IPR: PROTECTION, EXPLOITATION, BACKGROUND, FOREGROUND, OPEN ACCESS

Project staff will be at the beginning of the project adequately instructed on the basic rules and principles of IP protection and dissemination options.

A Consortium agreement will be prepared and signed before the start of the project. It will define the background IP (already established IP rights), strategies for the management of project results (including foreground IP – IP originating from the project), ownership of IP, mutual obligations, etc.

LEGAL ISSUES

Define basic rules for Consortium agreement preparation and signature procedure, its relevant content in brief.

IPR PROTECTION

Rules for management of IPR issues, knowledge management and management of innovation related activities, including potential exploitation of results and business creation; on the institutional and on national level, for the research and innovation activities. Guidelines on the management of IPR in Universities and PROs (2011); The composite indicators of the knowledge transfer procedures (2012);

EXPLOITATION

The role of the Dissemination/Exploitation Manager, decision making of the IPR evaluation, preparation and protection process in order to assure maximal impact of the innovation alongside with maximising open access to the results of the research work. Recommendations on concrete IPR problems, e.g. use of knowledge, IPR and access rights. Key exploitable results management plan, definitions, Plan on Using and Disseminating Foreground proposal.

BACKGROUND/FOREGROUND IPR MANAGEMENT

Define the background IP (already established IP rights), strategies for the management of project results (including foreground IP – IP originating from the project), ownership of IP, mutual obligations, etc., for example: manner of granting access to the listed background IP (upon request, what, procedure); limitation of use of the background (purpose, geographically, manner);

FOREGROUND IPR MANAGEMENT

The organization of the dissemination, exploitation, knowledge protection and IPR management is described here: distribution of ownership of any patents and other intellectual property rights on the project results (proportions of input made by each individual partner, financial input, predefined – and consequences for any of the cases); governing rules on conclusion of a separate agreement for each item of IPR in order to establish the allocation of ownership and terms of exercising, protection, division of costs and exploitation of such intellectual property; governing rules on publications related to the project results (taking into account preliminary results, legitimate interests, conditions and necessary approvals); governing rules on the use of patented, secret know-how and software IPR; necessity of adequate instructions for the staff on the basic rules and principles of IP protection and dissemination options.

OPEN ACCESS

In view of the Open Access H2020 agenda and according to the high estimated commercial potential of the technology in question, the issue of whether or not particular results of the project should be confidential and until what point, will be handled with great care. Beyond potential commercial interests, dissemination of knowledge will be maximized by publicizing results as soon as any relevant patent issues are resolved. The researchers together with the TTO will aim to achieve an appropriate balance between maximum openness for the direct benefit of society and the protection of potential commercial interests.