

Do you know?

- ➔ What are the implications for the use and exploitation of research results, when research is partially funded by government grants, or EU grants?
- ➔ Which are the particularities of the partner countries' legislation that EU HEIs and other organisations must be aware of when cooperation takes place in these countries?
- ➔ If HEIs or PROs in other countries are able or not to participate in the development, exploitation and commercialization of R&D activities – eg: who can own what?
- ➔ Who is by default the owner of research results and IPR? For example, in Sweden it's the inventor, in most other European countries it is the institution, while in other countries it may be the state authorities? And what if any, is the implication if there are different owners?
- ➔ Do national laws stipulate regulations for technology transfer contracts (e.g. while in Russia and China these contracts are strictly controlled by the government, whilst this is not the case in Brazil and India)?
- ➔ For potentially patentable results, how to reach a consensus over publishing or filing a patent? What can be published, when and where without harming rights to obtaining IPR protection?
- ➔ How to avoid early disclosure of potentially patentable results by partners?
- ➔ How to find ways to exploit research results in certain countries?



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What is HEIP-LINK?

HEIP-link is a cooperation of **11 Higher Education Institutions** and networks from Europe, Latin America, BRICS, and ASEAN countries, covering approximately 60 countries on 3 continents.

The initiative is co-financed by the European Commission under the Erasmus Mundus Programme, with the objective to promote the international dimension of research and boost co-operation between higher education institutions.

*The goal of the **HEIP-LINK** partnership is to facilitate international R&D cooperation through exploring and sharing information and good practice on strategic aspects of cross-boarder cooperation; such as intellectual property rights and technology transfer issues.*

The overall objective of the HEIP-link project is:

To strengthen cooperation and awareness among European Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and their strategic counterparts (BRICS, Latin America, ASEAN) in research, through enhancing knowledge of R&D collaboration framework issues.

Specific objectives:

▶▶ To promote networking, good practice in IP Management from EU HEIs and stimulate policy level dialogue for harmonisation of IP management practices;

▶▶ To identify and raise awareness on the key framework issues (particularly IPR) of cross-border research collaboration and knowledge transfer in EU, BRICS, Latin America and Asia;

▶▶ To provide practical support for research collaboration, through creating and running a web portal as a 'one-stop-shop' which allows identifying cross-border collaboration aspects (including: funding sources and rules for collaboration, dedicated authorities supporting R&D, legal frameworks and good practice (including an interactive decision-making guide).

When we initiate cross-boarder R&D co-operation projects, we frequently lack important information to establish a mutually beneficial project contract, which helps establish trust among the partners, allows information sharing, and even more importantly, which provides the grounds for adequate use and exploitation of research results.



***HEIP-LINK** aims to develop an interactive on-line information platform, which provides the most updated information on R&D collaboration framework aspects in Europe, Latin America, BRICS and ASEAN countries, through:*

Research/ Data Collection on R&D collaboration framework issues from approximately 60 countries on 3 continents, focusing particularly on IPR regulations and practices.

An interactive web-tool for research cooperation shall be developed to help those involved in managing cross-boarder R&D collaboration (for example – Innovation officers, Technology transfer professionals, Research Directors, IP policy experts, etc.) to plan and implement projects which are based on mutual trust, and designed to maximize impact and exploitation of results.

International Conference: will be organized in Asia in late 2013, aiming to reach a large audience of researchers and R&D managers, policy makers and representatives of the enterprise sector worldwide, to discuss R&D collaboration frameworks and IPR practices.

Publication of a Transnational Research Collaboration Toolkit: with the most outstanding and important results from the conference and the data collected along the project activities.

Final conference: planned to take place in Brussels in autumn 2014, with the objective to stimulate policy-level dialogue, through presenting the project results to relevant stakeholders, proposing and discussing strategies to stimulate international R&D cooperation.

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