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Introduction

The Deliverable D8.8 (IPR manual) corresponding to WP8 Training, Dissemination and exploitation), specifically to Task 8.3 (Market assessment, Exploitation and IPR management) constitutes the IPR manual within the framework of the RE4 project titled “REuse and REcycling of CDW materials and structures in energy efficient pREfabricated elements for building REfurbishment and construction” (Grant Agreement No.: 723583).

The IPR manual is provided as a reference based on the feed-back on the exploitation workshop, which took place during the M12 General Assembly meeting in Berlin, Germany in September 20-21, 2017. As prescribed in the Grant Agreement of the RE4 project, exploitation workshops are organized to support exploitation of results generated within the project framework.

IPR Management

The IPR, in the context of the RE4 project, refers to the legal rights granted with the aim to protect the creations of the intellect. The IPR management aims at supporting the overall exploitation and dissemination strategy of the project as well as at ensuring a wide accessibility, availability and reusability of all outcomes produced by the project.

Already before the project started, the IP and exploitation issues were subject to evaluation regarding impact and feasibility of the proposal. During the implementation phase, the consortium is asked to develop a convincing outline of IP management and

exploitation strategies at individual and consortium level. At the end of the project, the partners are required to prepare plan for the exploitation and dissemination of the results.

The term intellectual property refers to everything created by human mind such as inventions, literary and artistic works, designs and symbols, names and images used in commerce. Intellectual property rights are traditionally composed of two main groups, i.e. industrial property and copyrights. The third type of rights which is very often mentioned in this connection is not *per definitionem* IPR, but it is in many cases considered as something similar what is called “Soft Intellectual Property”.

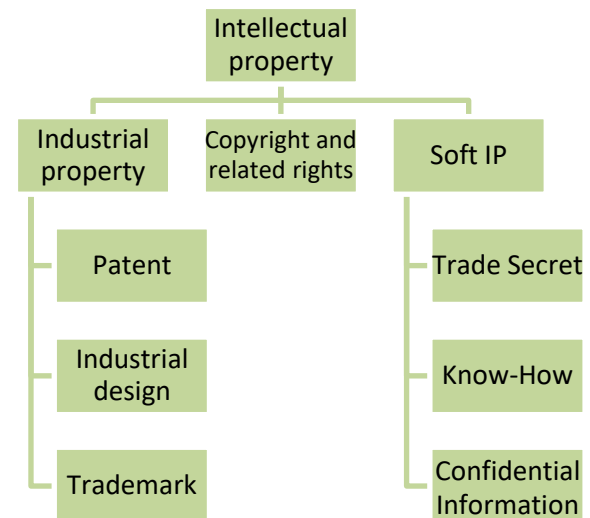


Figure 1: Basic categories of Intellectual Property

IP Rules and Principles

IP rules and principles are mainly set in Grant Agreement and the Consortium Agreement. The Grant Agreement is to be signed between European Commission and



Consortium. In addition to the Grant Agreement, there is a Consortium Agreement which is an individual agreement to be signed between consortium partners (beneficiaries in the consortium).

The Consortium Agreement lays down more specific rules of what has been set in the Grant Agreement. The Consortium Agreement might not be contradictory to what has been agreed within the Grant Agreement. The Consortium Agreement states rules on matters related to IP protection, especially on ownership and joint ownership of results, transfer of results, dissemination, and access right.

Exploitable background and results within RE⁴ project

Background refers to any data, know-how or information – whatever its form or nature (tangible or intangible), including any rights such as intellectual property rights – that is held by the partners before they acceded to the Grant Agreement and is needed to implement the action or exploit the results.

Therefore, background comprises of pre-existing intellectual property, know how, knowledge and any additional data that is needed for carrying out the project or to use the generated results and that each partner is going to bring to the project itself.

Results means any (tangible or intangible) output of the action such as data, knowledge or information - whatever its form or nature, whether it can be protected or not - that is generated in the action, as well as any rights attached to it, including intellectual property rights.

The partners of the RE⁴ project identified thirteen exploitable results (ER). However, the ER list is expected to change along the project.

Proposition of optimal IPR protection options

Preliminary options of the IPR protection measures related to the Exploitable results have been considered. Anticipated IPR protection measures are subjected to the potential modifications of the exploitable results that may arise during the project. Therefore, an updated IP proposal might be provided by the upcoming exploitation plans.

Patent analysis

ESPACENET offers free access to information about inventions and technical developments. It contains over 100 million data sets (applications, granted patents, search reports, non-patent literature). Supporting information can help to understand whether a patent has been granted and if it is still in force.

For the patents mapping assessment, the ESPACENET and PATENTSCOPE databases have been used. The detailed patent mapping assessment will be provided at the end of the project.

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