

## Bringing parties together

Each STW project is monitored by a User Committee (UC)

UC meeting participants:

- applicant(s)
- users (minimum is 4 of which 50% companies)
- personnel temporarily appointed to the project
- program officer STW, supported by:
  - management assistant
  - legal department
  - financial department

User committees in action →



## Role of the user committee

- Establish a research platform for interaction between knowledge (technology) providers and (technology) users.
- Keep focus on the application of the results – maximise the possibility of knowledge transfer.
- Give advice on the technology development, e.g. pitfalls, 'hands-on' know-how.
- Creation of a network that endures beyond the project period.
- Mid term review.

## User Committee meeting



- Progress of the project; keep the focus on the application of the results and on the users present
- Utilisation
  - Utilisation Plan (aim(s), applications, deliverables, users)
  - Check expectations / prepare questions or discussion points
  - Current status
  - User committee composition
  - Intellectual property (IP)
  - **Continuous renewal of insights / progress report - meeting - minutes**

KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

(no colloquium / technical or conference meeting)

## Knowledge transfer



Two strategies depending on the outcome and sector

### 1. Protect the knowledge

- To enable technology transfer / to protect the interests of the companies involved the knowledge developed is **strictly confidential**
- File a patent / know how agreement



### 2. "Spread the news"

- Workshop with all stakeholders
- Researcher / user presentations
- Open source software
- Non-scientific publications



## Intellectual property policy

### Starting points:



- **Confidentiality**
- **Ownership** IPR and know-how **jointly** to STW and university
- Members of the UC will have a preferential position, but are not automatically entitled to apply the results
- Companies → discuss results internally, but no commercial activities  
→ consult STW
- In case of financial or in-kind contribution to the project :
  - > 10% contribution = Option on IP-rights against market price
  - > 30% contribution = Option on non-exclusive IP rights royalty free; exclusive rights against market price
  - Contributions of private users can be cumulated



## Publication policy

- Before publication the UC needs to be consulted via STW
- All (draft) **publications/abstracts/posters** are submitted to the **UC**
- STW may decide to suspend a publication for up to 9 months

### Procedure

- PL sends publication ≥ 30 days prior to submission to STW
- STW submits publication to users
- Users have to respond within 14 days
- Within 30 days after submission STW informs PL whether there are (IP) objections:
  - if not → publish
  - if yes → in consultation - PL edits publication or STW stalls publication (patent procedure; max. 9 months)

