

Annex to VRT4 of CO-VERSATILE Project

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What are intellectual property rights?

Intellectual property rights are the rights given to persons over the creations of their minds. They usually give the creator an exclusive right over the use of his/her creation for a certain period of time.

Intellectual property rights are divided into two main areas:

(A) Copyright and rights related to copyright.

The rights of authors of literary and artistic works (such as books and other writings, musical compositions, paintings, sculpture, computer programs and films) are protected by copyright.

(B) Industrial property can usefully be divided into two main areas:

One area can be characterized as the protection of distinctive signs, in particular and geographical indications.

Other types of industrial property are protected primarily to stimulate innovation, design and the creation of technology. In this category fall inventions (protected by patents), industrial designs and trade secrets.

Some Examples:

- Patents
- Domain names
- Industrial design
- Confidential information
- Inventions
- Database rights
- Works of authorship
- Logos
- Trademarks
- Design rights
- Business or trade names
- Commercial secrets
- Computer software



What can be done with intellectual property?

You can exclude others from using!

You can exploit the rights yourself or let others exploit them.

You can have the rights exploited exclusively or non-exclusively

What is envisioned in Co-Versatile in this regard?

(A) Royalty-Free and non-exclusive

Each contractor shall make available its foreground knowledge, on a **royalty-free basis**, to other contractors to the extent that such information is necessary for the production of their own foreground knowledge within CO-VERSATILE.

Background and foreground knowledge will be made available to the other project partners for dissemination, research, demonstration, interoperability of software and academic purposes in respect to the intellectual property rights of the partner generating this knowledge, on a **royalty-free basis**.

In this respect, free license models can be used as a basis, such as **Open source; Creative Commons, free License Models**

(B) Non-Exclusive

For **exploitation and replication purposes** to other project partners and other external entities the licences will be made on a **non-exclusive basis and at fair and reasonable conditions**, with respect to the **normal commercial conditions** applied by the granting partner.

In this respect, licenses must be negotiated individually. However, there are also templates and samples that can be used as a basis here.