



# ELIXIR Cloud and Compute and the Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH)

ICRI EGI: Enabling global research with interoperable digital infrastructures

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for Genomics & Health  
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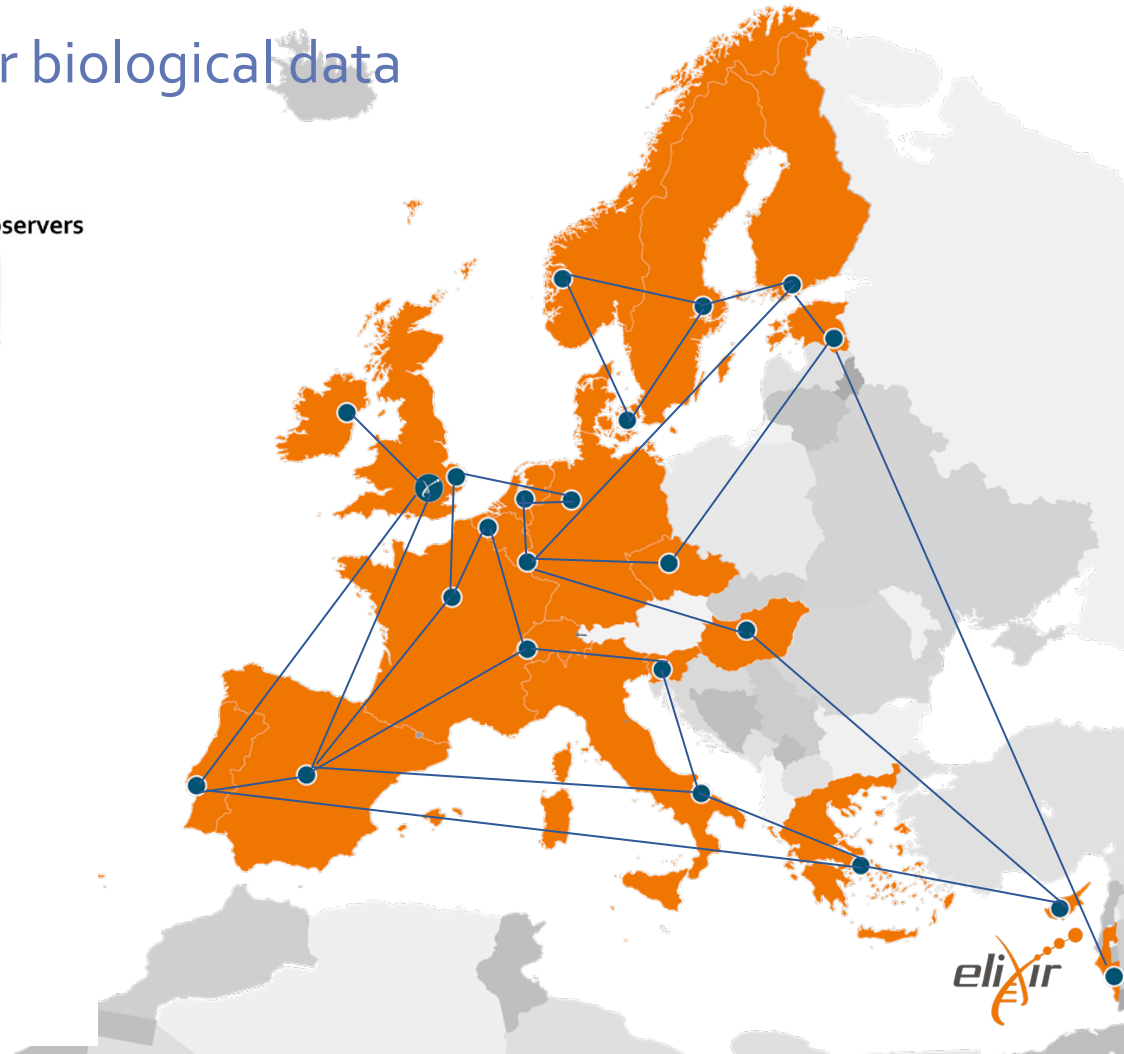
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# A sustainable infrastructure for biological data

## ELIXIR Members



## ELIXIR Observers



# Coordinating services

Databases and Data Resources

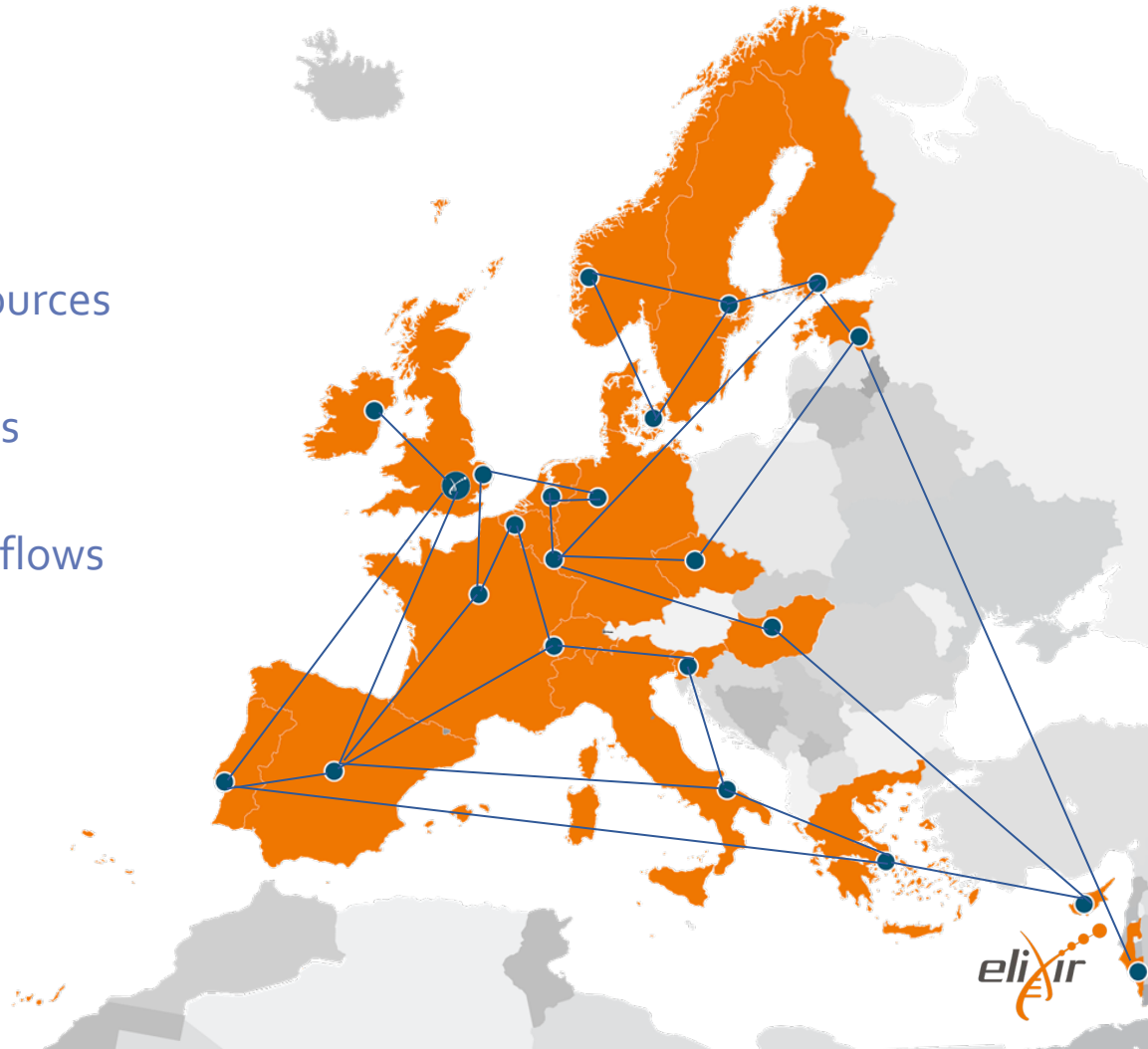
Interoperability Resources

Tools, software and workflows

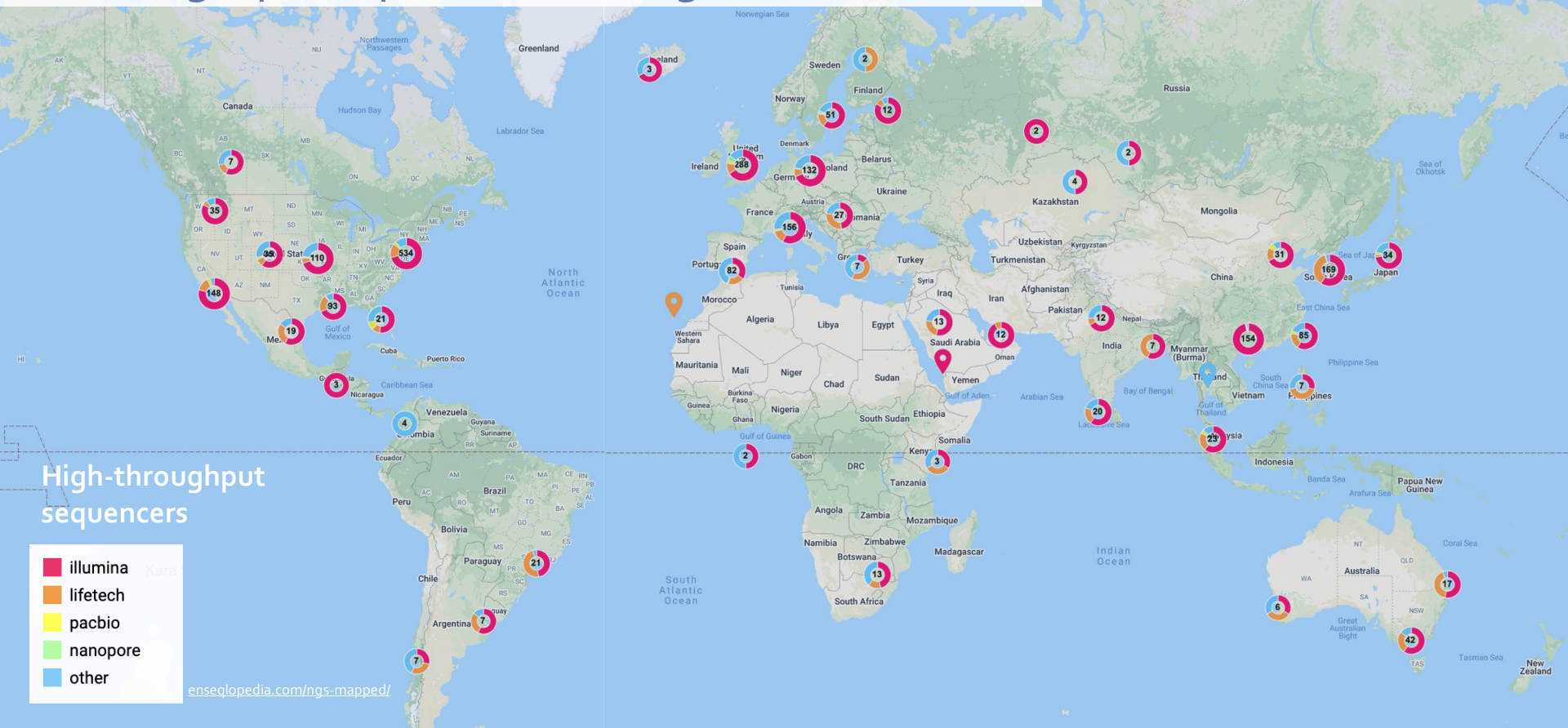
Compute Capabilities

Training Opportunities

Data management



# Geographic spread — data generation

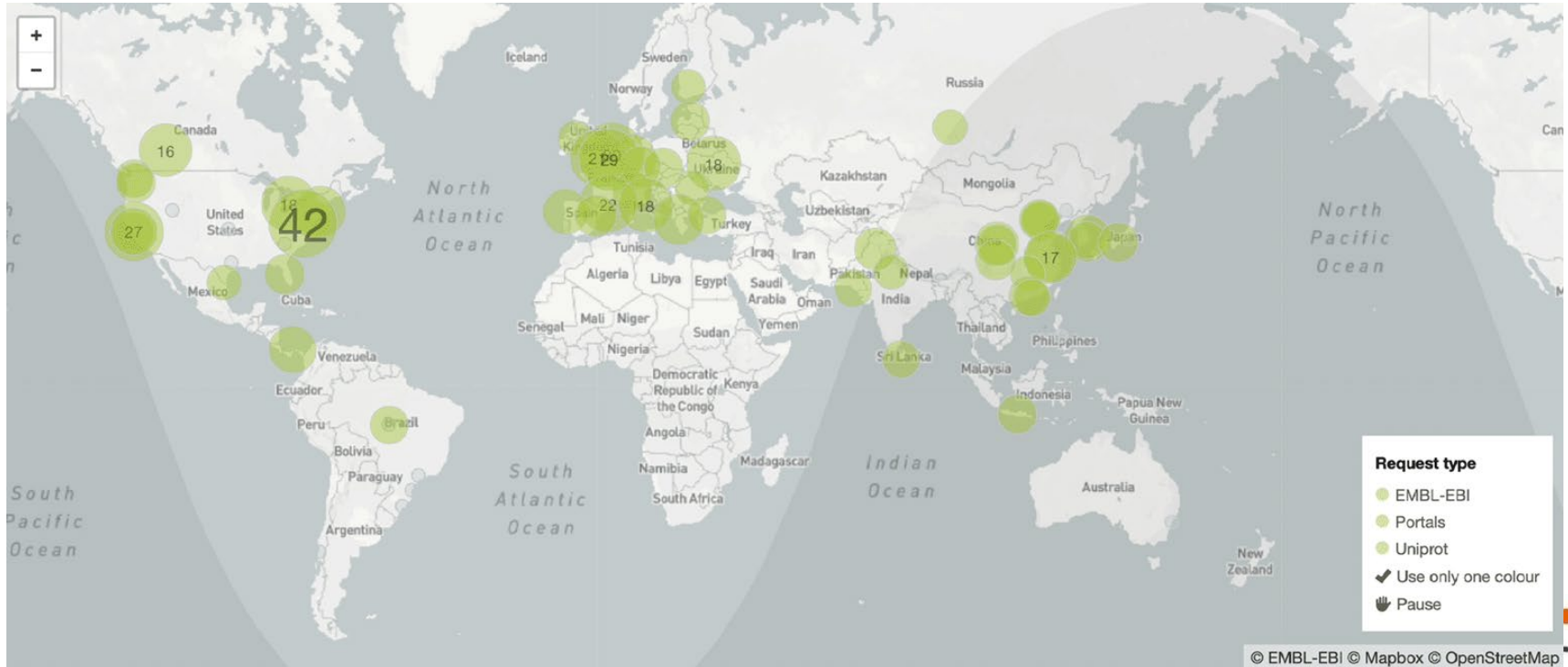


High-throughput sequencers

- illumina
- lifetech
- pacbio
- nanopore
- other

# Geographic spread — usage of data

EMBL-EBI live data map



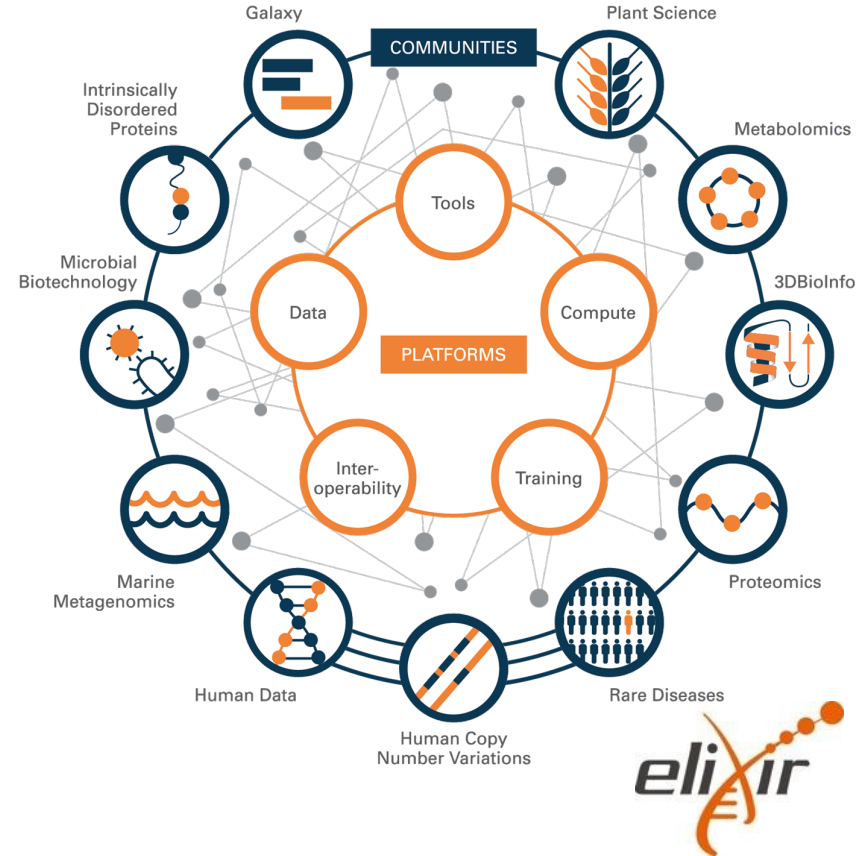
# ELIXIR and the Compute Platform

## ELIXIR Compute Platform

- Identity and access management
- Data Integration for Compute
- ELIXIR Hybrid Cloud Ecosystem
- Deploying Reproducible Containers and Workflows across Cloud Environments

## ELIXIR Tools Platform

- Packaging, Containerisation and Deployment





# Global Alliance for Genomics & Health



## Enabling responsible genomic data sharing for the benefit of human health

The Global Alliance for Genomics and Health (GA4GH) is a policy-framing and technical standards-setting organization, seeking to enable responsible genomic data sharing within a **human rights framework**.



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*“Collaborate on standards, compete on implementations!”*

- **Holistic approach** bringing together all stakeholders: patients, healthcare professionals, industry, academia, lawmakers...
- Developing modular, functional and interoperable **community standards & guidelines** driven by [24 Driver Projects](#)
- Organized in **Work Streams** (e.g., Cloud, Data Security, Regulatory & Ethics)
- ELIXIR is a Strategic Partner of GA4GH



# How we work



**Represent** ELIXIR stakeholders in GA4GH & **promote** GA4GH standards within ELIXIR



**Prototype** real-world use cases with ELIXIR stakeholders, **develop** PoCs & **deploy** at ELIXIR nodes



**Consult** on integrating GA4GH standards into existing solutions and provide **technical support**



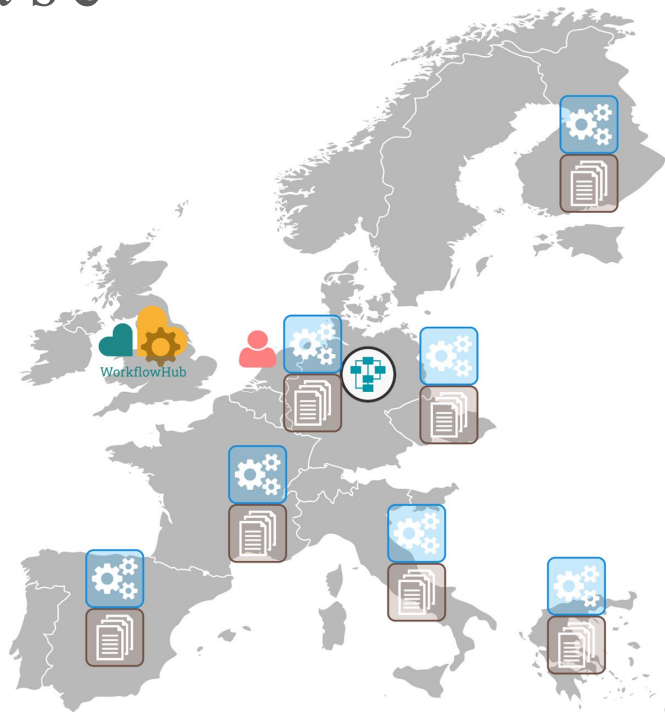
**Interoperability testing** with third party GA4GH-powered solutions



# An example use case



1. Process sensitive data across multiple ELIXIR nodes (workflow) ( )
2. Collect processed data ( )
3. Centrally analyze at host institution (workflow) ( )



# How to federate clouds?



Adoption of

- **GA4GH standards**
- **Common governance & security guidelines**



**Core services**

to further harmonize behavior & facilitate integration



**Reference implementations & auxiliary services**

to bridge gaps & facilitate uptake

# GA4GH Cloud and Access Management APIs



## Passport (AAI)

*Grant access to data & compute*



## TRS: Tool Registry Service API

*Access workflows and container images*



## DRS: Data Repository Service API

*Access to data sets*



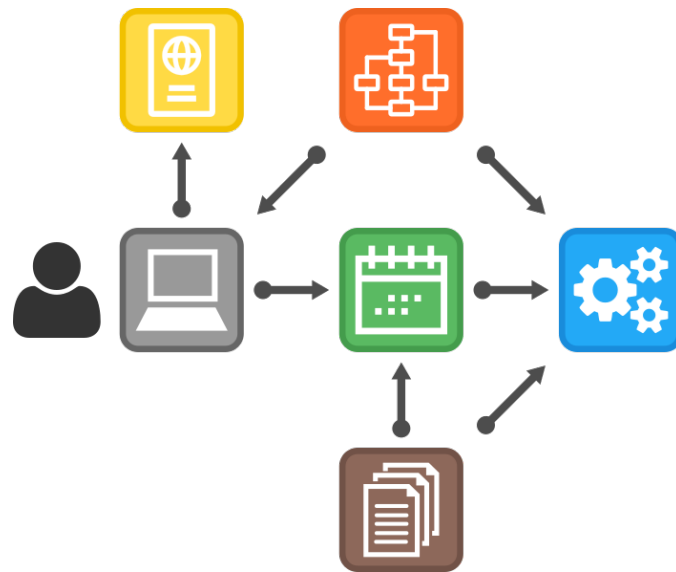
## WES: Workflow Execution Service API

*Interpret workflows & schedule task execution*

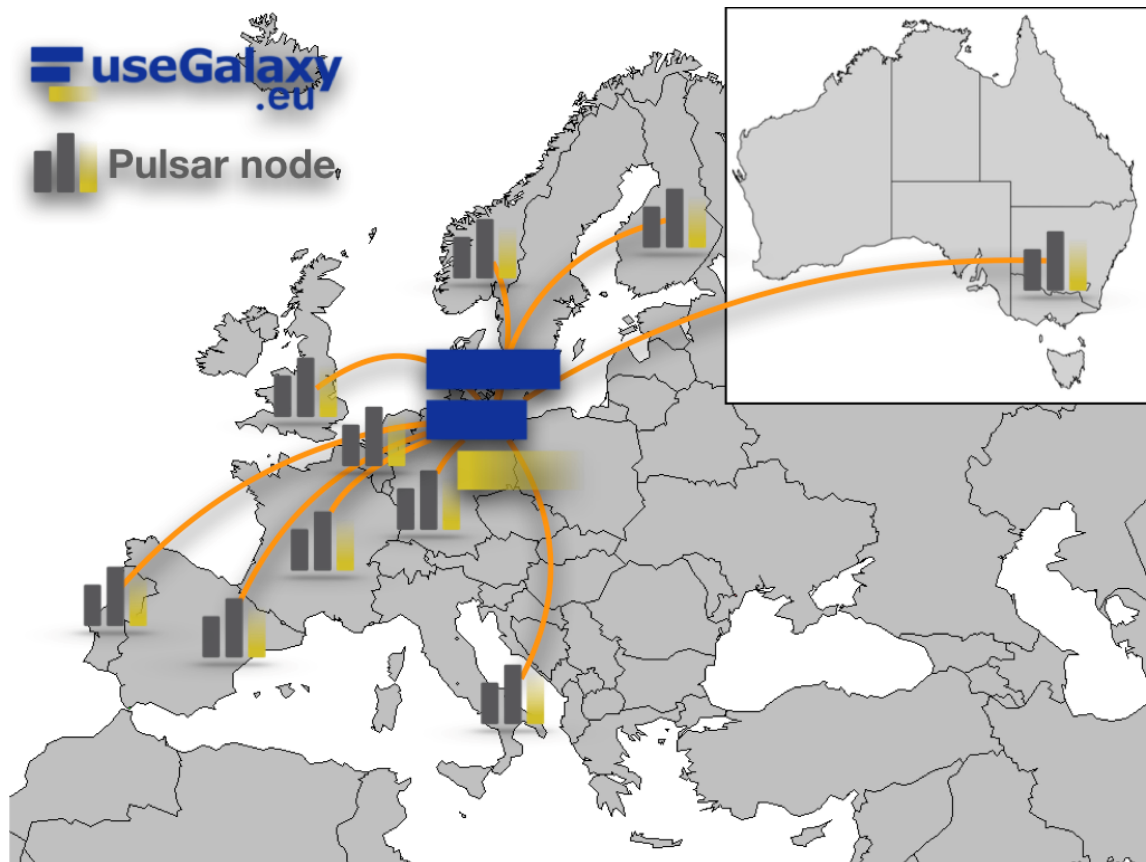


## TES: Task Execution Service API

*Execute tasks*



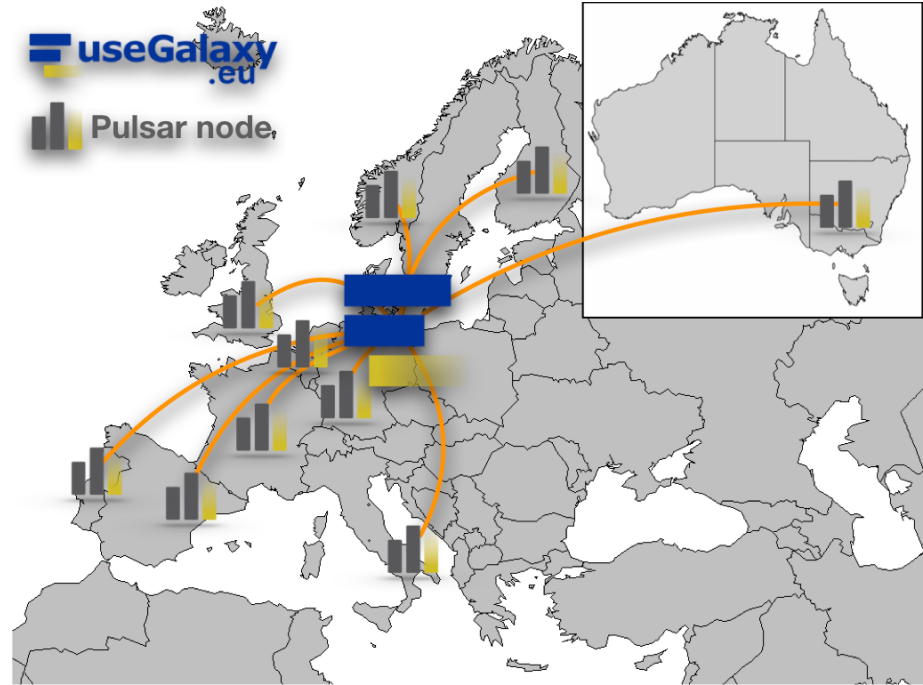
# Technological Implementations:- Galaxy Pulsar



# Galaxy Community becomes an EOSC Infrastructure...

- deferred data / remote data
- distributed storage
- scheduling taking storage into account

**HORIZON-INFRA-2021-EOSC-01** –  
**EuroScienceGateway just kicked off** 😊





# Workflow registry

## <https://workflowhub.eu>

## WorkflowHub

### Workflows

- Any kind of system
- May remain in home repository
- Linked with data, documentation
- Can have DOIs

### WorkflowHub

- Links with other system, import/export (GA4GH TRS, RO-Crate)
- Metadata standards
- Github integration

### Mixed depth of support for Workflow Management Systems

- Lift metadata from different systems
- Coupled to execution platforms

The screenshot displays the WorkflowHub interface for the VIRify workflow. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'WorkflowHub', search, and help options. The main content area shows the workflow name 'VIRify' and its version 'Version 1'. Below this, there's a description of the workflow: 'VIRify is a recently developed pipeline for the detection, annotation, and taxonomic classification of viral contigs in metagenomic and metatranscriptomic assemblies. The pipeline is part of the repertoire of analysis services offered by MGify, VIRify's taxonomic classification relies on the detection of taxon-specific profile hidden Markov models (pHMMs), built upon a set of 22,014 orthologous protein domains and referred to as VIPROGS. VIRify was implemented in CWL.' A 'What do I need?' section lists dependencies: 'The current implementation uses CWL version 1.2 dev2. It was tested using Toil version 4.10 as the workflow engine and conda to manage the software dependencies.' Below this is a complex dependency graph. The 'Inputs' section lists various parameters and their types, such as 'inputfastafile' (File), 'virsorter\_verbosity' (boolean), 'virsorter\_dbdir' (Directory), 'add\_items\_tsv' (File), 'hmmscan\_database\_dir' (Directory), 'ncbi\_tax\_id\_file' (File), 'img\_blast\_database\_dir' (Directory), 'mashmap\_reference\_file' (File?), and 'pprmeta\_simg' (File). The 'Steps' section lists the workflow steps: 'fasta\_rename' (Filter contigs), 'length\_filter' (Filter contigs), and 'virdfinder' (VIRfinder).





# Coupled to execution environments



COVID-19-PE-ARTIC-ILLUMINA (v0.3)

Version 3 -

View on GitHub | Download RD-Crate | Run on usegalaxy.eu

**COVID-19: variation analysis on ARTIC PE data**

The workflow for Illumina-sequenced ARTIC data builds on the RNASeq workflow for paired-end data using the same steps for mapping and variant calling, but adds extra logic for trimming ARTIC primer sequences of reads with the iVar package. In addition, this workflow uses iVar also to identify amplicons affected by ARTIC primer-binding site mutations and, if possible, excludes reads derived from such "barrier" amplicons when calculating allele frequencies of other variants.

SEEK ID: <https://workflowhub.eu/workflows/110?version=3>

**Inputs**

ID	Name	Description	Type
Paired Collection	Paired Collection	Illumina reads from ARTIC assay with fastqanger encoding	File
NC_045512.2 FASTA sequence of SARS-CoV-2	NC_045512.2 FASTA sequence of SARS-CoV-2	Fasta sequence for Severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 isolate Wuhan-Hu-1, complete genome	File
ARTIC primer BED	ARTIC primer BED	BED file containing ARTIC primer positions. Can be retrieved from <a href="https://usegalaxy.eu/u/wolfgang-maier/covid-19-resources">https://usegalaxy.eu/u/wolfgang-maier/covid-19-resources</a>	File
ARTIC primers to amplicon assignments	ARTIC primers to amplicon assignments	Used by iVar trim and iVar removers for assigning primers to amplicons. Should have one line of tab-separated primer names per amplicon. Can be retrieved from <a href="https://usegalaxy.eu/u/wolfgang-maier/covid-19-resources">https://usegalaxy.eu/u/wolfgang-maier/covid-19-resources</a>	File
Read removal minimum AF	Read removal minimum AF	Minimum allele frequency required for a candidate primer binding site mutation to trigger amplicon removal. Variants with AF values below this threshold are treated as possible false positives, which are not worth the coverage loss associated with amplicon removal.	File
Read removal maximum AF	Read removal maximum AF	Maximum allele frequency allowed for a primer binding site mutation to trigger amplicon removal. Variants with AF values above this threshold are treated as false variants, which won't generate amplicon bias.	File
Minimum DP for amplicon bias correction	Minimum DP for amplicon bias correction	At any given variant site use the amplicon bias-corrected read only if the depth of coverage of the site retains at least this value after amplicon removal.	File

**Creators and Submitter**

Creator: Wolfgang Maier  
Submitter: Workflow-Hub Bot

**License**

MIT License

**Activity**

Views: 371 | Downloads: 26  
Created: 12th Mar 2021 at 13:41  
Last updated: 05th Jun 2021 at 13:03  
Last used: 19th Jun 2021 at 18:38

**Tags**

ARTIC covid-19 covid19 galaxyproject.org

**Attributions**

None

Run on usegalaxy.eu

Galaxy Europe

Workflow: COVID-19 - Genomics [4 PE Variation (reported from uploaded file)]

Send results to a new history

Collection Operations

GENERAL TEXT TOOLS

1. Dinduck file

Test Manipulation

2. No genome or genome.gz dataset available

Filter and Sort

3. Panel Collection (dataset)

4. Genomic region manipulation

5. No data dataset collection available

Convert Formats

FASTQFASTQ

FASTQ Quality Control

6. Build BAM (Galaxy Version 1.47) (dataset)

Quality Control

7. Fastq-Gen (Galaxy Version 3.18) (dataset)

8. Mask with RNA-Seq (Galaxy Version 3.17) (2)

9. Mask with RNA-Seq (Galaxy Version 1.11)

10. Mask (Galaxy Version 1.11)

COMMON SERVICES TOOLS

11. STAR with BAM output (Galaxy Version 2.6.0) (dataset)




12. STAR with BAM file (Galaxy Version 2.6.0) (dataset)

13. Header in output

Fetch Sequences | Alignments



# ELIXIR::GA4GH enabled Services & Solutions

 <b>Galaxy</b> PROJECT	 WorkflowHub	 ELIXIR::GA4GH Cloud
Web-based platform for reproducible computational analysis	Registry for describing, sharing and publishing scientific computational workflows	Federated, interoperable network of workflow engines and compute nodes based on GA4GH standards
ELIXIR Community	EOSC-Life resource	GA4GH Driver Project
APIs & (third-party) GUIs	API & GUI	APIs & third-party GUIs

Maturity

# National Implementations: de.NBI Cloud Federation



<https://cloud.denbi.de>

- Fully **academic cloud** federation
- Established 2016
- Provides **storage and computing resources** for the life sciences community
- **Free of charge** for academic use
- Federation is **maintained by the eight German cloud centers** located in Berlin, Bielefeld, Freiburg, Gießen, Heidelberg and Tübingen (+ FZ Jülich in 2022/2023)
- de.NBI Cloud offers a solution to enable **integrative analyses**, the **efficient use of data** in research, and computational **capacities for bioinformatics training**.



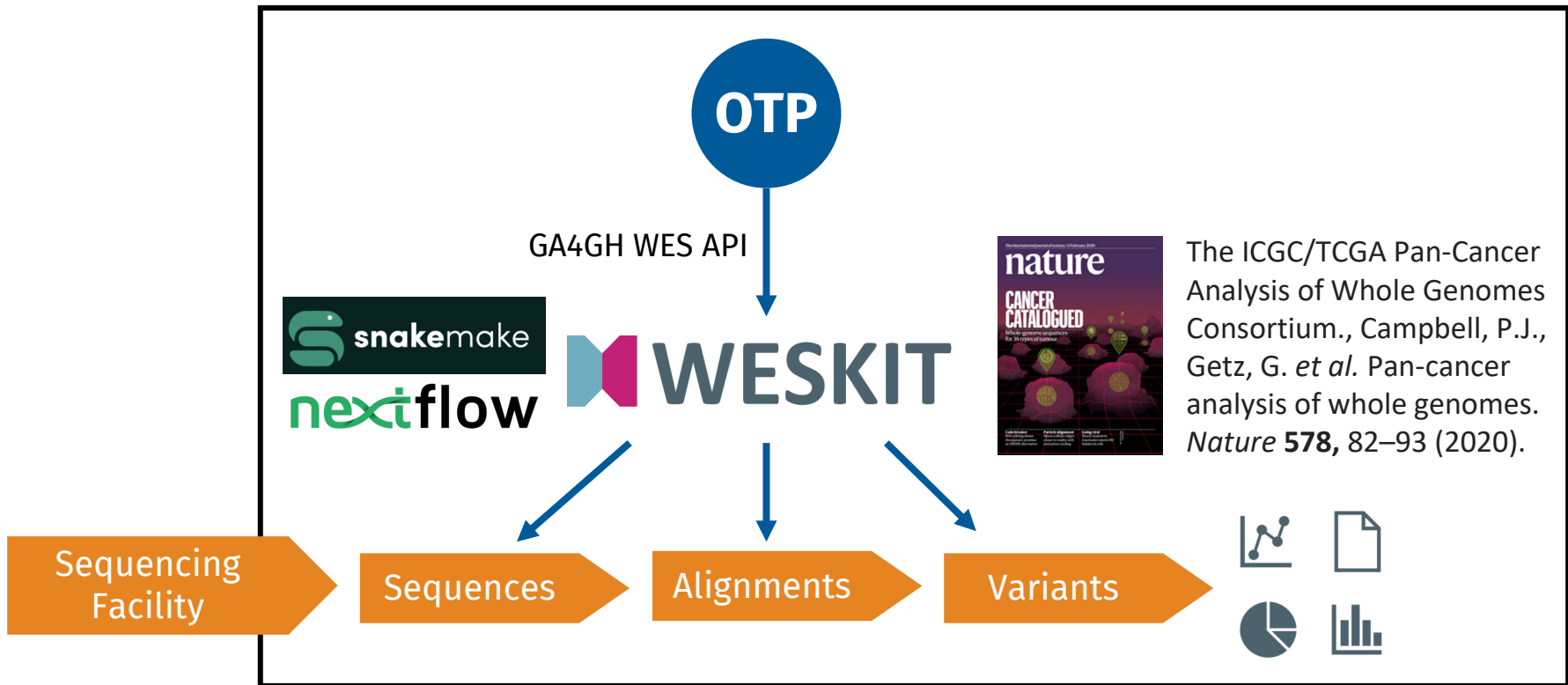


GA4GH WES implementation for Cancer Genomics  
<https://gitlab.com/one-touch-pipeline/weskit>



## Features

- GA4GH WES implementation
- Execution of Snakemake and Nextflow workflows
- Focus: stability and high data throughput
- Developed and used at BIH, DKFZ & Sanger
- HPC and cloud deployment
- OIDC support
- Developed in cooperation with ELIXIR compute platform

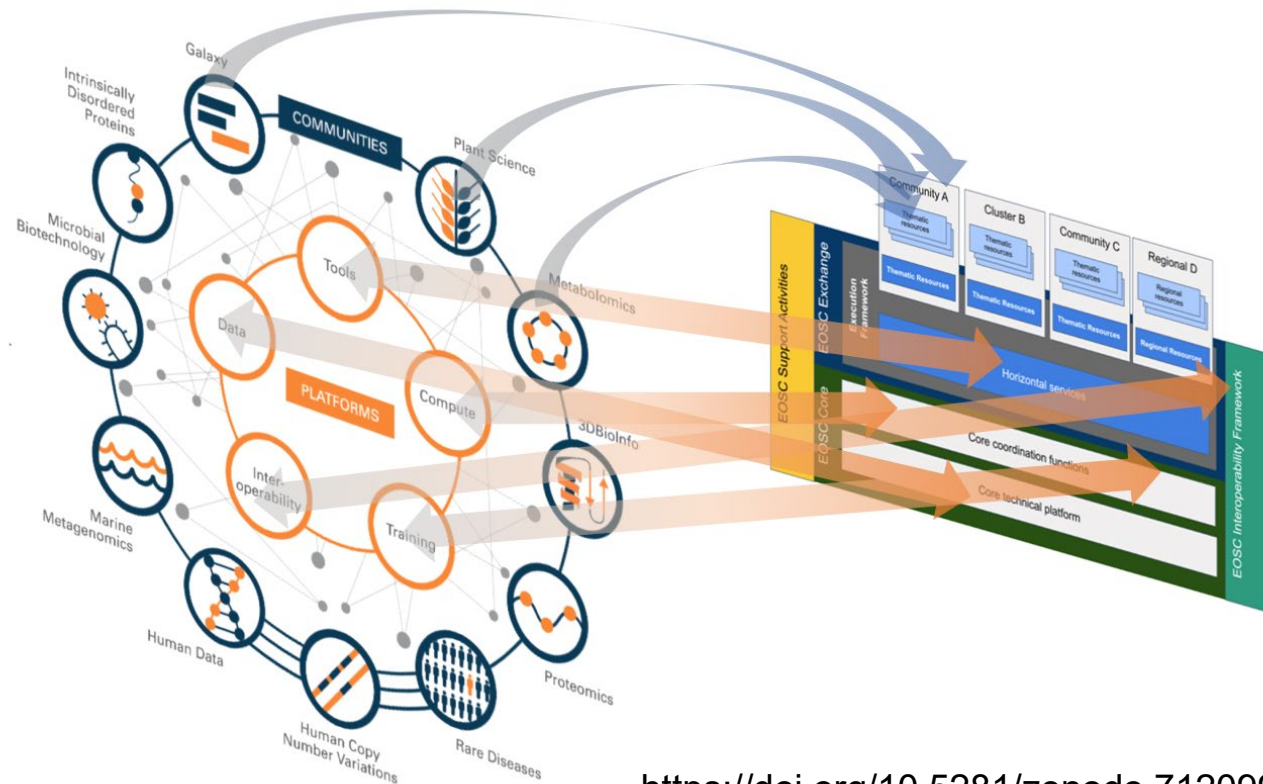


# ELIXIR's EOSC Strategy: ELIXIR is an existing Infrastructure - EOSC is a delivery partner

ELIXIR's communities represent domain-specific expertise and resources.

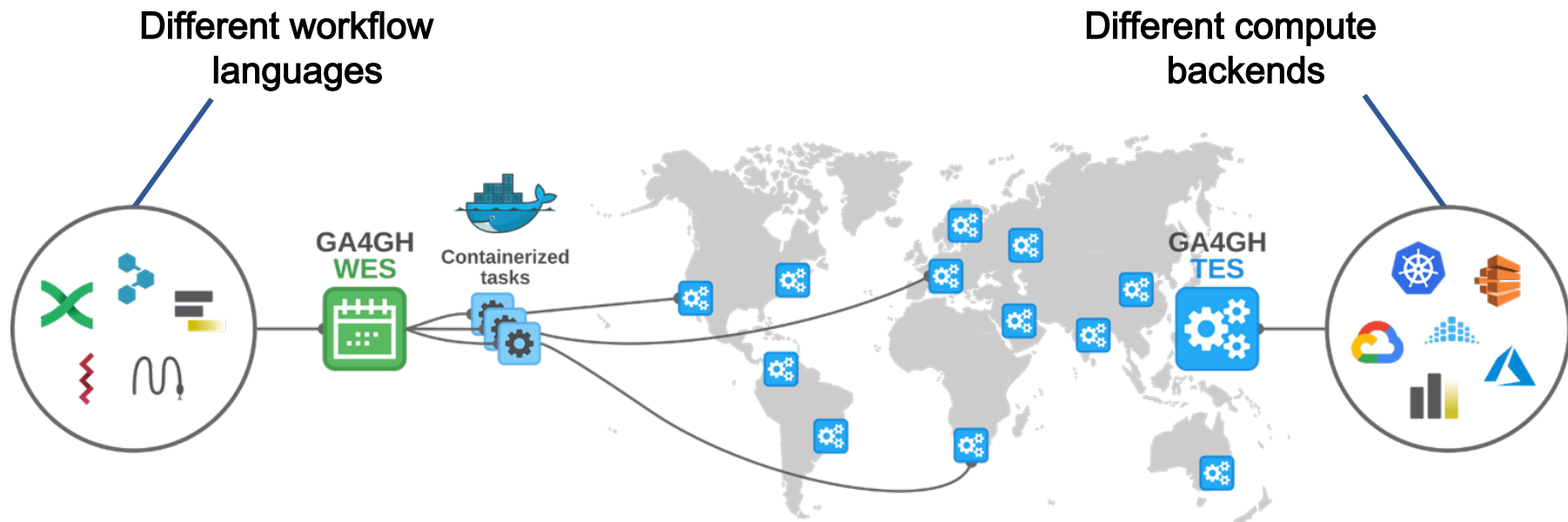
ELIXIR's Commissioned Services represent an ecosystem which meets many of the same goals as EOSC.

We will co-develop EOSC, **influence** components where we have expertise and **adopting** technologies when they have demonstrated utility.





# ELIXIR is enabling federated analytics through the use of GA4GH Cloud API specifications



*"Send the compute to where the data is!"*





**Thanks**

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