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We are pleased to inform you that the European IPR Helpdesk has prepared a new fact sheet to give guidance on the central Intellectual Property (IP) issues which consortia need to consider during the grant preparation stage, which are encompassed in two main agreements underpinning the contractual framework of EU-funded projects: the Grant agreement and the Consortium Agreement.

In terms of Intellectual Property Rights issues, the grant preparation stage is extremely important since the main commitments concerning IP are agreed upon in this phase between the consortium and the European Commission, and among consortium partners. In fact, before the final signature of the Grant Agreement, consortia have the opportunity to fine-tune the details outlined in Annex 1 of the project proposal.

This fact sheet is a follow-up to the previous one on “IP management in Horizon 2020: at the proposal stage”, whose reading is highly recommended beforehand.

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