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Overview of the Steps, Roles and Timelines, SRGP Team  
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Agenda

1. KTT: Impact and Strategic Value
2. KTT Process in Public Research Institution
3. Next steps: Individual KTT Support Offered by the SGRP Team

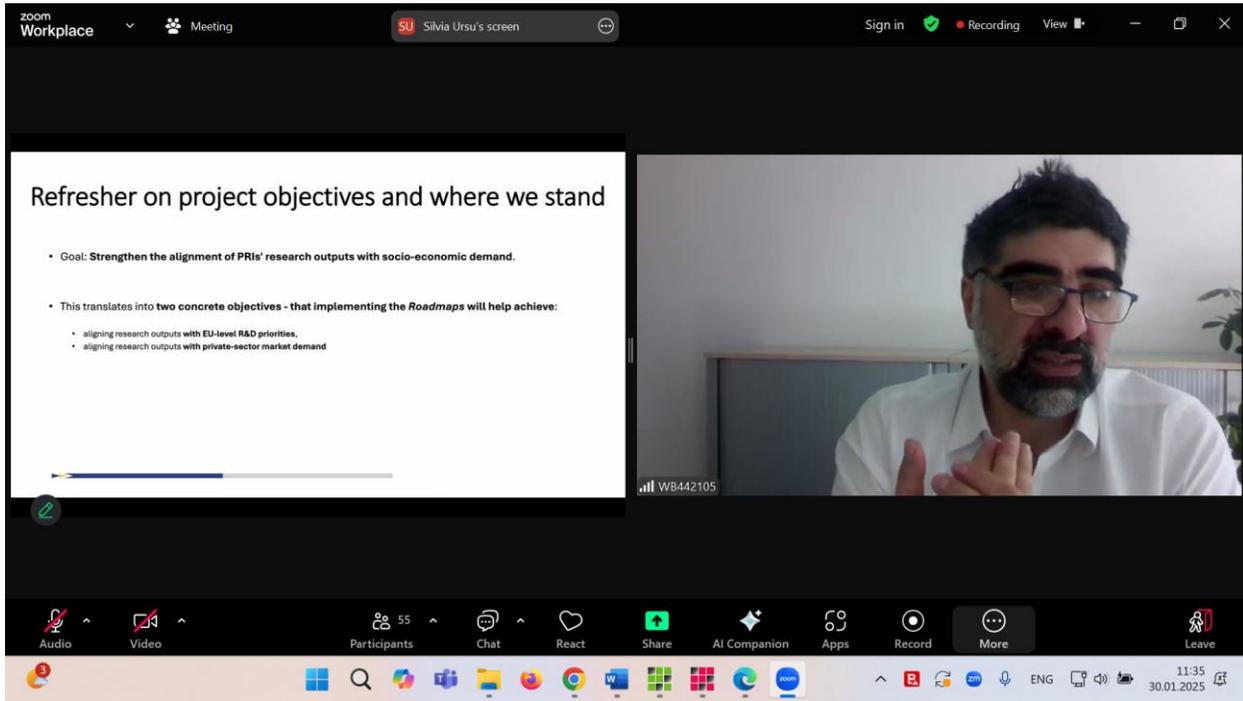
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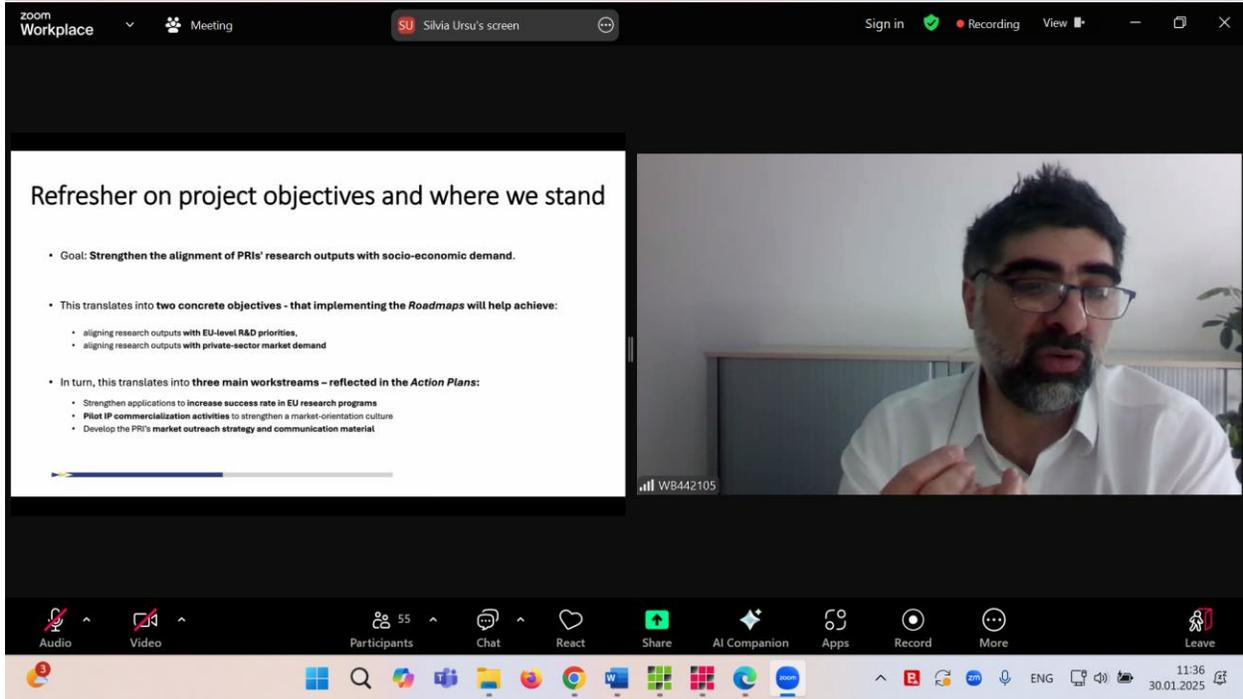
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- In turn, this translates into **three main workstreams – reflected in the Action Plans:**
  - Strengthen applications to increase success rate in EU research programs
  - Pilot IP commercialization activities to strengthen a market-orientation culture
  - Develop the PRIs market outreach strategy and communication material



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## Why align research with market demand?

### Transforming Research into Strategic Opportunities

- Enhanced Research Impact:** Facilitates the real-world application of research findings! Ensures that innovations benefit the economy and the society; prevents underutilization of innovations.
- Financial Growth and Sustainability:** Improves funding! Creates different revenues streams; ensures efficiency in resource allocation.
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*"Not change the research (e.g. applied or fundamental), but reveal its relevance more clearly"*



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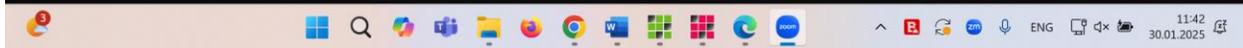


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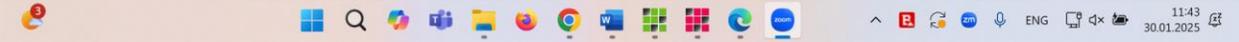
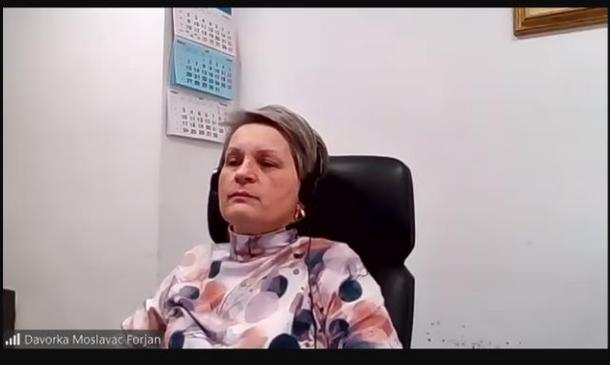
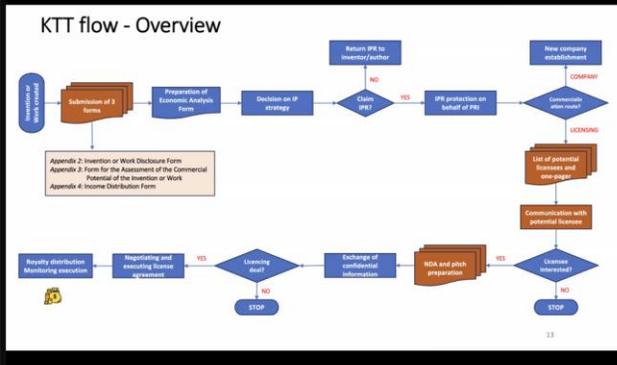
## KTT Process in Public Research Institution – step-by-step



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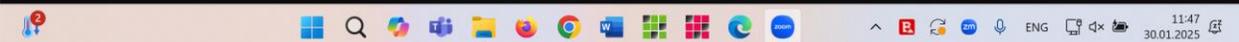


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### Why Licensing (or other commercialisation route)

- A **patent** is a **COST**
  - It needs to be maintained
  - The costs will mount up quickly
- Unused valuable **know-how** that can be monetised
- A licence is a **REVENUE STREAM**
  - Patenting costs can be transferred to licensee
  - Investors and PRIs can get a return of research investment

### KTT flow (1)

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    graph TD
      Start([Invention or Work created]) --> Step1[Invention or Work Disclosure Form]
      Step1 --> Step2[Form for the Assessment of the Commercial Potential of the Invention or Work]
      Step2 --> Step3[Income Distribution Form]
      Step3 --> Step4[Economic analysis of the Invention or Work]
      Step4 --> Step5[Economic Analysis Form]
      Step5 --> Step6[Development of IP Strategy for the Invention or Work]
      Step6 --> Step7[IP Strategy Decision]
      Step7 --> End([6 months of receipt of author's notice])
  
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**Step 1: Invention or Work Disclosure Form**  
 RESPONSIBLE: Main inventor/author  
 Main inventor: fills in the Form  
 KTT team: provide help in the process

**Step 2: Form for the Assessment of the Commercial Potential of the Invention or Work**  
 RESPONSIBLE: Main inventor/author and KTT team  
 Main inventor: fills in the Form  
 KTT team: provide help in the process

**Step 3: Income Distribution Form**  
 RESPONSIBLE: Main inventor/author and KTT team  
 Main inventor: fills in the Form  
 KTT team: provide help in the process

**Step 4: Economic analysis of the Invention or Work**  
 RESPONSIBLE: KTT team  
 KTT team: perform the analysis based on the input from 3 forms  
 Main inventor: provides clarifications if needed

**Step 5: Economic Analysis Form**  
 RESPONSIBLE: KTT team  
 KTT team: prepare the Form  
 Main inventor: provides input if needed

**Step 6: Development of IP Strategy for the Invention or Work**  
 RESPONSIBLE: PRI Director  
 PRI Director: decides on appropriate IP strategy  
 KTT team: help with the decision

**Step 7: IP Strategy Decision**  
 RESPONSIBLE: PRI Director  
 PRI Director: signs the Decision  
 KTT team: help with the Decision drafting

Timeline: 1 month (between steps 2 and 3), 15 days (between steps 5 and 6), 6 months (between steps 7 and End)



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### KTT flow (2)

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    graph TD
      Start([IPB protection]) --> Step1[Preparation the documentation for IPB protection]
      Step1 --> Decision1{IPB claims IPB?}
      Decision1 -- YES --> Step2[IPB protection]
      Decision1 -- NO --> Step3[Return IPB to the Inventor/Author]
      Step3 --> Stop([STOP])
      Step2 --> Decision2{Commercialisation route?}
      Decision2 -- COMPANY --> Step4[New company establishment]
  
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**Step 1: Preparation the documentation for IPB protection**  
 RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department  
 PRI legal department: collect all the documentation for IPB protection, involve expert attorney if needed  
 KTT team: provide help in the process  
 Main inventor: provide input for documentation

**Decision 1: IPB claims IPB?**

**Step 2: IPB protection**  
 RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department  
 PRI legal department: file and monitor IPB protection, communicate with expert attorney  
 KTT team: provide help in the process

**Step 3: Return IPB to the Inventor/Author**  
 RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department  
 PRI legal department: inform inventor of the decision  
 Main inventor: accepts the decision

**Decision 2: Commercialisation route?**

**Step 4: New company establishment**  
 RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department  
 PRI legal department: help with legal issues  
 PRI director: decides on ownership  
 Main inventor: decides on participation



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### KTT flow – licensing (1)

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    graph TD
      A[One-pager with value proposition preparation] --> B[Intro e-mail with one-pager sent to selected companies]
      B --> C{Interest raised?}
      C -- NO --> STOP[STOP]
      C -- YES --> D[Confidential pitch preparation]
      D --> E[NDA preparation]
      E --> F[NDA with company signed]
      F --> G{Licensing deal?}
      G --> H[ pitching before the company representatives ]
      H --> G
  
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**One-pager with value proposition preparation**

- RESPONSIBLE: KTT team
- KTT team: prepare one-pager with clearly communicated value proposition
- Main inventor: help with one-pager

**Intro e-mail with one-pager sent to selected companies**

- RESPONSIBLE: KTT team
- KTT team: send email with the attachment
- Main inventor: provide input if needed

**Confidential pitch preparation**

- RESPONSIBLE: Main inventor/author
- Main inventor: prepares the pitch
- KTT team: provide help in the process

**NDA preparation**

- RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department
- PRI legal department: draft the NDA
- KTT team: provide help in the process
- Main inventor: provide input if needed

**NDA with company signed**

- RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department
- PRI legal department: ensure NDA is signed
- KTT team: provide help in the process

**pitching before the company representatives**

- RESPONSIBLE: KTT team
- KTT team: presents the pitch
- Main inventor: provide help in the process

**Licensing deal?**

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### KTT flow – licensing (2)

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    graph TD
      A[Term Sheet preparation] --> B[Negotiating on licensing terms]
      B --> C[License Agreement drafting]
      C --> D[License Agreement signing]
      D --> E[Monitoring of licence implementation]
      D --> F[Licensing fee collection]
      D --> G[Revenue distribution]
  
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**Term Sheet preparation**

- RESPONSIBLE: KTT team
- KTT team: preparation of the term sheet and BATNA
- PRI legal department: legal input if needed
- Main inventor: input if needed

**Negotiating on licensing terms**

- RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department
- PRI legal department: participate in negotiation process
- KTT team: help in the process

**License Agreement drafting**

- RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department
- PRI legal department: draft the License Agreement
- KTT team: control the draft document

**License Agreement signing**

- RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department
- PRI legal department: ensure the Agreement is signed
- KTT team: provide help if needed

**Monitoring of licence implementation**

- RESPONSIBLE: PRI legal department
- PRI legal department: ensure License Agreement is properly implemented
- KTT team: provide help in the process

**Licensing fee collection**

- RESPONSIBLE: PRI financial department
- PRI financial department: control and collect payment and fees
- KTT team: provide help in the process

**Revenue distribution**

- RESPONSIBLE: PRI financial department
- PRI financial department: ensure fair distribution according to IP Rulebook
- KTT team: provide help in the process

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## Role of PRI – Researchers - KTT Team (1)

### Employer (PRI)

- Owns and controls all IP rights resulting from research activities performed during the working time by using PRI resources (e.g. money and/or equipment)
- Responsible for all costs incurred during the IPR lifespan
  - IP maintenance fees
  - Action against infringers
  - Liability for infringement
- Responsible for revenue distribution (from commercialisation activities)
- Management/Director decides on the IP Strategy and signs all legal documents
- Legal department drafts legal documentation and monitors the process from the legal perspective
- Financial department controls and distributes payments and fees



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## Role of PRI – Researchers - KTT Team (2)

### Main inventor/author

- Share the economic benefit with PRI
  - Licensing fees/royalties from licenses or copyrighted works
  - Equity and/or profit in companies
  - Revenue from services
- Responsible for active participation in IP protection and commercialisation process
  - Working closely with KTT team



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Role of PRI – Researchers - KTT Team (3)

**KTT Team**

- Coordinates IP Rulebook implementation
- Acts as a liaison between researchers, PRI director, PRI legal and financial experts
- Manages PRI's commercialization process for research outputs; functions include
  - Evaluating invention disclosures, market and competition
  - Understanding and securing intellectual property protection
  - Understanding key market-related questions related to the commercial potential of an innovation
  - Marketing and business development
  - Identifying and communicating with the commercial partner (e.g. licencing negotiations)
  - Later commercialisation phases (e.g. additional fundraising, monitoring license agreements)

**IMPORTANT, ACTIVE AND STRATEGIC ROLE OF THE KTT TEAM!**



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## KTT Support implementation plan



**1. General Part – Kickoff online webinar**

Revisit KTT flow

- Action plan and specific steps in supporting PRIs in individual KTT opportunities



**2. Individual Part – 1-on-1 support to selected KTT opportunities – 4 PRIS**

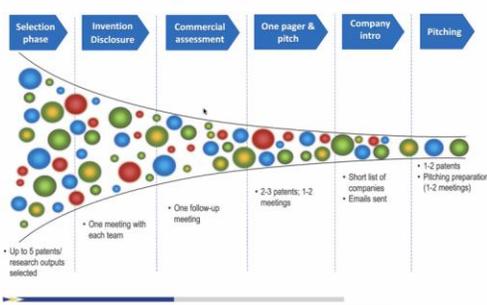
Consolidate KTT function

Prioritize high-potential patents for commercialization



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## KTT Support implementation plan



**Selection phase**

- Up to 5 patents/ research outputs selected

**Invention Disclosure**

- One meeting with each team

**Commercial assessment**

- One follow-up meeting

**One pager & pitch**

- 2-3 patents; 1-2 meetings

**Company intro**

- Short list of companies
- Emails sent

**Pitching**

- 1-2 patents
- Pitching preparation (1-2 meetings)



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## Selection phase

Criteria to be used:

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## 6 steps implementation phase

1. • Filling in the Invention Disclosure Form
2. • Filling in the Commercial Potential Assessment Form
3. • Non-confidential one-pager/confidential pitch deck with formulated value proposition
4. • 5 companies as the first users/potential licensees
5. • Introductory mail sent with one-pager attached as a teaser
6. • In case of interest raised, pitch before interested companies



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## Promoting the Technology One-pager

- Conferences
- Articles in magazines and newspapers
- Web, Blogs & Infographics, Social media
- E-mails
- Personal contact
- One-pager (white paper)
  - An attention-grabbing headline
  - Visual hierarchy
  - Balance
  - The right typography
  - Catching content

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## Promoting the technology Pitching

Question	Issues
1. Who cares?	describe the problem, target market and its current size, estimated annual growth, target customers, total addressable market
2. What do you do?	describe the solution in language everybody can understand, estimate demand
3. Why will you win?	competitive advantage, competitors
4. How will you stay ahead?	How long and how can you maintain your advantage? intellectual property
5. Does it work?	refer to TRL (demonstrator, prototype, MVP, etc.)
6. How will you make money?	primary source of revenue
7. How much will you make?	Do you have revenue? How much? timeline for generating revenue
8. Why you?	Present your team, employees, advisors, board members
9. What will you do?	major challenge, development plan
10. How much will it cost?	Got funding, funding required

- A pitch is a presentation of product/service to potential client
- A pitch deck is a collection of slides, which summarizes your technology
- If it is only a presentation you will probably fail! It must be a story behind!**

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### KTT support implementation timeline

**Selection phase:** Kick-off Webinar, RD country visit, Meeting with PIs, Assessment, Down selection.

**Implementation phase:** Selection document form filled, Commercial assessment form filled, Non-commercial use: Non-Commercial plan prepared, List of 5 companies prepared, Site visit with selected PI, Pitching before interested companies.

**Milestones:** End January, Mid February, End March, End September.



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