

Policy, knowledge value and strategic relevance of protection

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The identification and evaluation of the invention – and the consequent decision to protect the research results by filing a patent – are the first step in the process of exploiting innovative technologies generated by research activities. Filing a patent is not the final goal but it represents the starting point or better the flywheel that activates the process of technological transfer as described in the Italian universities' Third Mission activities. It actually triggers inclusive and dynamic knowledge transfer from academia to productive system.