



Netherlands
Bioinformatics
Centre

Information NBIC Consortium

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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

Institutes

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

University Medical Centres

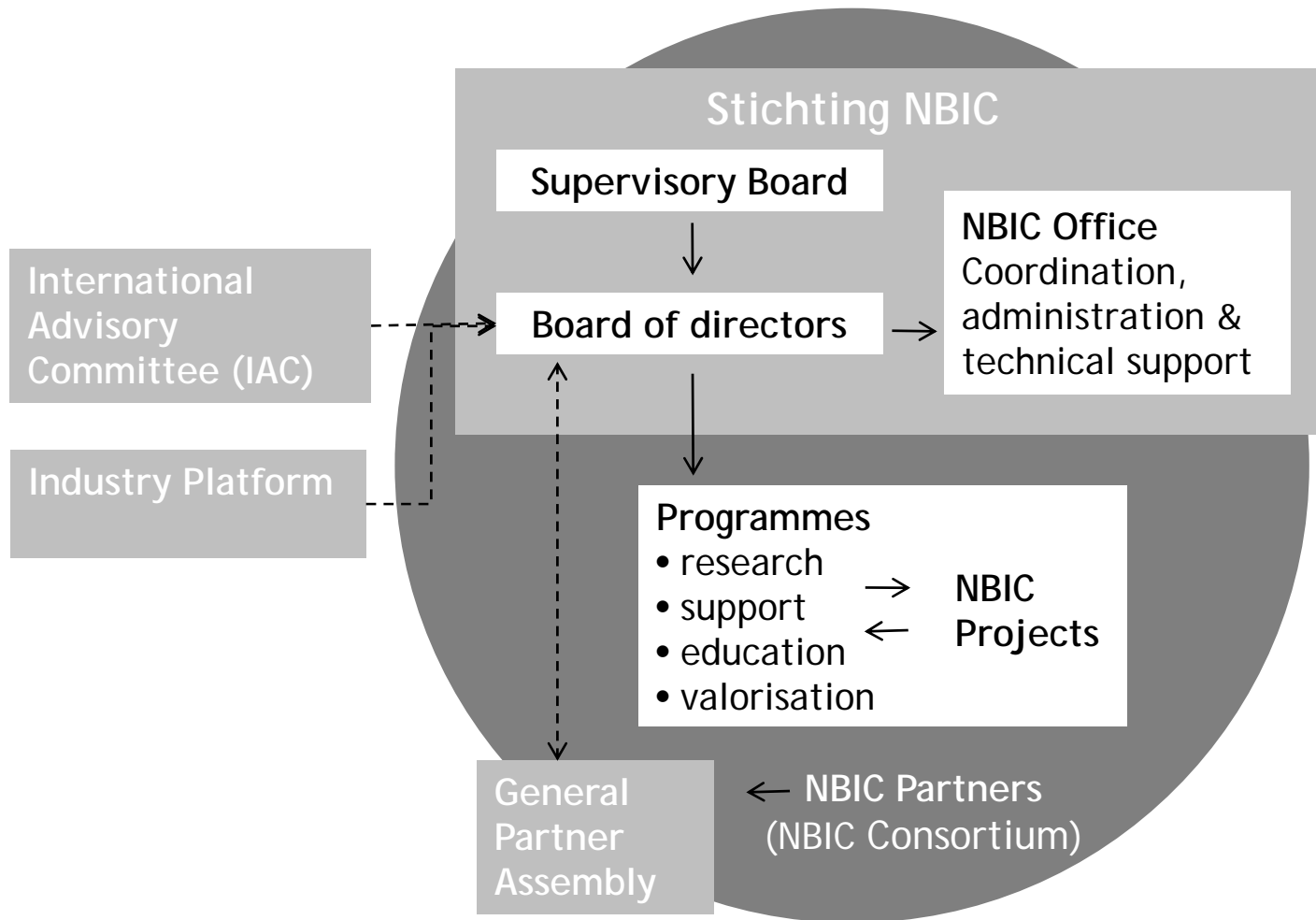
- Academic Medical Centre
- Erasmus Medical Centre Rotterdam
- Leiden University Medical Centre
- Radboud University Medical Centre
- Utrecht University Medical Centre
- University of Groningen Medical Centre
- VU University Medical Centre

Industry

- DSM
- Philips

*) Organisations that have signed the NBIC Partner Agreement per January 2011.

NBIC Consortium organisation



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

