

Intellectual property in innovation and cooperation

The 'Nationaal Groeifonds-programma "Luchtvaart in Transitie"' (LiT) involves large-scale cooperation between knowledge institutions, start-ups and scale-ups, SMEs and industry. The participants complement each other in building knowledge and expertise. By working together, the transition to sustainable aviation can be accelerated.

The aviation sector distinguishes itself from other sectors by its complexity and long time-to-market. Cooperation is necessary, but can also be difficult within an innovation project. For example, how do you make the right agreements about who owns the intellectual property rights, or how to organize the distribution of costs and risks, before the market introduction of the innovation?

New innovation or startup? The Netherlands Patent Office is there for you!

Are you developing new knowledge or technologies. Are you incorporating a startup? Are you doing this alone or with others? It is wise to think about intellectual property at an early stage. What knowledge do you share when collaborating and who becomes the owner of the innovation? What have others already protected and what rights can you obtain yourself? A patent, copyright and trademarks, as well as trade secrets can be interesting for generate more business. The intellectual property advisors of the [Netherlands Patent Office](#) are happy to inform you how this works and what benefits it can bring. They offer tailor-made support: independent, free, regional and confidential.

Are you innovating in aviation? You may then encounter the following questions:

- What agreements should I make if multiple parties generate knowledge in a consortium?
- Which forms of intellectual property apply to my company, invention or product?
- Have similar technical solutions already been invented and how can I find those technologies?
- How do I ensure that no one runs off with my invention?

To answer these questions, the Netherlands Patent Center offers various workshops, webinars and regional consultation hours that you can participate in for free. Check our [patent agenda](#) for locations and times.

Consultation with a intellectual property advisor in your region

Do you have questions that you would prefer to discuss directly with an intellectual property advisor? The advisors at the Netherlands Patent Office are available in your region. In Delft, advisor Michiel van Stapele has IP office hours every other Monday afternoon.

You can sign up for a consultation with a patent advisor via the registration form.