

Innovation management in Horizon Europe IP and Exploitation

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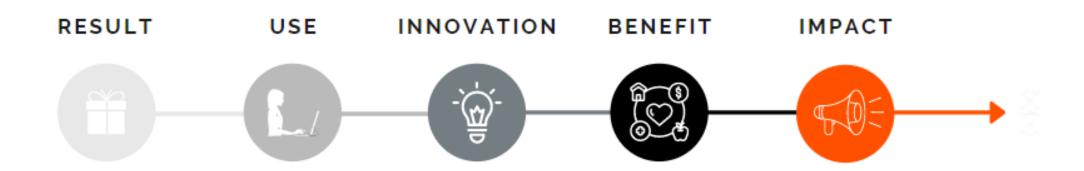
Project Management and Reporting in Horizon 2020 & Horizon Europe

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Exploitation and innovationFrom idea to market

- Focus on impact and innovation > producing research results
- Consortium must plan to use the results to make innovations
- Innovations need to address the call challenges and contribute to the related impact
- Innovation and impact must be managed in all stages of the project based on how it was addressed in the proposal





Policies, guidelines, recommendations Useful reading

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Proposal for a

COUNCIL RECOMMENDATION

on the guiding principles for knowledge valorisation

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION.

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular the first and second sentences of Article 292.

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) On 10 April 2008, the Commission adopted a Recommendation on the management of intellectual property (IP) in knowledge transfer activities and Code of Practice for universities and other public research organisations²⁰. The Council welcomed and supported the Recommendation and the Code of Practice in its Resolution of 30 May 2008²¹. Together the Recommendation and the Code of Practice gave impetus to many publicly funded knowledge producers. Some Member States have made strategic investments in knowledge transfer infrastructures and services such as technology transfer offices and other intermediaries; and some have implemented IP-specific policies, such as the National IP Protocol in Ireland. Further activities promoting knowledge transfer at EU level have been developed as part of the Innovation Union (2010)²².
- (2) The Council Conclusions on Accelerating knowledge circulation in the EU, adopted on 29 May 2018²³, consider that the EU needs to make full use of the relevant scientific and technological knowledge it produces and ensure a more effective transfer of R&I project results to society and industry in order to maximise the impact of R&I investment. It also invites Member States to examine and share best knowledge transfer practices, and calls on the Commission to develop and implement a strategy for the dissemination and practical application of results to further increase the availability and use of R&I project results and accelerate their potential uptake.
- 3) The Commission Communication 'A New ERA for Research and Innovation', adopted on 30 September 2020²⁴, includes strengthening innovation ecosystems for knowledge circulation and valorisation as one of the key objectives of the new ERA and an action to 'Update and develop guiding principles for knowledge valorisation and a code of practice for the smart use of IP'.

European Commission - Press release





New approach to enable global leadership of EU standards promoting values and a resilient, green and digital Single Market

Brussels, 2 February 2022

Today, the Commission is presenting a new <u>Standardisation Strategy</u> outlining our approach to standards within the Single Market as well as globally. The Strategy is accompanied by a <u>proposal</u> for an amendment to the Regulation on standardisation, a <u>report</u> on its implementation, and the <u>2022 annual Union work programme for European standardisation</u>. This new Strategy aims to strengthen the EU's global competitiveness, to enable a resilient, green and digital economy and to enshrine democratic values in technology applications.

Standards are the silent foundation of the EU Single Market and global competitiveness. They help manufacturers ensure the interoperability of products and services, reduce costs, improve safety and foster innovation. Standards are an invisible but fundamental part of our daily life: from Wi-Fi frequencies, to connected toys or ski bindings, just to mention a few. Standards give confidence that a product or a service is fit for purpose, is safe and will not harm people or the environment. Compliance with harmonised standards guarantees that products are in line with EU law.

The fast pace of innovation, our green and digital ambitions and the implications of technological standards for our EU democratic values require an increasingly strategic approach to standardisation. The EU's ambitions towards a climate neutral, resilient and circular economy cannot be delivered without European standards. Having a strong global footprint in standardisation activities and leading the work in key international fora and institutions will be essential for the EU to remain a global standard-setter. By setting global standards, the EU exports its values while providing EU companies with an important first-mover advantage.

Executive Vice-President for a Europe Fit for the Digital Age, Margrethe **Vestager**, said: "Ensuring that data is protected in artificial intelligence or ensuring that mobile devices are secure from hacking, rely on standards and must be in line with EU democratic values. In the same way, we need standards for the roll-out of important investment projects, like hydrogen or batteries, and to valorise innovation investment by providing EU companies with an important first-mover advantage."

Commissioner for the Internal Market, Thierry **Breton**, said: "Technical standards are of strategic importance. Europe's technological sovereignty, ability to reduce dependencies and protection of EU values will rely on our ability to be a global standard-setter. With today's Strategy, we are crystalclear on our standardisation priorities and create the conditions for European standards to become global benchmarks. We take action to preserve the integrity of the European standardisation process, putting European SMEs and the European interest at the centre".

The Strategy presented today proposes five key sets of actions:

1. Anticipate, prioritise and address standardisation needs in strategic areas: we need

C(2008) 1329.

Council Resolution on the management of intellectual property in knowledge transfer activities and on a Code of Practice for universities and other public research organisations, 10323/08.

²² COM(2010) 546 final.

²³ Council document 9507/18.



Dissemination and exploitationWhat's new in Horizon Europe?



D&E + Key Impact
Pathways to demonstrate
the contribution to the
impact on society

Improvement on proposal/reporting templates for more D&E specific language

Emphasis on D&E in continuous reporting (even after the end of the project)

Encouragement of third-party exploitation (where relevant) Introduction of incentives and tools for exploitation

Contractual obligations

Rules for Participation

- Article 39: Exploitation and Dissemination
- Article 40: Transfer and Licensing
- Article 41: Access Rights

Horizon Europe Model Grant Agreement

- Article 16: Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Background and Results – Access Rights and Rights of Use
- Article 17: Communication, Dissemination & Visibility
- Annex 5 "Specific Rules"

Remember - Pathway to Impact

"Logical steps towards the achievement of the expected impacts of the project over time, in particular beyond the duration of a project. A pathway begins with the project results, to their dissemination, exploitation and communication, contributing to the expected outcomes in the work programme topic, and ultimately to the wider scientific, economic and societal impacts of the work programme destination."



6 pillars of IP Management In Horizon Europe

1. IP used

 This refers to the IP needed implement the project. It includes the pre-existing knowledge and IP of the partners as well as 3rd party IP which is needed.

2. IP created

 The project results – knowledge and IP. There needs to be a system in place to capture these results, agree on the ownership and relative contributions, who will manage then and how?

3. IP assessment and evaluation

 The results should be assessed with regards to readiness (e.g., complete and validated) and possible use for commercial or industrial applications. If there are commercial applications, then considerations should be given to prior art and freedom to operate analysis and strategies for protection and exploitation.



6 pillars of IP Management In Horizon Europe

4. IP protection

• If protection is useful to support commercial exploitation, then this should be put in place. The cost of the protections are eligible costs (foreseen in Annex 1) in Horizon projects. Protection may include formal legal rights (IP rights) as applicable to the IP (e.g., patent, copyright, database rights, design rights), trade secrets, or trademarks to support brands. It is important to ensure that commercial benefits outweigh the investments in managing, protecting and exploiting the results; and for jointly owned IP, the distribution of any potential returns reflects the contributor's relative contributions.



6 pillars of IP Management In Horizon Europe

5. IP Dissemination and Exploitation

 Once decisions are made about the IP protection and the exploitation strategy, the process to tell the right people about the results can start, and exploitation can begin. This would include transfer of necessary IP to one partner to another under agreed terms and conditions, including the cost and revenue sharing.

6. IP Post project management

 Whilst the project will end, the D&E of the results continue. It is important therefore, that the IP management system continue after the end of the project, in order to e.g., maintain the protection, manage any agreements related to the IP (e.g., licences) and manage cost and revenue sharing.





Capture the results (#2) How to...

IP Note

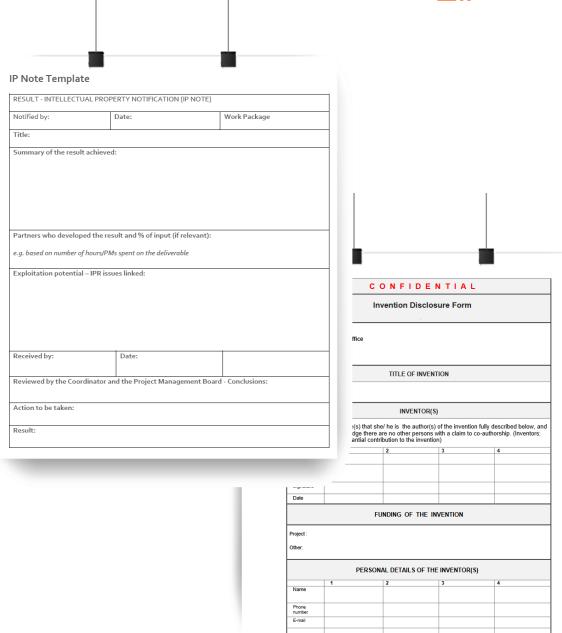
- Whenever a new result is developed, the author will have to fill out an IP Note and send it to the coordinator
- Will support the body/partner in charge (e.g. Steering Committee, Exploitation Manager) to decide on the need for protection

Invention Disclosure Form

- Description of the invention including the list of research sponsors and any supporting document/background
- (!) this document is confidential

Review deliverables and reports

One-to-one sessions with beneficiaries



Joint Ownership Agreement

- Signed between co-owners of IP
- Ideally during CA preparation or as soon as joint IP is detected
- In order to define in detail the rules governing joint ownership
- Particulars
 - Shares: assignment of shares within the joint ownership
 - IP management: responsibilities for filing and maintaining (including the costs incurred) of the IP rights
 - Protection of rights: obligation imposed on all participants to monitor and report any infringements of the foreground; indication of the partner empowered to conduct legal actions for protection of the foreground
 - Conditions of the use of the foreground: Use in further research;
 Individual exploitation; Licensing; Transfer
 - Additional clauses: standard contractual matters, i.e. applicable law, jurisdiction or alternative dispute resolution systems



Assess and evaluate the IP (#3) Technology and market assessment

Assessment of foreground IP

- Prior search for patentability
- Search in patents (Espacenet; European Patent Register Alert)
- Search for trademarks and design (EUIPO eSearch Plus)
- Search in standards (CEN-CENELEC)

Market analysis

- Technical reports
- Company websites, annual reports (incl. financial)
- Market reports
- Industry partners

Competitor/technology analysis

- Market size, segmentation, growth potential
- Market share, competitors' current and future plans
- Other technical solutions
- Potential barriers and obstacles



IPR matrix

How to monitor the evolution of your IP

- Background IP know-how/knowledge/data held by beneficiaries and brought to the project
 - ⇒ attached to generated project assets to help determine access rights, ownership issues and IPR
- Foreground IP results/info generated under the project
 - ⇒ to create a concrete mapping of project results and enhance the IP portfolio
- Exploitable result outcome of project that can be commercialized/exploited as a standalone result
 - ⇒ based on the FG, ID the exploitable assets + IPR management procedures (protection, access rights., exploitation plans...)

WHY?

 To help the coordinator to properly report continuously these elements



IP protection (#4) Your obligations

Each participant must **examine the possibility of protecting its results and must adequately protect them**— for an appropriate period and with appropriate territorial coverage — if:

- (a) the results can reasonably be expected to be commercially or industrially exploited and
- (b) protecting them is possible, reasonable and justified (given the circumstances).

When deciding on protection, the beneficiary must consider its own interests and the interests (especially commercial) of the other beneficiaries.

Protection can be secured by IPR or other means (e.g., trade secret protection).



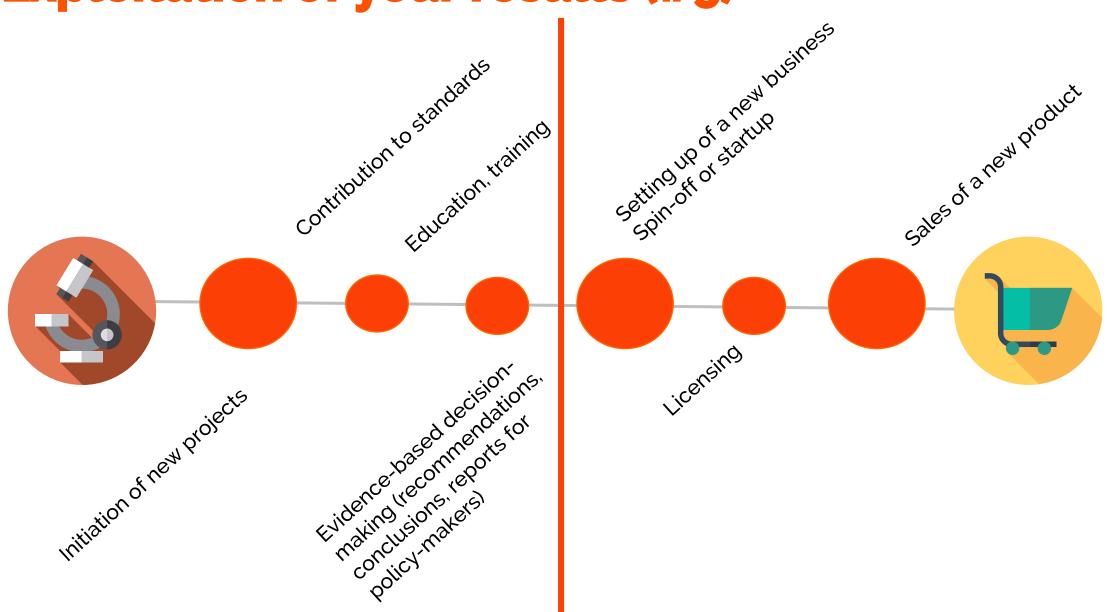


IP protection (#4) One product, many IP protection routes

| IP protection | Product type |
|---------------|--|
| Patent | Any invention, product or process that offers a new way of doing something or provides a new solution to a problem |
| Utility model | Minor inventions or minor improvements of existing products |
| Design | Literary and artistic works: music, books, paintings, computer programmes, databases, etc. Ornamental or aesthetic aspects of a product |
| Trademark | Any sign capable of distinguishing your goods or services from your competitors' |
| Copyright | Literary and artistic works: music, books, paintings, computer programmes, databases, etc. |
| Trade secret | Any information that is not generally known, confers a competitive edge and is subject to reasonable efforts to maintain its secrecy |



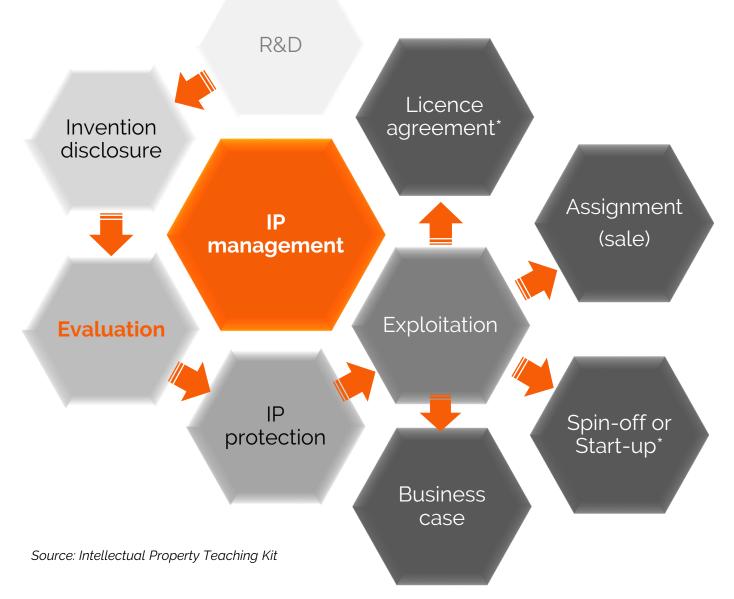
Exploitation of your results (#5)





Exploitation of your results (#5)Commercial exploitation

- Decide on how to commercialise your IP:
 - By its IP owner
 - Through assignments
 - By business partners (e.g. licencing, Joint venture and spin-offs)
- Update the Plan for the Exploitation and Dissemination of Results
- Include into the Final Plan for the Exploitation and Dissemination of Results
- Report the exploitation activities to the EC – How?





IP post project management (#6) Your obligations

- Beneficiaries receiving EU funding must up to four years after the end of the action –
 use their best efforts to exploit their results directly or to have them exploited
 indirectly by another entity, in particular through licensing or transfer.
- If, despite a beneficiary's best efforts, the results are not exploited within one year after the end of the action, the beneficiaries must (unless otherwise agreed in writing with the granting authority) use the Horizon Results Platform to find interested parties to exploit the results.







Plan for Exploitation and Dissemination of Results PEDR

- **strategic document** for the beneficiaries helping them to establish the bases for their intellectual property strategy, dissemination and exploitation activities.
- The PEDR follows the evolution of the project from the proposal until the submission of the final project report.
- Draft version in the proposal
- Initial version (deliverable at the beginning of the project):
 - Planned measures to maximize the impact of project results
 - Target groups (e.g. scientific community, end users, financial actors, general public) and proposed channels
 - Communication measures for promoting the project and its findings throughout the full lifespan of the project
 - Policy feedback measures to contribute to policy making
 - But also: a comprehensive and feasible strategy for the management of the intellectual property and a
 convincing justification that exploitation is still in the Union's interest, if it is expected primarily in nonassociated third countries

Updated or confirmed Plan for the Exploitation and Dissemination of Results in the periodic report or as agreed in the GAP.

Data Management Plan

What is a Data Management Plan (DMP)?

- = your key to good data management
- Describes the data management life cycle
- The template = set of questions
- Living document (!)
- Deliverable 1st version by M6
- Useful resources:
 - Research data management (RDM) open training materials (Zenodo)
 - FOSTER Open Science e-learning
 - Data Management Plans
 - DMPonline
 - OneHealth EJP DMP Guide
 - Webinar (video: DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.2564974; slides: DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.2565750)
 - EC Guide for FAIR data management in H2020

Register your DMP as non-restricted public deliverable + publish it in journals, platforms or repositories (e.g. RIO, DMPOnline).





Results (1) Continuous reporting



Results

☐ There is no result for this project yet

Please provide details about project results. Please focus on the content of the results, for example discoveries and theories, products, services, methods etc. Publications, intellectual property rights, datasets, software, algorithms, protocols etc. vvill be linked to these results later in separate tables. It will also be possible to add these to the project as a whole. Examples:

- 1. The project developed a new medical device, which is described in two publications and later patented. Instructions: List the medical device here (as 'PROD: Product') and link publications to this product in dedicated sections. When you have information about the patent application, link it in a dedicated section.
- 2. The project developed a new scientific theory which is described in several publications. Instructions: List the name and potential of the theory here (as 'SCI: Scientific discovery, model, theory') and add relevant publications later in dedicated sections.
- 3. The project develops a high potential industrial process and is currently at the stage of prototyping. Instructions: List the industrial process') and indicate the prototyping stage under 'Steps undertaken towards exploitation'. If the there is a registered prototype, link the registered prototype in a dedicated section.
- 4. The project mainly focused on activities such as conferences, staff exchanges, or on investments in infrastructures. Instructions: List these as results and their potential here.

Results

No results yet

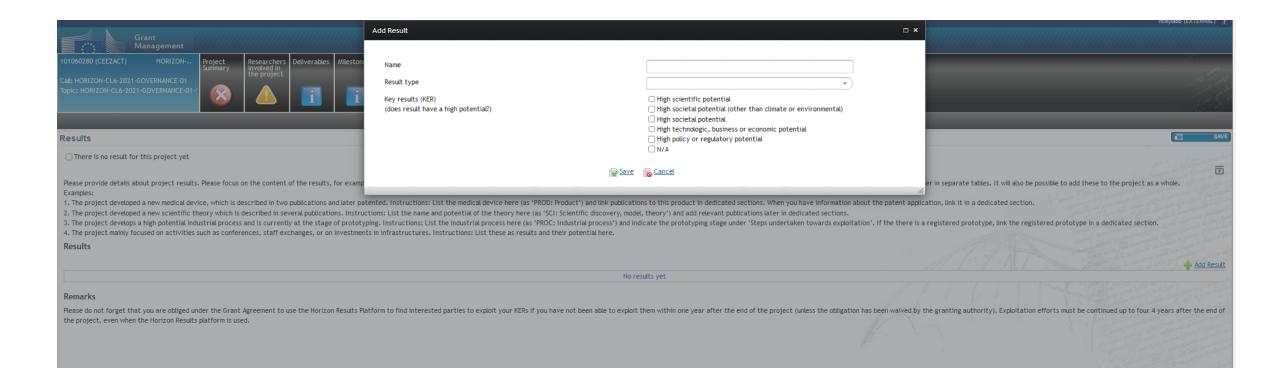


Remarks

Please do not forget that you are obliged under the Grant Agreement to use the Horizon Results Platform to find interested parties to exploit them within one year after the end of the project, even when the Horizon Results platform is used.



Results (2) Continuous reporting





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Results (3) Continuous reporting



☐ There is no result for this project yet

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Examples:

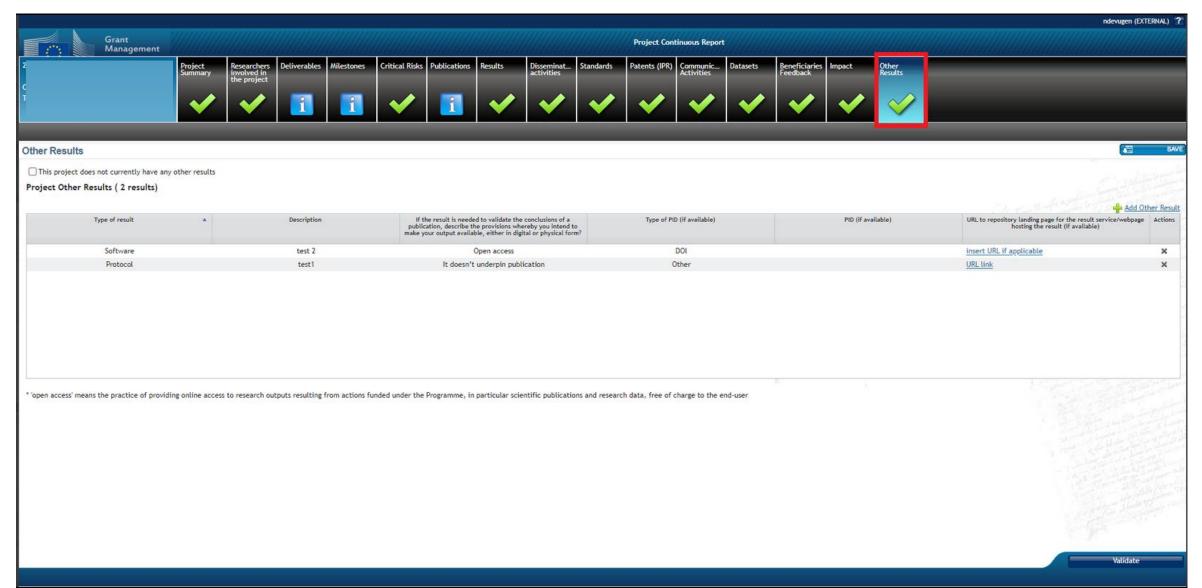
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Results

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| Actio | Market maturity (state of the market targeted by this result) | Steps undertaken towards exploitation | Audience or target group | Description of high potential | Key results (KER) (does result have a high potential?) | Result type | ٨ | Name |
| × | Not yet existing and not clear if market | Prototyping in laboratory environment | Researchers | SSSSSSSS | High scientific potential | LEARN: Learning and training (learning n | | a |
| ı × | Emerging: growing demand, scarce suppl | Feasibility study Business plan | Citizens | insert description | High societal potential (other than clima High policy or regulatory potential | SERV: Service (new or improved) | | test2 |
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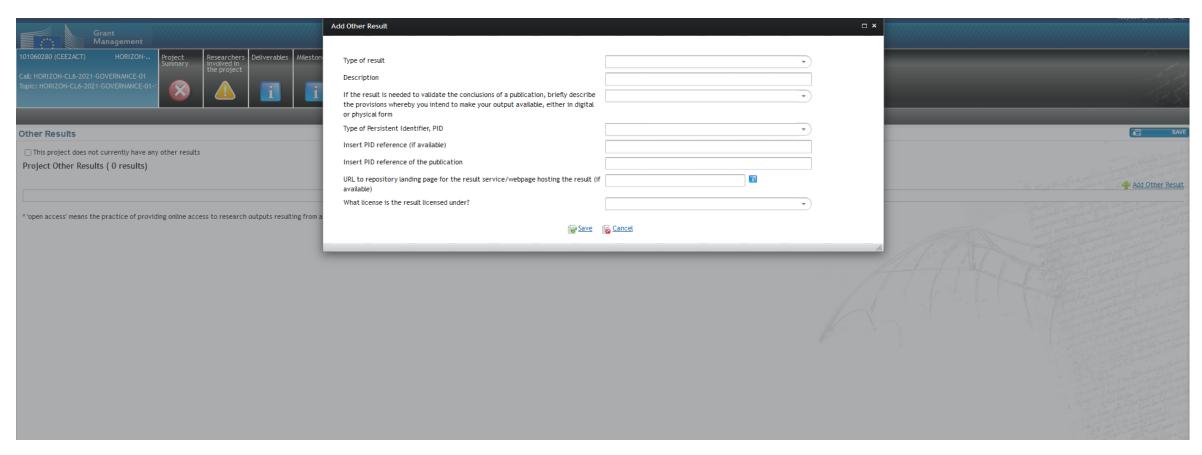


Other results (1) Continuous reporting



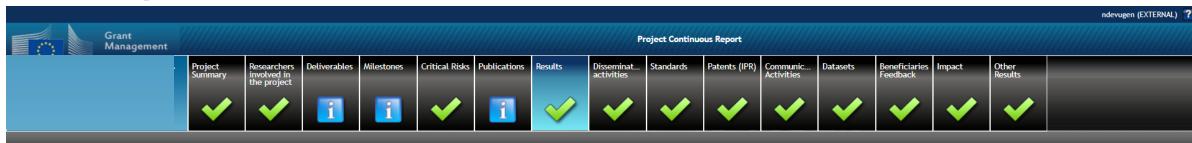


Other results (2) Continuous reporting





Results Ownership List Final report



Results

Please do not forget that you are obliged under the Grant Agreement to use the Horizon Results Platform to find interested parties to exploit your KERs if you have not been able to exploit them within one year after the end of the project (unless the obligation has been waived by the granting authority). Exploitation efforts must be continued up to four 4 years after the end of the project, even when the Horizon Results platform is used.

Specific elements requested in the table below are aimed at fulfilling Art. 2(21) and 38 of the Horizon Europe Regulation ('Beneficiaries shall own the results they generate' during a project etc.). Please recall that it is mandatory to submit a 'results ownership list' with the last periodic report (see Annex 5 of Model Grant Agreement). By duly filling in this table you fulfil this obligation. The submission of your last periodic report will be blocked if the 'results ownership list' is not filled in.

Results Ownership List

Indicate the owner(s) of the results.

Note:

This is the 'results ownership list' required under the Grant Agreement. __

The submission of your last Periodic Report will be blocked if this table is not filled in.

| Result name | Single or joint ownership of results? (Indicate the number of owners) | Result owners | Will the owners exploit the result? | In which form will the result be made available to other consortium members and/or third parties? | Does the exploitation of the results require access to background of one or several consortium members? | Does the exploitation of the results require access to third party IPR? | Actions |
|-------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---------|
| test1 | Single | Entity: 973276467-Germany | Yes | Open source | No | Not known | × |
| test3 | Single | Entity: 999997930-France | Yes | Open access | No | Not known | × |
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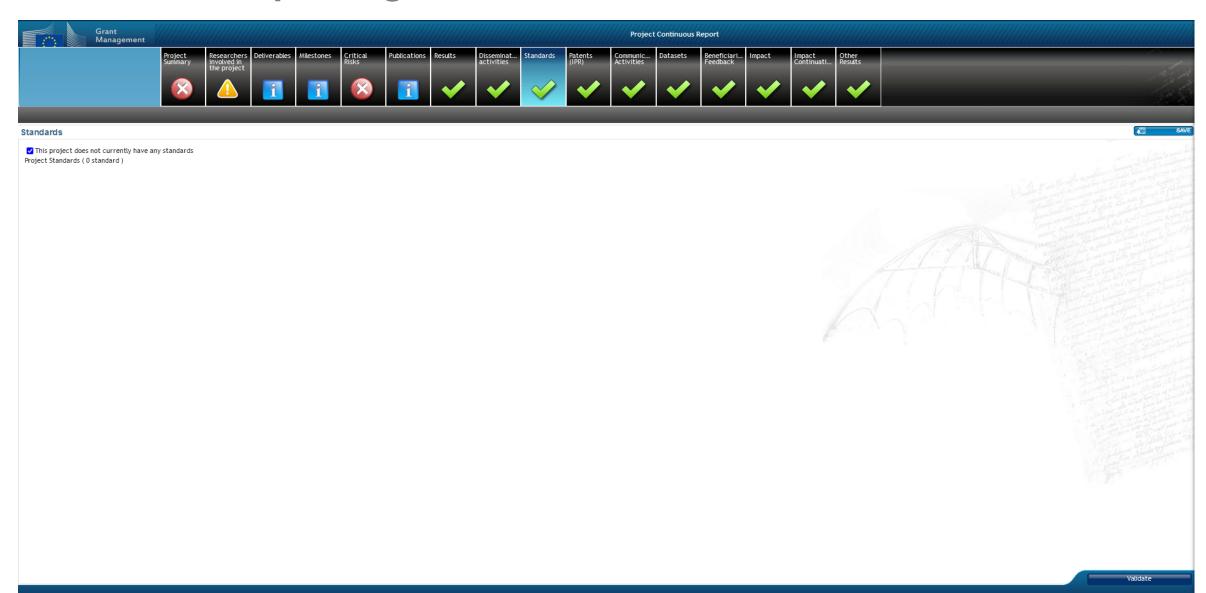
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Add Result Ownership

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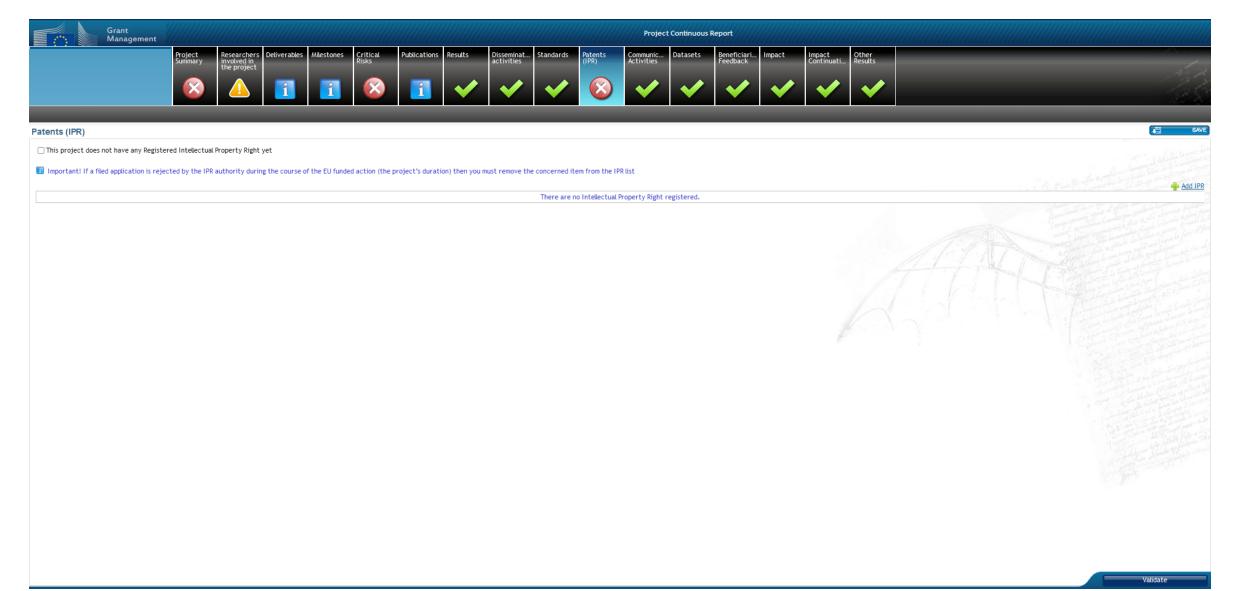


StandardsContinuous reporting





Patents (IPR) Continuous reporting



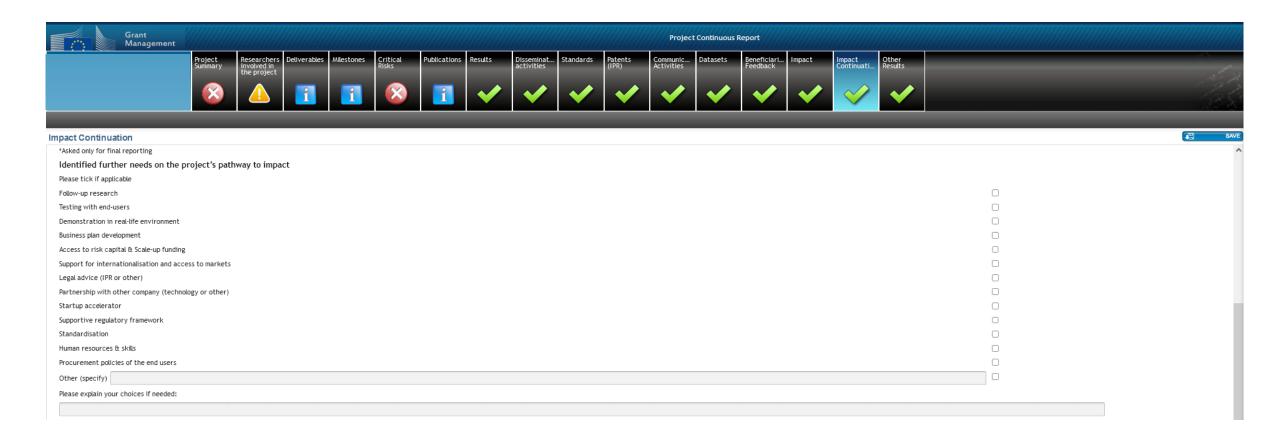


Impact Continuation (1) Continuous reporting

| Grant Management | | | Projec | Continuous Report | | |
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| Please describe the progress of the project so far towards d | delivering impact for society, including environmental | impact, based on its objectives, including qu | uantification to the extent possible: | | | The same of specific and s |
| Further employment to exploit or scale-up project Full-time equivalents expected to remain or be newly employe | | /oveleitation | | | | |
| New/Existing contracts: | Involve existing team/people | | ire new team/people | Not sure yet | - / / / / | No - de |
| Short term contracts (incl. PHD): | Technicians: | | Researchers: | Administrative support & project management: | | Other: |
| Long term contracts: | Technicians: | | Researchers: | Administrative support & project management: | | Other: |
| Please Explain: | | | | | | |
| Further investment mobilized to exploit or scale- | up project results * | | | | | The control of the co |
| Further investment expected: | | | | | | |
| Yes: | Priva | ate/capital investment | Public investmen | t 🗆 | Own funds | (may be more than one) |
| Launch of a dedicated company during (or after | end of) the project * | | | | | |
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Impact Continuation (2) Final reporting







Horizon Results Booster D&E - Business planning - Go to Market

- The Horizon Results Booster a European Commission initiative which aims to maximize the impact of research projects funded by FP7, Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe.
- General eligibility: all EU-funded projects are eligible: Ongoing or completed; Directly funded by FP7, H2020, HE; Indirectly funded by FP7, H2020, HE (e.g., by KICs, art. 185, etc.)
- Three main services are provided:
 - Service 1 **Portfolio Dissemination and Exploitation Strategy** develop a portfolio of results and design an effective dissemination and exploitation strategy.
 - Service 2 **Business Plan Development** develop an effective business plan and find out how to secure additional funding for implementation of the plan.
 - Service 3 Go to Market get your research ready for commercialization!
- HRB services can be requested at any given moment by eligible projects. The sooner the better!
- During the application you will be asked to specify the indicative quarter when you prefer the services starting to be delivered (could be up to 1 year after the submission of the application).
- It is preferable to start the HRB service delivery once there is a clear idea of the results of the project. We suggest for example PDES-A and PDES-C (entry point services) to be started around M6.





Horizon Results Booster

Service eligibility and requirements

Service 1 – Portfolio Dissemination and Exploitation Strategy (PDES)

Module A: Identification and creation of the portfolio of R&I project results

Application is open to **both individual projects and project groups** (PGs).

Module B: Portfolio Dissemination Plan (design and execution) Application is open **only** to **PGs**. PGs that applied also to PDES-A can be enlarged before starting PDES-B.

A portfolio of results has to be provided at the application stage.

Service 1 - Portfolio Dissemination and Exploitation Strategy (PDES)

Module C: Assisting projects to improve their existing exploitation strategy

Application is open only to **single projects**.

Upload of exploitation plan is optional. Focus is on 3 Key Exploitable Results (KERs).

Service 2 - Business Plan Development (BPD)

Application is open only to single projects.

Focus is only on 1 KER.

Services

flow

An Exploitation Plan should be available/Draft Business Plan.

Service 3 - Go-To-Market Support (G2M)

6 different support typologies are available.

Some of them are only for individual projects.

Not all support typologies can be selected (max # of EWDs per project).

A (draft) Business Plan should be available. Focus is only on 1 KER.



Horizon IP Scan Manage and valorize IP in R&I collaborations

- Horizon IP Scan is a tailored, free-of-charge, first-line IP support service provided by the European Commission specifically designed to help European start-ups and other SMEs involved in EUfunded collaborative research projects to efficiently manage and valorise IP in collaborative R&I efforts.
- It is an IP support service specifically addressing SMEs that cooperate in Horizon 2020 or Horizon Europe projects with one or several entities, including other SMEs. The overall objective is to help SMEs address central IP issues that may arise at different stages of a collaborative research project.
- Following a first come, first serve approach, it may either be provided to a single SME or, preferably, a
 group of SMEs involved in a collaborative research project. The successful SME(s) applicant(s) will be
 matched individually with the corresponding local IP expert(s) such as specifically trained staff from a
 national IP office or an innovation agency.
- Who can apply? The service is open to European start-ups and SMEs that are about to sign a Horizon (2020/Europe) Grant Agreement or have recently signed one (up to six months after signature). It also caters to SMEs signposted by the Horizon Results Booster (maximum until half of the project duration). In addition, SMEs that are referred to Horizon IP Scan by the Enterprise Europe Network in view of a planned cooperation with other entities on a R&I project, are also eligible for the service up to six months after the beginning of a project, but preferably before any agreement is signed



European IP Helpdesk Manage your IP

- The European IP Helpdesk supports European SMEs and research teams involved in cross-border business and/or EU-funded research activities manage, disseminate and valorise their IP.
- Offering a broad range of informative material, a Helpline service for direct IP support as well as onsite and online training, our main goal is to support IP capacity building along the full scale of IP practices: from awareness to strategic use and successful exploitation.
- Are you active in other regions such as India, China, Latin America or South- East Asia? Visit the regional IP Helpdesks: https://intellectual-property-helpdesk.ec.europa.eu/regional-helpdesks_en

Helpline

Looking for someone to address with your IP questions?

Training

IP capacity building: webinars and elearning

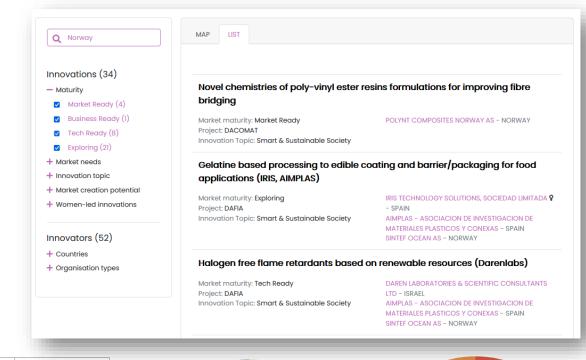
IP resources library

Variety of hands-on, user friendly and easy-to-read publications such as guides, Bulletins, fact sheets or case studies.



Innovation RadarFor cutting-edge EU-funded innovations

- The Innovation Radar is a European Commission initiative to identify high potential innovations and innovators in EU-funded research and innovation projects.
- The Innovation Radar platform builds on the information and data gathered by independent experts involved in reviewing ongoing projects funded by the EU. These experts also provided an independent view regarding the innovations in the projects and their market potential.
- Innovation Radar is supported by Dealflow.eu which delivers support to high potential innovators identified by Innovation Radar.







Innovation Radar For cutting-edge EU-funded innovations

SMART & SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY INNOVATION

Novel chemistries of poly-vinyl ester resins formulations for improving fibre bridging







Market Maturity: Market Ready

These are innovations that are outperforming in innovation management and innovation readiness, and are considered to be "Ready for the market". Learn

Market Creation Potential

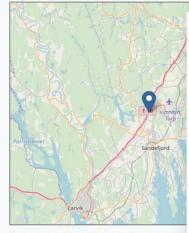
This innovation was assessed by the JRC's Market Creation Potential indicator framework as addressing the needs of existing markets and existing customers, Learn more →

Go to Market needs

Needs that, if addressed, can increase the chances this innovation gets to (or closer to) the market incude:

- · Prepare for Market entry
- · Scale-up market opportunities

Location of Key Innovators developing this innovation





The EU-funded Research Project

This innovation was developed under the Horizon 2020 project DACOMAT with an end date of 31/12/2021

- Read more about this project on CORDIS →
- Details of this project on the Horizon 2020 dashboard →

Description of Project DACOMAT

Society is dependent upon the continuous functioning of critical infrastructures such as road bridges and energy supply. These infrastructures are exposed to high loads and harsh environmental conditions through their lifetime in operation and materials failures lead to down time having vast negative effects on productivity and well-being in society in terms of lost time, shortened life cycles and increased service costs. So engineers face the challenge to develop durable materials compatible with industrial standards in an economically viable way. Composites represent attractive materials and are increasingly used for such applications since they demonstrate low weight, high strength and stiffness and high environmental resistance. However composites suffer from sudden brittle failure mainly due to production defects and handling damages; this is currently handled by strict quality and process control from manufacturers, resulting in high production costs which can represent a barrier

to introduction and development of composites in a wide range of applications. The general objective of DACOMAT is to develop more damage tolerant and damage predictable low cost composite materials in particular aimed for used in large load carrying constructions like bridges, buildings, wind-turbine blades and off shore structures. The developed materials and condition monitoring solutions will enable composite structures to be designed and manufactured as large parts allowing for more and larger manufacturing defects and the need for manual inspection to be dramatically reduced. A demonstration of the materials' performances in relevant environment will be conducted in two business cases: wind turbine blades and road bridge beams, while both LCC and LCA analysis will also strengthen the project's credibility. The project gathers the full industrial value chain: ranging from materials development and manufacturing to composite parts demonstrators and standardisation.

Key Innovators

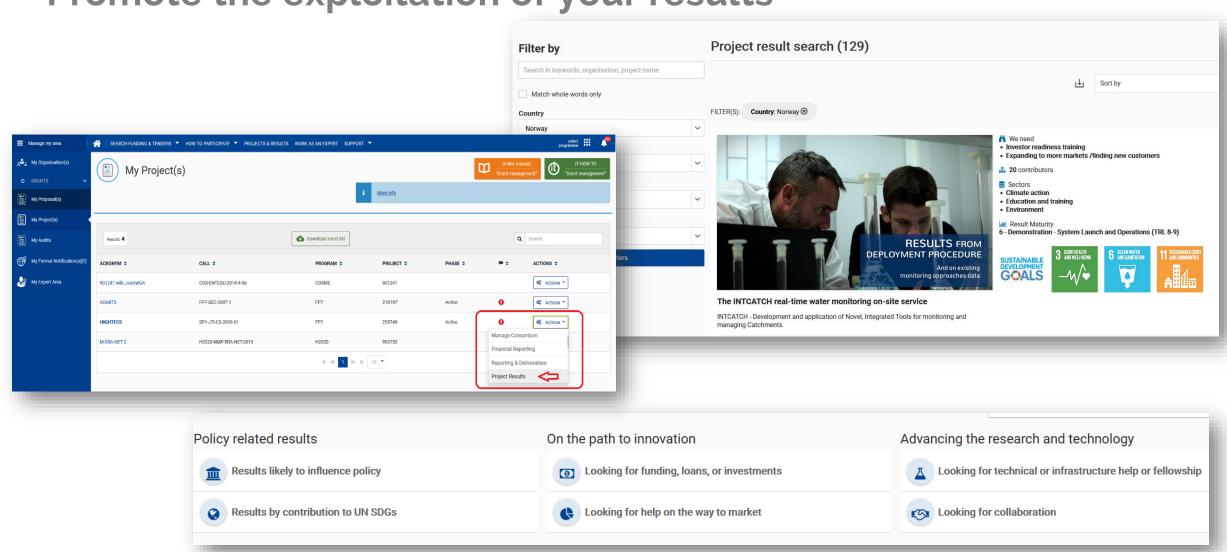
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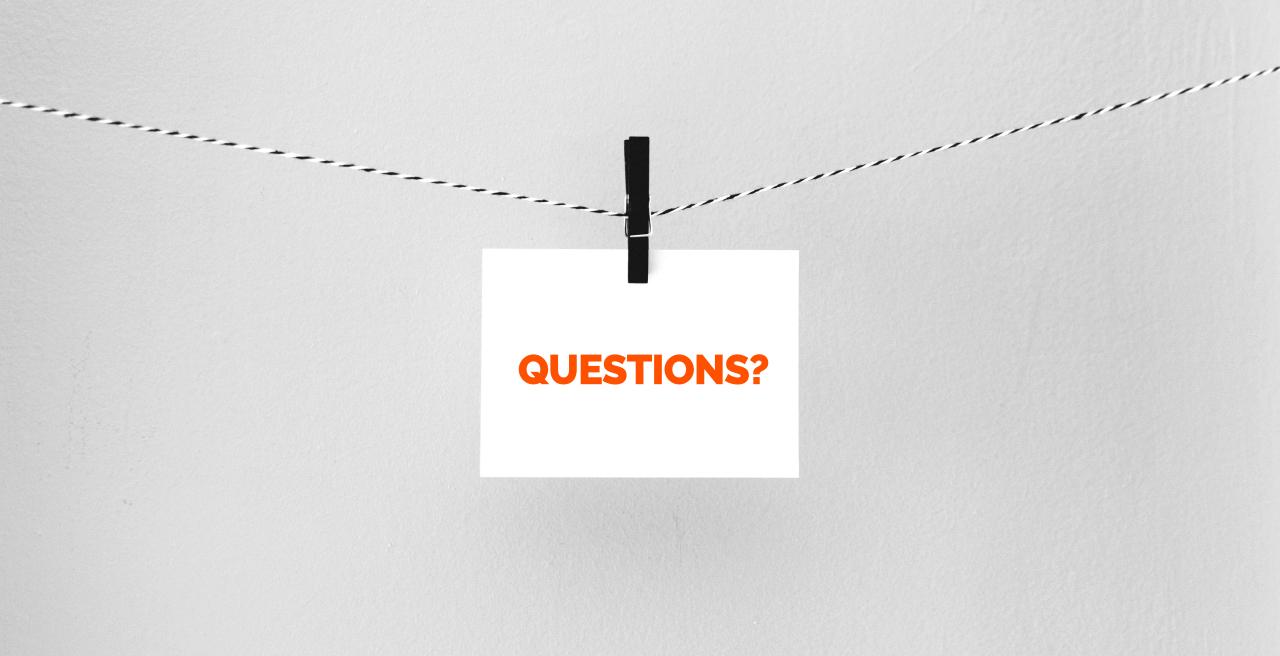
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