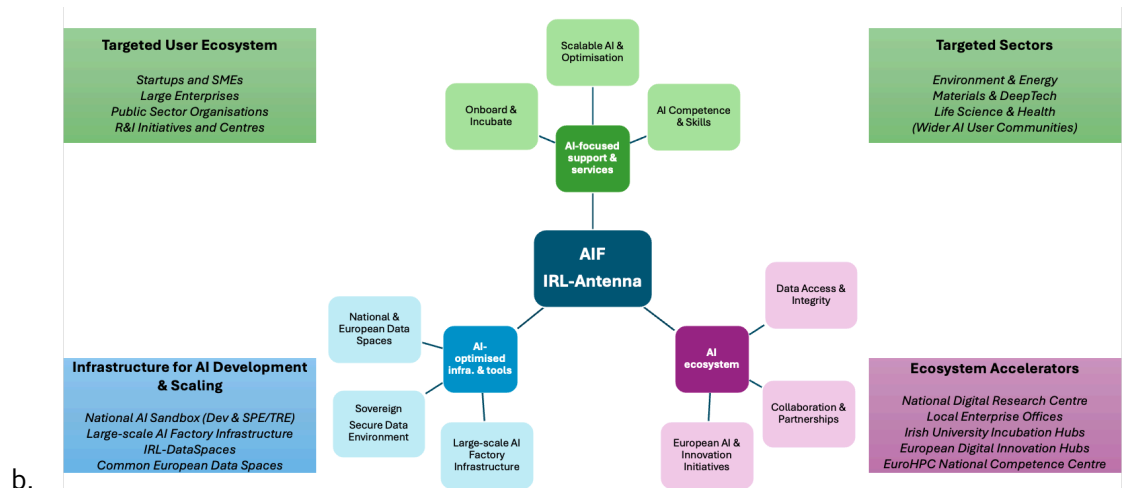
13. ICHEC - EuroHPC

- a. Funded for new machine
- b. Venkatesh: user engagement & dialogue timelines - to feed technical specification



14.

15. User dialogues VIBE & ELIXIR & GDI - interviews
 - a. Technical specifications first
16. Note: lighthouse projects – to prepare for deployments in CASPIr
 - a. Not all identified yet - 14x possible (Select during dialogue)
17. **Irish AI Factory antenna** - also announced
 - a. Complementary support from Jan 2026



18. VIBE event info - <https://www.gen.tcd.ie/vibe/>
 - a. Maire Ni Leathlobhair - main TCD Lead
 - b. Trinity College Dublin on December 8-9, 2025.
 - c. Registration (free for all attendees): [Registration link](#)
 - i. Monday, 24 November 2025, 23:59 (Irish Standard/Local Time)
 - d. Abstract submission (for oral or poster presentations): [Abstract submission link](#).
 - i. Registration deadline: Abstract deadline: Friday, 31 October 2025, 23:59 (Irish Standard/Local Time)
 - e. Any updates
 - f. Discussion
 - i. Could plan satellite event if useful
 1. **Action:** all flag if useful - and can plan
 - ii. How many submissions
 1. 4X symposia and also flash talks at end of each
 2. 20x total presenters (at a guess)

19. ELIXIR Ireland website live

- a. <https://elixir-ireland.ie/home>. We welcome feedback.
- b. For relevant news
 - i. Can cross link and create news cards & sub page stories
- c. For events
 - i. Can cross link and create event cards
- d. Contact elixir@ul.ie for adding content
 - i. Or Gavin directly gavin.farrell@ul.ie

- e. ELIXIR communities (<https://elixir-europe.org/communities>) are planning on engaging more with GA4GH communities (<https://www.ga4gh.org/what-we-do/communities-of-interest/>) please let us know if you are involved, so we can inform you of updates submitted to Node leadership.
- f. Can disseminate your publications, events, "humble brags" through [ELIXIR Ireland LinkedIn](#) if useful. We are happy to promote Irish bioinformatics research... what is the best approach
- g. We are happy to use the ELIXIR LinkedIn site, to help disseminate your research
- h. **Action Gavin RECOVER old content: & source new e.g. SFI CRT/Genomics project/+**
 - i. elixir@ul.ie → for any additions (even VIBE cross link info for inclusivity)
 - ii.

20. Poll - anonymous: ELIXIR Site - a dedicated VIBE page for easy maintainability?

- a. Describe VIBE
- b. Highlight the PIs
- c. Mail list info
- d. Hold old events info
- e. **Yes -action Gavin add page**
 - i. Page mockup and get feedback
 - ii. Pilib: Training and courses centralise across all
 - 1. RCSI new courses - check w/ Laura
 - iii. Gavin: the PIs highlighted
 - iv. Sheet:  VIBE PIs
 - 1. **Action:** Capture lab websites in VIBE list
 - 2. Just groups for the moment & pictures at later date

21. Landscaping survey to feed strategy

- a. Questionnaire to be sent out:  Survey_Design_National_Strategy_20251022
- b. Launch November - 2-3 weeks
- c. Get first draft of strategy for Vibe early December
 - i. Then refine at VIBE & identify gaps and refine
- d. Refinement and timeline
- e. Launch at VIBE - with input
- f. **Action all: if feedback for survey to capture - please feedback**
- g. Discussion
 - i. Pilib: timeframe reasonable
 - ii. **Action all - please work on survey refinement already**
- h. Get Hub and other feedback
- i. Send out for 1 week comments then launch
 - i. Early November - 2 weeks approx open; 2 weeks to then feed the strategy draft
- j. Venkatesh: when available for higher level? DFHERIS?

- i. Government strategy for digital infrastructure
- ii. National strategy should have visibility of the national one
- iii. Topic: 'Advanced computing - HPC, Data, AI, Quantum Computing Infrastructures & Services'
- iv. Due: ?
- v. Q1 still useful for this national strategy

22. Strategy skeleton

- a. Existing strategies to cross link to
 - i. **Action: all send - be it European/national/institutional**
 - ii. ICHEC: 2026-2030
- b.  ELIXIR-IE_VIBE_National_Strategy_20250903
- c. Authorship
 - i. Contributors capture
- d. Purpose & scope:
 - i.
- e. Timeline:
 - i. Draft for VIBE
 - ii. Venkatesh input:
- f. Discussion:
 - i. Hope to crystallise this into a fundable initiative
 - ii.
- g. Actions:
 - i. Feedback on skeleton very welcome
 - ii. Department what they want to see from us
 - iii. IF you see section contribute to - do flag already
- h. **Poll to proceed:**
 - i. Questionnaire: 10/10 yes
 - ii. Strategy: 10/10 yes

23. Upcoming Grants or Event Announcements

- a. All Island Forum on Cancer Data 26-27th Jan, Queens University Belfast
 - i. Registration this week
- b.

24. AOB

- a. Next call one month

Thursday 25th September, 14:00-15:00 (Irish local time)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Pilib Ó Broin (UG), Venkatesh Kannan (ICHEC)

, Denis Shields (UCD), Eithne Cunney (representing Cliona O'Farrelly, TCD), Karsten Hokamp (TCD), Courtney Gorman (representing Darrin Hulsey, UCD), Maria Doyle (UL), Roberto Sabatino (HEAnet), Pavel Baranov (UCC), Aedin Culhane (UL, ELIXIR HoN), Cathal Seoighe (UG), Anmol Kiran (UCC), Karen Siu Ting (QUB)

Apologies: Graham Hughes (UCD), Cliona O'Farrelly (TCD), Maire Ni Leathlobhair (TCD), Laura Whelan (RCSI)

25. Monthly meeting & purpose:

- a. National alignments - VIBE & ELIXIR Ireland
- b. National PIs

26. VIBE event info - <https://www.gen.tcd.ie/vibe/>

- a. Maire Ni Leathlobhair - main TCD Lead
- b. Trinity College Dublin on December 8-9, 2025.
- c. Registration (free for all attendees): [Registration link](#)
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27. ICHEC & HEANET MoU

- a. Plans for ICHEC & HEANET MoU with ELIXIR Ireland
ICHEC - <https://www.ichec.ie/>

28. ICHEC - national HPC & Data infrastructure updates (Venkatesh)

- a. Status of CASPIr (national HPC and Data Infrastructure)
- b. Advanced Computing Strategy (HPC, Data Management, AI, Quantum Computing)
 - i. Governance and legal also addressed here
- c. CASPIr co-design and operation for R&I communities
- d. Timeline second week of October, more formal news will be disclosed
- e. Q: Tiered computing - what is this?
 - i. Tier 1 national infrastructure, Tier 2 institutional (clusters/project specific),
 - ii. Coordinated linking and operationalisation - reduce duplication & interoperate them to scale up
 - iii. Tier 0 - European level
- f. AI Factory Antenna for Ireland - update known in October also if successful
 - i. Small infrastructure - compute & storage 300k approx - Caspir then is the large scale infrastructure
- g. Q: Caspir scale - original infrastructure; update?
 - i. Data centric & tiered for security
 - ii. Data science & AI
 - iii. Private cloud module - gateway for data infrastructure (usual cloud; VMs, container, +)

- iv. Federated storage from other Irish and European
- v. LS-AAI / ESA's AAI / compliance amongst these
- h. Q: Timescale?
 - i. Q1 2027 - Feb approx
 - ii. 15 Pflops, but in engagement for procurement - bare minimum so likely higher; most capacity available by this start point
- i. Q: Access for the big datasets & sensitive ones?
 - i. Co-design stage will get this ready in interim before the Caspir launch via input from prospective users
- j. Q: Local deployment and transfer over?
 - i. 300k secure data environment infrastructure - not large storage; server based integration. Develop software and then deploy at scale on Caspir
 - ii. Preparing for AI & non-AI
- k. Q: timeline for sandbox? SDE.
 - i. Q1 in 2026, but usable by Q2 2026 in place
 - ii. Governance main input also for this - as joint voice
 - iii. Governance & infrastructure timetables - not the same; operating in parallel
- l. University heads, ICHEC heads & DFHERIS - all working to align & get further inputs
 - i. Gap with university input & info exchange
 - ii. Aedin: prior letter to Uni heads, in April. Important to ensure needs are met
 - iii. Need to revisit
- m. Roberto: sandbox for SDE?
 - i. Venkatesh: not yet announced where but Caspir home for next decade found. Sandbox likely here
 - ii. Aedin: sandbox use case?
 - 1. Venkatesh: life science health, material science, & environmental

29. HEANET - EOSC Ireland updates (Roberto)

- a. Position paper: <https://zenodo.org/records/16266119>
- b. Discussions ongoing with DFHERIS to get starting funding for EOSC Ireland in place, no major updates yet but moving well
- c. Q1 early start hoped
- d. Parallel 2x initiatives:
 - i. EOSC o1-o1 call, EC grant led by GEANT: Node as a service for countries to reuse their own national EOSC Node. SURF Research cloud as the core basis.
 - ii. Pilot of SURF Research Cloud by HEANET for EOSC Ireland
 - 1. researchcloud.heanet.ie
 - 2. <https://www.surf.nl/en/services/compute/surf-research-cloud>
 - 3. Oracle/AWS/Azure - minor credit of 1k euro but applied for 25k applied for and incoming soon
 - 4. Users can login and test - with approval from Roberto Sabatino
 - 5. Catalog of resources
 - 6. SURF's SPE - SANE is live: sensitive data testbed infrastructure

7. DCU - linking their Openstack & SETU, w/openstack & also Cloudcix
8. Can federate resources in and proof of concept
9. What is needed to come from this:
 - a. Provider how it works to provision resources
 - b. User: how it meets needs/gaps/could work
- iii. HORIZON: cofund programme:

https://eosc.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/20250725_Draft_HORIZON-IN-FRA-2026-2027_TC.pdf

 1. National agencies - SFI/HRB/etc express interest to the fund
 2. Latest **March 2027** - but we need to push them on this
 3. Building EOSC capacity - e.g. SPE /storage/CPU/etc, cofunded by member states
- iv. Q: Venkatesh: in computing strategy - EOSC and links bidirectional planned
 1. Cofund, momentum building to lobby DFHERIS
 2. Can fold in & also work in with HRB & SFI
 3. DTIF & other
- e. **EC grants**
 - i. EU HORIZON 2025 InfraDev Funding ELIXIR RISE (UL - ELIXIR co-ordinator role)
 1. Service maturity for life science resources & maturation support
 - ii. EU HORIZON 2025 PANAIRE (UCD, UL)
 1. AI & pandemic preparedness
 - iii. Previously granted: CANDLE - national cancer Nodes

30. Link to ELIXIR Slides Deck (from last call) [Slide deck](#) - Join ELIXIR community

<https://elixir-europe.org/communities>

- a. Community groups into network of Europe project consortia to help broker involvements
- b. Attend face-to-face meetings

31. Genomic Data Infrastructure demo with synthetic data beacon.ul.ie

- a. Synthetic data and getting beacon up
- b. Getting GDI Ireland proof of concept infrastructure in place
- c. Workshop in Paris at European level in 2 weeks
- d. **Action - Aedin:** explore connect to research cloud & access it through this. LS-AAI link over this - authentication system

32. National strategy; National Life Sciences Data Strategy - Connecting to EU

- a. Purpose & ambition - discussion
 - i. Scope
 1. National/ELIXIR Ireland/All island (north/south)
 2. Aedin: national - but looking to interoperability & partnerships to NI
 - a. University, national alignments, co-centre call

3. Venkatesh: prior experience (Quantum, Space, Digital/AI, Data, Advanced Computing) - industry angle yes in all. Also
 - a. Public patient engagement and prominence
 - b. European international links & talent development
 - c. Lessons from others - AI strategy link Dept of the taoiseach
 - d. Digital/AI- EHDS
 - e. Owner for the strategy among the departments
 - i. DFEHRIS /Health - only one department usually
 - ii. Space - 3x: achilles heal and no owner - very important
 - f. Aedin: HDAB engagement & EHDS legislation - research part less assured, connections vital
- ii. Links to other strategies:
 - 1.
- iii. Cathal: NGGO - engagement?
 1. Aedin: a lot of hiring and interim
 2. GDI & GOI updates
- iv. Scope of who for
 - 1.
- v. Title:
 1. Exact one needed first
 2. Idea: national & life science data research infrastructure
 - a. ELIXIR Scope & then see if wider scope needed for other areas
- vi. Ideas discussion:
 1. Denis: Industry - key point should be in the document
 2. Aedin: specific sections and wider life sciences subsections
 - a. Agri
 - b. Biodiversity
 - c. Microbiome
- b. Life science data & scope
 - i. ELIXIR - life science data research infrastructure
- c. [Document](#)
 - i. Do feed back in
- d. Deadline: **TBC**

33. AOB

- a. Next call next month: 23rd Oct
- b. **Action:** survey for the strategy
 - i. Areas & compute/hardware needs also
 - ii. Identify community needs - Tler 1 & 2

VIBE & ELIXIR Engagement Session:

Thursday 28th August, 14:00-15:00 (IST)

Attendees: Gavin Farrell (UL), Ariadna Miquel-Clopes (Earlham Institute, ELIXIR-UK Node Coordinator), Nicola Soranzo (Earlham Institute, ELIXIR-UK Technical Coordinator), Gianpiero Cavalleri, Steven Watterson (Ulster University), Priyank Shukla (Ulster University), Denis Shields (UCD, ELIXIR Ireland Head of Node), Aedin Culhane (UL), Lars Jermiin, Laura Whelan, Xenia Perez-Sitja (Earlham Institute, ELIXIR-UK), Pasha Baranov, Simon Wong, Maria Nash, Eugene Hickey, Gordon Blackshields, Colm Ryan (UCD), Sandra Healy, Sebastien Riquier, Micheál Mac Aogáin

Apologies: Pilib Ó Broin (University of Galway)

[Slide deck](#)

1. Call recording reminder

2. VIBE event - Máire Ní Leathlobhair (10min)

- a. Annual VIBE meeting will be held at **Trinity College Dublin** on **Monday, 8th December 2025**.
- b. We will also be running a half-day Early Careers Event in collaboration with the **SFI-CRT** in Genomics Data Science on **Tuesday, 9th December 2025**.
 - i. Early careers and PIs
 - ii. The industry and start ups & transition in to relevant industry roles
- c. This year marks a very special milestone: 25 years since VIBE was established. We look forward to marking this anniversary with an exciting programme of presentations, networking, and scientific exchange.
- d. More details, including registration and abstract submission links, will follow shortly. In the meantime, please save the dates.
- e. If you have any questions, feel free to contact vibe.eire@gmail.com
- f. **Discussion**
 - i. Committee meeting tomorrow
 - ii. Registration and abstract links next week
 - iii. Finalising the speakers for keynotes
 - iv. Input from SFI (Sandra) on early careers
 - v. Email Maire for input
 - vi. Gianpiero: Colm o Dushlaine - moved back to IE, a lot of experience to share and could be good for early careers event
 - vii. Action: Gianpiero will follow up with mail
 - viii. Pasha: Jack Tierney - EBI future career option

- ix. Maire: will follow up
- x. Aedin: VIBE format - excellent

3. ELIXIR Ireland institutional engagement & opportunities for current & prospective members (20min)

- a. Speaker: Gavin Farrell (UL)
- b. [Slides](#)
- c. Q&A: ~5mins
 - i.

4. ELIXIR-UK institutional engagement & opportunities for prospective members (20min)

- a. Speakers: Ariadna Miquel-Clopes (Earlham Institute) & Xènia Pérez Sitjà (Earlham Institute)
- b. [Slides](#)
- c. Q&A: ~5mins
 - i. Lars: excellent presentations & progress
 - ii. Denis: existing projects north south alignment
 - 1. AICRI - north south project & wider UK
 - 2. 2x co centres
 - a. Co centre for sustainable food systems
 - i. ELIXIR Letter of Support originally
 - b. And another
 - 3. **Action - future discussion point**
- iii.

5. Onboarding resources

- a. ELIXIR-IE
 - i. [Current members](#) (UoG/RCSI/UL/UCD/UCC)
 - ii. [Missing institutes info to join](#) (All - info pack to join)
 - iii. [Mail list sign up](#) (UoG/RCSI/UL/UCD/UCC)
- b. ELIXIR-UK
 - i. [Become an ELIXIR-UK member | ELIXIR-UK](#)

6. Planning future VIBE & ELIXIR calls (~2min)

- a. Interest for monthly calls at this slot? (4th Thursday at 14:00-15:00?)
- b. Next sessions
 - i. September 25th, 14:00-15:00
 - 1. National strategy setting
 - ii. October 23rd, 14:00-15:00
 - 1. Progress strategy or
 - 2. ELIXIR-IE & UK Collaborations → Aedin Culhane & Carole Goble/Neill Hall led session (Dates would need TBC)



7. AOB

(flagged events/opportunities/+ from members)

a.