



Relation With the Pre-Existing Practice of Academic Inventing within Industrial Owned IPRs.

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Abstract

The technology transfer from University to industrial firms follows two main routes: licensing of institutionally owned patents and patents owned by industrial firms and invented by University researchers. In Europe and in Italy this second phenomenon has been more important. There is an evolution towards institutional ownership of patents and licenses, driven by change in national regulation, national and regional policy and in university administrative regulation. Is there any net economic return for universities, taken into account the costs of the TTO activity? What is the relation between institutional patenting and patenting derived by research commissioned by industry and research jointly developed with industry in terms of academic patent valorisation? These are complex questions, which could benefit from a merging between often separated surveys and data (on University owned patents and on firms owned patents with university inventors). Moreover in Europe the phenomenon of the University research result valorisation activity is recent and there is not so much empirical evidence.