

X-omics Kick off

The Netherlands X-omics Initiative officially started September the 1st 2018. A consortium kick off meeting was organized on September 14th in Nijmegen to allow consortium members to get to know each other even better. A fruitful and nicely interactive kick-off meeting!



At the meeting, the project, the core team members, the project management team and the NWO project officer were introduced to the consortium members. Furthermore the newly developed X-omics logo was shown (see below) with a sneak preview of the X-omics website (www.x-omics.nl). Following this, the different X-omics pillars (genomics, proteomics, metabolomics and data analysis, integration & stewardship) discussed their future plans in separate break-out sessions, followed by a plenary summary session. The day was concluded with an informal drink.

NWO project funding

To get started with our X-omics project we need approval of the project funding budget by NWO. We've been having many interactions with NWO over the past months to clarify budgetary questions. We are now awaiting NWO's final approval.

Despite this, NWO granted partial approval for investments so X-omics partners were able to invest in equipment in 2018. The following equipment was ordered (NWO contribution 3.160k euro):

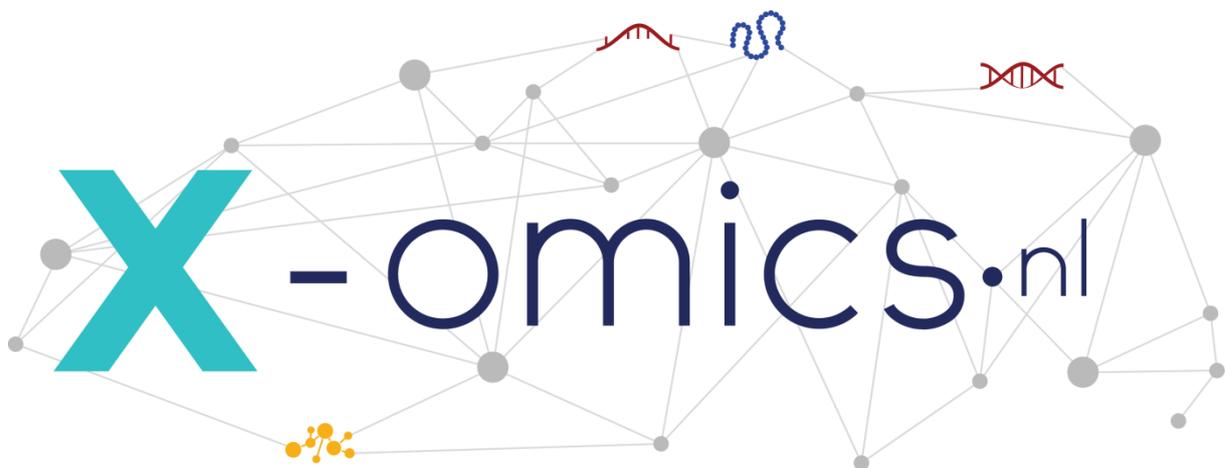
- Lumos Fusion MS (EMC)
- HT metabolomics core (UL)
- Lipidyzer (LUMC)
- Q-Exactive HFX MS (=) (NKI)
- TripleTOF 6600 MS (RUG)

Corporate identity

A corporate identity has been developed to make sure that researchers can recognize communications as being part of the X-omics project (see the manual at the X-omics website www.x-omics.nl for more information). please note that the project name is to be pronounced as 'cross-omics', not as 'axe-omics'.

Logo's and icons

A complex X-omics logo was developed and two more simple versions (color and black and white version). The logo's contain the name X-omics and icons representing the different areas of expertise within the project (icons for genomics, proteomics, metabolomics and data analysis, integration & stewardship).



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See below for the 4 icons developed



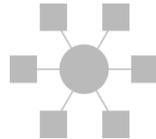
Genomics



Proteomics



Metabolomics

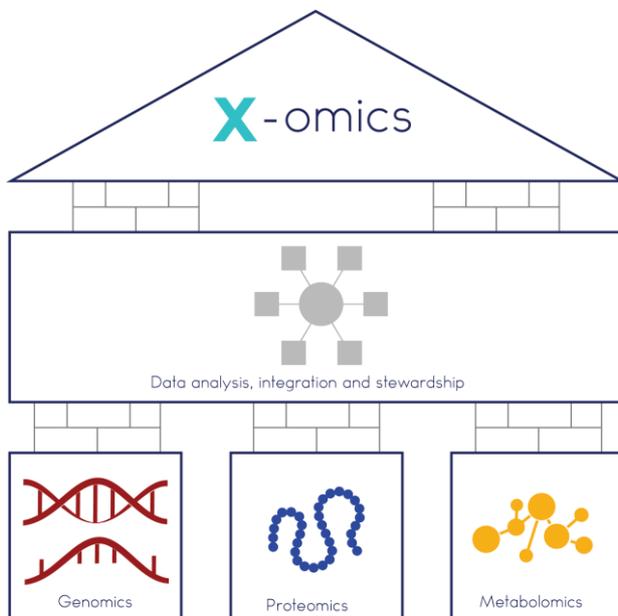


Data analysis, integration & stewardship

Besides the logo's and icons also different formats have been developed for PowerPoint presentations, word files etc. All formats are available to consortium members via a login part of the website (www.x-omics.nl).

X-omics website

The first version of the X-omics website has been developed and is now online. The website contains general information about the project and about the different parts of the X-omics research infrastructure.



For consortium members a separate area has been created under "documents" where all the relevant project documents can be found (you will receive a login for this part via e-mail). See www.x-omics.nl for the result and let us know if you have

any suggestions for improvements! Any remarks can be sent to our webmaster Jeroen Ewals via info@x-omics.nl.

X-omics helpdesk

The objective of the X-omics project is to establish a national research infrastructure that is accessible to all researchers. To provide access to our combined expertise, a central helpdesk will be established to refer researchers with specific questions to the right experts/facilities. The exact way how to make this operational is being defined. In the meanwhile, a X-omics helpdesk function was inserted on the website.

Do you have specific X-omics questions then you can contact our helpdesk assistant Crossy!



X-omics GA meeting 2019 and X-omics festival 2019

The X-omics project management team is now preparing the first X-omics General Assembly (GA) meeting and the international X-omics festival.

GA meeting

The GA meeting is a 1 day event on Monday April 15th 2019 for consortium members only, taking place at Huize Heyendaal at Radboudumc, Nijmegen. This day will consist of several activities (see detailed program distributed via e-mail). At this meeting the scientific advisory board of the X-omics project will be introduced.

The scientific advisory board will consist of 6 people. 4 members have already accepted to fulfill the role of scientific advisor:

- Mathias Uhlen
- Ienes Thiele
- Mark Fidock
- David Wishart

X-omics festival 2019

The day after the GA meeting, the X-omics festival will take place (April 16th 2019) at de Vereeniging, Nijmegen. This event is a public event for technological researchers from the different omics areas, who are active in the human research field. The festival will contain both plenary sessions and break-out sessions to allow participants to network with x-omics experts. The detailed program is available at the x-omics website (www.x-omics.nl).

Other X-omics events in 2019

For 2019 two events have been scheduled already (and more events will follow):

- X-omics summerschool: “Integrative X-omics analyses empowering personalized healthcare”.
(see <https://www.ru.nl/radboudsummerschool/courses/2019/integrative-omics-analyses-empowering-personalized> for more details and registration)
- Workshop @ Metabolomics 2019.
(see <http://metabolomics2019.org/program/workshops> for more details and registration)