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Joint ownership often arises in connection with collaborative innovation and is of particular relevance to EU-funded programmes, joint ventures and more generally to any research project involving the co-development of intellectual property (IP).

The European IPR Helpdesk has developed a new fact sheet aiming to highlight the most essential IP issues to be addressed when handling jointly owned assets in contractual arrangements, in order to avoid the joint ownership pitfalls. By ensuring that the ownership of the generated IP, and the related responsibility for its protection and defence, are correctly allocated, collaborative projects have more chance to be efficiently implemented and litigation between partners to be avoided.

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