Understanding and Managing Intellectual Property (12 h)

The training program, divided in three complementary training sessions, is designed to provide both theoretical knowledge and practical tools on **Intellectual Property (IP),** with specific focuses on (i) strategic use of patents and patent information; (ii) IP regulatory framework and University of Trieste related procedures

Day 1: Managing Intellectual Property for Research and Innovation (4 h)

Date and time: 27 January 2026, 14.00-18.00

Place: Ex-Ospedale Militare, Via F. Severo n. 40

Trainer: Ing. Lorenzo Fabro – GLP Srl

Goal: To understand the types of IP rights and how to use them strategically to enhance research results and boost technology transfer

Key Topics:
- Introduction to Intellectual Property Rights: types and purposes
- Patents as strategic tools for innovation and competitiveness
- The filing procedures: the path to the grant
- From NDA to License: Managing IP in Contracts

Day 2: Strategic use of Patent Information – Part 1 (4 h)

Date and time: 03 February 2026, 14.00-18.00

Place: Ex-Ospedale Militare, Via F. Severo n. 40

Trainers: Viviana Maria Opinato, Riccardo Priore, Michela Zornada

Goal: To effectively use patent information for research, technology scouting and competitive positioning.

Key Topics:
- Patentability criteria: what can (and cannot) be patented
- Overview of key **free patent databases**
- **Patent data mining**: evolution, tools, and applications
- Hands-on session on search strategies, patent document analysis, and evaluation
- "Homework" assignment

Day 3: Session 1: Strategic use of Patent Information – Part 2 (2h)

      Session 2: IP Regulatory Framework (2h)

Goal: To sum up Session 2 and to give practical guidelines on how to ask support on IP related matters at University of Trieste

Date and time: 10 February 2026, 14.00-18.00

Place: Ex-Ospedale Militare, Via F. Severo n. 40

Key Topics Session 1

- Presentation of research conducted by the participants
- Questions & Answers
- Not only Patent Information: other tools and data supporting the assessment of the potential impact of research results

Trainers: Francesca Furlan, Viviana Maria Opinato, Michela Zornada

Key Topics Session 2

- The 2023 IP Code Reform and its implications for universities and TTOs
- University of Trieste Patent Guidelines and Procedures
- The Collaboration between University of Trieste and Area Science Park PatLib Center

Trainer: Maddalena Furlan