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Introduction

This document presents that EU-PLF project guidelines in relation to management of Intellectual Property Rights.

For the success of the project, it is essential that all project partners agree on explicit rules concerning:

- IP ownership
- Access rights to any Background and Foreground IP for the execution of the project
- Protection of intellectual property rights (IPRs)
- Management of confidential information

Therefore, such issues have been addressed in detail within the Consortium Agreement between all project partners. The main purpose of the Consortium Agreement is to establish a legal framework for the project in order to provide clear regulations for issues within the consortium related to the work, IP-Ownership, Access Rights to Background and Foreground IP for the duration of the project and any other matters of the consortium interest.

IP Ownership

Foreground IP shall be owned by the project partner carrying out the work leading to such Foreground IP. Where several beneficiaries have jointly carried out work generating Foreground and where their respective share of the work cannot be ascertained, they shall have joint ownership of such Foreground. They shall establish an agreement regarding the allocation and terms of exercising that joint ownership. The same shall apply if, in the course of carrying out work on the project, an invention is made having two or more contributing parties contributing to it, and it is not possible to separate the individual contributions. Any such joint inventions and all related patent applications and patents shall be jointly owned by the contributing parties. Any details concerning the exposure to jointly owned Foreground IP, joint inventions and joint patent applications will be addressed in the Consortium Agreement.

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All provisions regarding Intellectual Property Rights of foreground developed in the EU-PLF project shall be subject to Part C of Annex 2 of the FP7 Grant Agreement, and to the provisions laid out in the EU-PLF Consortium Agreement.

IP within the WGs

The project work has been divided into Work Groups (WGs) that are working around a specific technology or a specific goal. This division has been made for better handling and organisation of the work and it is the objective that there is close collaboration among the WGs and the WPs.

However, this division allows for IP issues to be handled within the WGs. Since the partners belonging to a specific WG are working closely together, it is the objective that new knowledge is created. The ownership of this knowledge will be defined within the WGs taking into account the contribution of each partner.

If it is considered necessary by a WG, separate confidentiality agreements can be set-up by that WG.

Further documentation

Next, references are provided to documents of the European Commission

- Guide to Intellectual Property Rules for FP7 projects (http://www.fp7.org.tr/tubitak_content_files/KONFERANS/IPR/IPR_7CPGUIDELINE.pdf)
- IPR Helpdesk of the FP7 IP-related rules and practice (<http://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/>)

Publications

The results of the EU PLF project are strictly confidential. Any publication of these results, be it a scientific publication (international or in a national language) submitted for publication in a reviewed scientific journal, a conference contribution, a book chapter, a contribution to professional press or to popular scientific magazines or news related items, has to be accepted by the PCC and WP leaders before publication.

The procedure for publication is visualised in Figure 1

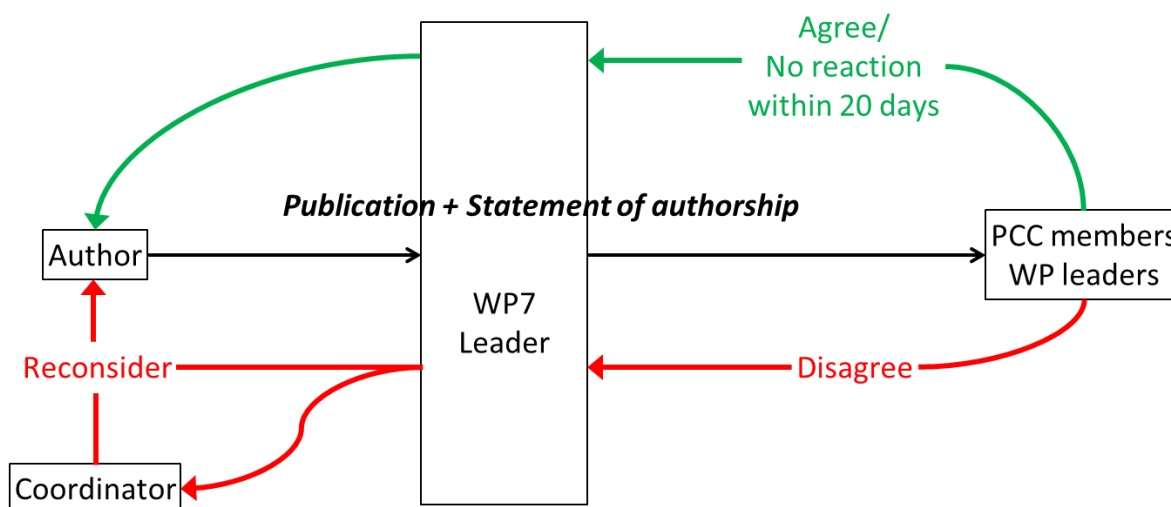


Figure 1: Visualisation of the publication procedure

The publication material (manuscript, presentation, poster) and the Statement of Authorship indicating the envisaged publication medium are sent electronically to the leader of the dissemination task (EAAP), at least one (1) month prior to submission. The leader of the dissemination task will contact the PCC members and the WP leaders and require them to notify their agreement or disagreement within 20 days. Failure to answer before the time limit will be considered as approval. The leader of the dissemination task is notified when the material is published.

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Figure 2: Acknowledgement and Disclaimer to be used in publications

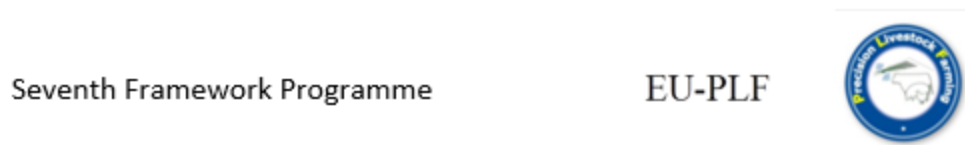


Figure 3: Logos to be used in publications

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