

Tools and Good Practice

BACKGROUND

One of the main objectives of the ProTon Europe network is to help make knowledge transfer a recognised profession throughout Europe. The identification, collection, validation and dissemination of tools and good practice to the network, as a body of knowledge, will contribute substantially to this challenge.

The experts appointed to the six thematic working groups have been working for the past two years to assemble such working materials and make them ready for publication via the network's website. The materials have been classified to reflect the six areas covered by the ProTon Europe working groups, i.e.

- I. Policy Development
- II. Transfer Office Structure & Management
- III. Patenting – Intellectual Property Management
- IV. Licensing Practice in Academia
- V. Interaction with Industry
- VI. Spin-offs and Campus Companies

Each has a cover fact sheet which gives an outline description of “what it is” and a number of key words to put it in a context. A link is then made to the full text or document which constitutes the tool or good practice.

The regulations concerning intellectual property management, the involvement and ownership by public institutions and mechanisms for funding public research vary markedly from country to country within the European Union. In consequence, there is no such thing as uniform best practice applicable to all Public Research Organisations and a significant degree of adaptation to the national/local environments will remain necessary. Nevertheless, the methodologies and models disseminated by ProTon Europe should contribute to raising standards and in the long run influence European policy in the field of knowledge transfer.

A LIVING BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

It is undeniable that there are numerous other examples of good practice known and exercised by people in the KTO profession. Indeed, part of the purpose of publishing good practice is precisely to encourage feedback and contributions from other sources, possibly leading to a debate on their respective merits. If you wish to contribute interesting materials and to share them with the KTO community, then we kindly ask you to fill in a fact sheet in English and submit it to the ProTon Europe secretariat, together with a more detailed description of the practice in electronic format. This could be in the form of guidelines, a checklist, a website, a presentation, a case study, etc.

Learning from each other, adapting each other's good practices with a view to improving existing support measures are ways in which the KTO profession can develop its own high standards of quality across Europe.

ProTon Europe tools and good practice are therefore updated continuously and made available to members on the ProTon Europe intranet.



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