

IP-Portfolio Canvas

The canvas is designed to navigate you through various aspects of the intellectual property rights (IP) in order to document the existing IP and to understand the legal and contractual situation of your technology.

This information should help you to better estimate the value of your technology as well as to assure and thrive your business opportunities.

To collect the information, please consider contacting the IP-officer at your Institute [Schutzrechtbeauftragte], a department or a group leader.

„The origins“ - Die Entstehung der Technologie		Ongoing commercialisation activites		Patent and IP quality	
(1) Has your technology been jointly developed or solely by Fraunhofer?		(7) Are the IP-rights to your technology involved in any R&D contracts as ‚background IP‘?		(11) Do you monitor patent activities in your technology field, e.g. via patent search [Patentrecherche]?	
(2) Is there any background IP applied in your technology?	E.g., open-source software components, patents of 3rd parties.	(8) Have your already tried to license your technology? Which companies have you approached? What was the result?		(12) In which countries have you applied for patent protection?	
(3) Have your technology been funded by:	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Public funding (BMBF)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> EU-project</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Industry project</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Fraunhofer internal funding</div>	(9) Are you currently in any contract negotiations relating to your technology?	E.g., NDAs, MoUs, license agreements.	(13) How does the choice of the countries correspond with the market for your technology (i.e. countries of production/ distribution)?	
(4) Is the R&D project completed or is it still in progress?		(10) Based on the information from this part, is your technology still available for commercialisation (i.e., licensing or spin-offs)?	YES NO	(14) Please asses the difficutly grade in working around your solution? [Umgehungslösungen]	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Not possible</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Challenging but possible</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Possible with some effort (less challenging)</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Easy</div>
(5) Have you published or presented anything about your technology?	E.g., research papers, master/phd thesis, FhG-publications, online publications, talks, flyers.	<div>IP STATUS</div> <div>List all (if applicable)</div> <div><div>▪ Patents and/or patent applications*</div><div>▪ Know-How</div><div>▪ Software</div><div>▪ Open-source software components</div><div>▪ Trademarks*</div><div>▪ Utility patents* [Gebrauchsmuster]</div></div> <div>Name also</div> <div><div>▪ Scientific publications</div></div> <div>* Fraunhofer patent numbers (F12345) are acceptable</div>		(15) How could you prove that someone infringed your patents and other IP? [Nachweisbarkeit] Please consider the difficutly in verifying infringement:	<div><input type="checkbox"/> Obvious: manifested in the product</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Must be inspected - low instrumental effort</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Must be inspected – high instrumental effort</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Only indirect (e.g., inspect production facility)</div>
(6) Are there any contractual restrictions affecting the commercialisation of your technology (i.e., licensing or spin-offs)?	YES NO				
PLEASE <div>(1) PROVIDE ALL AGREEMENTS AND DRAFTS RELATING TO YOUR TECHNOLOGY, AND</div> <div>(2) NAME ALL COMPANIES YOU WERE IN CONTACT WITH ABOUT THE TECHNOLOGY.</div>				(16) Are the essential features of your technology protected by your patent claims?	