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Participants in FP7 projects are encouraged to deal with Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) since the beginning of the preparation of their proposals. As in any collaborative research and development projects, the Intellectual Property (IP) brought by each participant to the project is an important issue to tackle.

The FP7 rules establish obligations concerning these assets, defined under the Rules for Participation and the models of grant agreements as background. The purpose of this fact sheet is to give an overview of the rules concerning background in FP7 projects in the different stages of a project. Potential scenarios and practical hints are also provided to help you in the daily management of your projects.

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