From competencies to communities:

aligning intellectual property with Open Science in practice

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IP4OS

- Unpacking the possibilities of Intellectual Properties for Open Science
- IP4OS: a European project that promotes the synergy between Intellectual Property (IP) and Open Science (OS).
- Project goal: to empower multidisciplinary teams and organizations to increase the impact of scientific results in a broader social and economic context.
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- ASTP - Association of European Science & Technology Transfer Professionals
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- IFLA – The International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions
- Karolinska Institutet
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The IP4OS Challenge: Turning Research Knowledge into Value

Research results can create value only if knowledge can circulate, be accessed and reused. At the same time:

- Some intellectual assets need protection
- Excessive restrictions can unnecessarily limit access and reuse
- Open Science requires FAIR, accessible and reusable outputs
- Perceived tension between IP and OS
- "As open as possible, as closed as necessary"



The challenge: finding the right balance

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The IP4OS Response: Bringing IP and Open Science Together

- Researchers and institutions need to navigate IP and OS together
- Concerted IP–OS approach
- Agile, fit-for-purpose IP management
- Multi-professional support for researchers
- DESCRIBE → INFORM → TRAIN → EMPOWER



Making IP and Open Science work together in practice

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People Make the Difference: From Concept to Institutional Implementation

- IP–OS integration requires more than individual expertise
- Connecting different perspectives and institutional support
- Supporting researchers throughout different stages of the research cycle
- Researchers remain at the centre → creating a community around them
- Creating a structured institutional pathway for consultation and collaboration



Institutional change needs a community

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IP4OS Multi-professional Teams

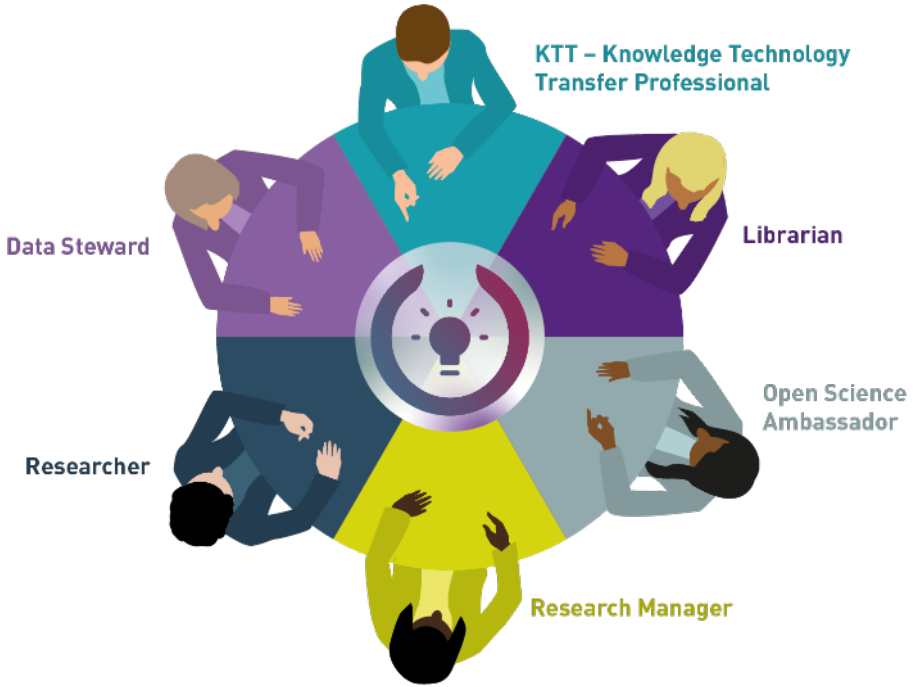
- Who works together:

Data Steward, Knowledge Transfer Officer, Librarian, OS Ambassador, Research Manager, Researcher + case-specific legal and ethics expertise

- How the team works:

establishment, resources, communication infrastructure, consultation pathway, peer learning, decisions during research cycle

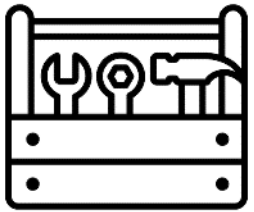
- Guide to Multi-professional Consultation



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The IP4OS Toolbox: Making Better IP–OS Decisions

- Synergy Framework
  gives the overarching decision framework
- Knowledge Valorisation Rubric
  links research assets to valorisation potential
- FAIR-R²L Rubric
  suggests practical structured decision support
- Multi-professional Consultation Guide
  connects the Toolbox to institutional support
- Case Studies
  prove that openness and protection can coexist in practice



Instruments created to support balanced IP-OS decision making throughout the research lifecycle

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Building the Capacity to Apply the Approach

Tools only work if people know how to use them !

IP4OS training architecture:

- Synergy Core Curriculum → the educational backbone
  - learning logic; target professions; aligned with the Synergy Framework
- Pilot Learning Lab
  - learning translated into institutional experimentation
  - Understand → Test → Implement (three sessions + follow-up actions)
- Professional Deepening Modules → Provide profession-specific learning
- Train-the-Trainer → professionals become multipliers, even beyond IP4OS



From individual learning to institutional practice

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Changing Mindsets, Building Communities:

Training is not enough!

Changing mindsets towards IP and OS:

- Role Model Campaign → making the new IP–OS mindset visible
  - advocates, testimonials, posters, videos, facts & figures, campaign messages
- IP & OS Masterclass / Webinars → ongoing informal learning
- Community of Practice



Sustainable change requires awareness, capacity and community

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Next Steps

IP4OS is hosting a high -level policy summit:

Innovation, Sovereignty and Open Science in Europe

The event will take place online and in person at CSIC Brussels

on 13 October 202 6

bringing together policymakers, researchers, legal experts, and industry representatives to discuss how to align intellectual property, open science, and AI-driven innovation to enhance Europe's innovation capacity.

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