



Intellectual Property Rights in the context of R&D Collaborations

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Framework

- **Collaboration - research service - licence**
- **Project definition**
- **Deliverables**
- **Allocation of responsibilities**
- **Timeline**
- **Key individuals**
- **Budget**

Main IP themes

- **Access to background technology**
 - ‘Hard’ IP and technical know-how
 - Access to facilities and experts
- **Exploitation of results**
 - Research and product development
 - Commercialisation/licensing
 - Academic research and publication
- **Protection of confidentiality and IP**

Risks and liabilities

- **Due diligence –**
 - **Patent protection**
 - **Unpublished patents**
 - **Patent landscape/freedom to operate**
- **Reps and warranties**
- **Indemnities**
- **Limitations on liability**

Commercialisation of results

- **Joint and split ownership**
- **Field**
- **Exclusivity**
- **‘Best efforts’**
- **Profit sharing**



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