

Intellectual Property Rules at the UL

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WHAT is a knowledge transfer?

The sharing of knowledge, skills and technologies between public research and enterprises for collective benefit.

(source: <https://www.knowledgetransferireland.com/>)

- Knowledge transfer is one of the preferential strategic missions of the University of Ljubljana

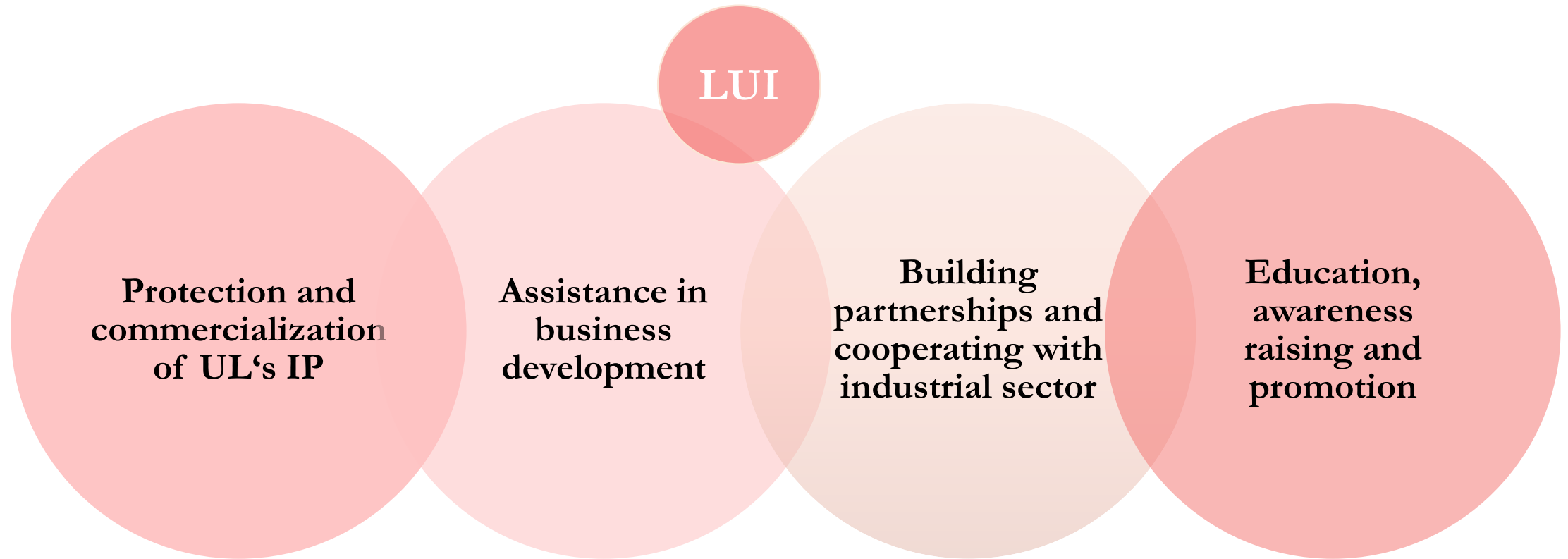
University Of Ljubljana Strategy 2012-2020: »EXCELLENT AND CREATIVE«

(excerpt)

Use of knowledge - third dimension of the university

- The University of Ljubljana exercises social responsibility by transferring the created knowledge into practice.
- This is the so-called *third dimension* of a university, which will be strengthened by the University of Ljubljana; the number and the value of the projects for economy, the public sector will be increased by a third in the 2020, and the number of participants in the lifelong programmes will be doubled. The measures are:
 1. Formation of strategic and development partnerships, common development groups, implementation of development projects with economic organizations and the public sector.
 2. **Strengthening the office for technology transfer**; formation promoting role of knowledge managers in transfer of basic knowledge for practical use as well as transfer of developmental challenges from the production environment into the research and development groups.
 3. Offering lifelong learning programmes for further education and obtaining additional qualifications.
 4. Strengthening activities of career centre for student guidance, career counselling, employment of graduates, cooperation with employers, organization of alumni clubs, and monitoring the employability of graduates as well as their success at work.
 5. **Better connection and cooperation of career centre, Ljubljana University Incubator, IRI and offices for transfer of knowledge** with the emphasis on creating new companies and firms, new workplaces and employment possibilities.

KTO's *main tasks*



https://www.uni-lj.si/research_and_development/intellectual_property/

Legal background *and basic* IP principles

National legislation related to IP

- Employment Related Industrial Property Rights Act
- Industrial Property Rights Act
- Protection of New Varieties of Plants Act
- Protection of Topographies of Integrated Circuits Act
- Copyright and Related Rights Act



Basic principles:

- economic rights in intellectual property, created within the course of an employment, belong to the employer (University)
- the creator/inventor shall participate in the distribution of income, derived from IP commercialisation

Management of the IP at the UL

UL's internal regulations

- 2007 first internal regulations on management of inventions adopted (amended in 2009);
- 2016 renewed **Rules on management of industrial property rights at the UL**

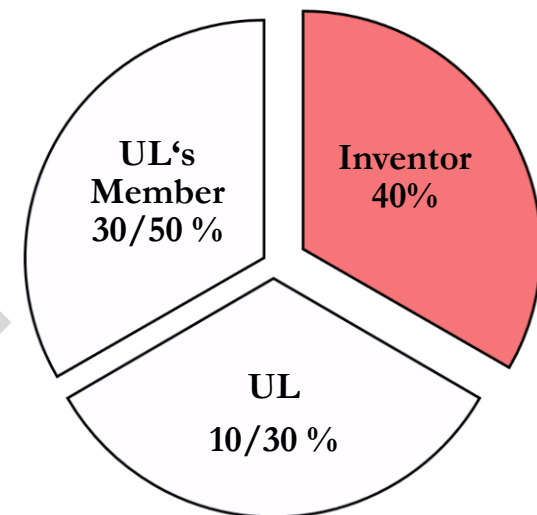


- detailed provisions on internal procedures with **inventions**
 - industrial designs
 - new plant varieties
- **distribution** of commercialisation **income**
 - IPR licensing/assignment
 - know how licensing

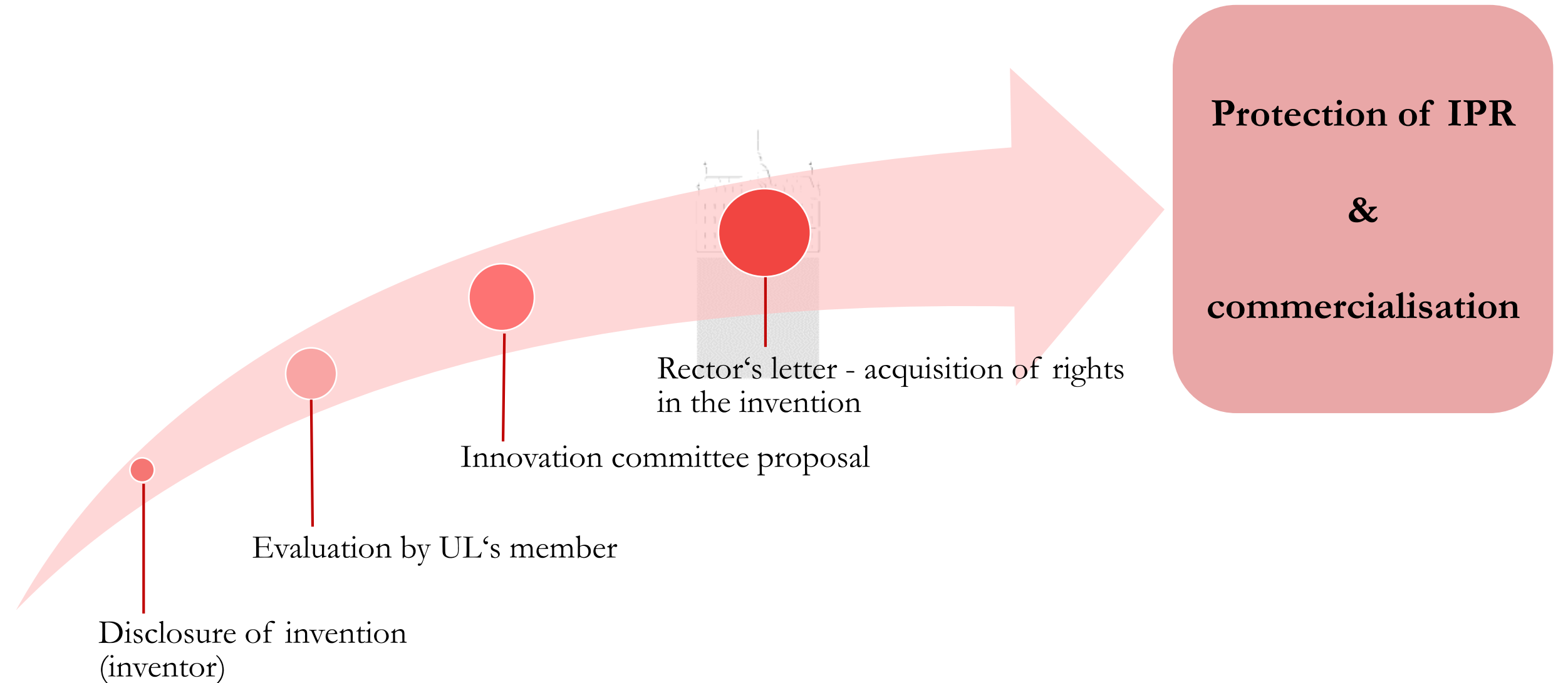
UL's rules apply to UL's:

- employees
- contractual associates
- visiting researchers
- *students**

Income less costs for IPR protection is distributed between



Internal procedure *with inventions*



The role of *KTO UL* in *knowledge transfer process*

- KTO UL helps you identify, protect and commercialise the results through following activities:
 - Helps with the assessment of the commercial value of your results
 - Provides advice regarding patentability and protection strategies of intellectual property
 - Coordinates IP protection procedures
 - Helps with marketing and searching for industrial partners
 - Provides legal help when licensing or transferring IP and establishing spin-outs
 - Control and distribution of revenues

Why *would you transfer your knowledge?*

- Generation of profit and new business and/or employment opportunities
 - Personal financial gain (40 %)
 - Reputation and reference
 - Impact on social environment and collective benefit
 - Building partnerships within industrial sector
- ... last but not least, getting that fantastic feeling when you see a product that improves or even saves lives and is **a result of your knowledge and endeavours!**



Important!

- What is created or invented within the University or with its funds, has to be notified as a **service** invention!
 - *Declaration Of Confidentiality And Transfer of Intellectual Property Rights*
- **First protection, then publication!**
 - Results shall be protected whenever possible, reasonable and justified
 - IPR are a tool that enables and supports commercial exploitation of research results
 - Novelty is one of the key conditions of a patent protection! File a patent application BEFORE you publish or otherwise reveal your results (e.g. commercial exploitation, negotiations with potential industry partners, presentations etc.)
 - **NDA** – Non-disclosure agreement

Questions?



Thank you for your attention!

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