

**“Knowledge exploitation: Social Innovation, patenting, creation of spin-offs”
presented by *Simon Curtis* from Potter Clarkson**

During the training the Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) had the opportunity to gain knowledge about the fundamentals of Patenting and their implementation in the creation of spin-offs. Simon Curtis, patent attorney from Potter Clarkson, helped the ESRs to develop insights into their obligations and privileges regarding novel invention, and to implement IP to protect their fundamental rights. The training made the participants aware of their rights regarding the data procurement during their research career, and of what should be done after they think they have discovered a novel thing. The steps to be taken by the ESRs after their novel findings were discussed elaborately as it is crucial for the naive researchers to disseminate the information within the rules and regulations. The ESRs were also informed about specific Patent regulations in different countries. Different terminologies in the field of Patenting (e.g. “Copyright”, “Trademark” etc.) and differences between all of them were well explained.

The revenues from the innovation and share of revenues between parties were also discussed in this training. In the long term the gained skills will help the ESRs in their research career, in particular in the collaboration between academia and industry. The ESRs agreed with appreciation that the training was extremely beneficial for them for their present and for their upcoming scientific career.

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