

## Ownership of project results

### ➔ Background Information

The programme grants ERDF-co-funding to projects that tackle problems and challenges relevant for the Alpine Space area and that produce concrete and transferable results. Thus, as "return service" for the financial support the programme expects the project participants to share the results of their project with the public (especially with interested actors). The programme bodies will take respective measures to ensure an effective dissemination of project achievements and a capitalisation of results for a wider public.

On the other hand projects might produce outcomes and results that are protected by the applicable copyright (e.g. studies, data collection and management systems, brochures, logos). In this respect it is also an ambition of the programme to ensure that each project participant may use the outcomes and results that are produced by other project participants.

### ➔ Guidance

With regard to the aspect of dissemination of project results, projects will be asked in the Application Form (AF) (see also factsheet 3.1 on *Application Procedure*) to set out how they intend to do so. This will be carefully checked during the project evaluation.

The project participants will have to sign a Partnership Agreement (PA) (see also the factsheet 5.1 on *Partnership Agreement*). It is foreseen by the programme that the project participants shall acknowledge in this PA that the results of the project, especially any study or analysis produced in the course of the project, shall be made available to the public. Moreover, the PA lays down that the project participants shall play an active role in any actions organised by the programme to disseminate and capitalise these results (e.g. brochures on approved projects, organisation of specific informative events).

The programme gives guidance on the appropriate way of publication of the project results to the projects (see also factsheet 6.7 on *Information & Publicity*). Furthermore, guidance and support on the issue of information and publicity measures will be offered by the Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS), especially at the occasion of transnational seminars.

With regard to copyrights on project outcomes and results the PA to be signed by the project participants contains the following provision: "All project outcomes and results shall be the joint property of all project participants. Consequently, each project participant shall grant a simple, non-exclusive right of use of any produced work of authorship to all other project participants." On this way it shall be ensured that each project participant may use the result of work reached by each of its colleagues in the project partnership. This does not exclude the possibility of the project participant that has produced the work of authorship to transfer the right of use to third parties that did not take part in the project.

Also the Subsidy Contract (SC) (see also factsheet 5.2 on *Subsidy Contract*) which will be concluded between the Lead Partner (LP) (and ERDF-Lead Partner if there is one) and the Managing Authority (MA) foresees respective provisions concerning copyrights on and dissemination of project results. On this way, it shall be ensured that the respective rights and duties are not only laid down between the project participants, but also in the agreement regulating the relationship between the programme and the project.

## **Reference Documents**

- + Operational Programme "Alpine Space", chapter 2.3.1.

## **Annexes**

- + Model Application Form (AF) with guidance
- + Subsidy Contract
- + Partnership Agreement