

‘Intellectual Property (IP) and commercial exploitation’ presented by Michele Dubbini from EURICE

During the training the early stage researchers (ESRs) had the opportunity to gain understanding of legal terms and regulations regarding IP and IPR as well as relevant clauses of the ITN’s grant agreement. Michele Dubbini, an IP and innovation advisor from EURICE, helped the ESRs develop insight into their obligations and rights established by the grant agreement. Particularly interesting were the explanations about balancing the needs of publishing and exploiting the future findings of the ITN. The training made the participants aware of what their rights regarding the data they produce are. As all of the ESRs will be doing secondments, many of which will mean moving from academia to an industrial environment or vice versa, it was essential for the legally naive young scientists to familiarize with rules regarding to such a secondment in order to prevent conflicts from occurring. The students were also informed on how and from whom to seek help in case of any doubt relevant to the topic. Furthermore, the gained skills will also benefit the ESRs long term as they resulted in the students having a basic legal foundation for future collaboration establishments in academia and industry. The participants consensually agreed that the training was extremely beneficial for them for the present and the future.

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