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## **Evaluation of Inventions**

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IPRIS offers universities as well as small and medium-sized enterprises to evaluate their inventions in life sciences regarding their commercial potential and patentability. As a result, a proposal of an adequate protection strategy for the invention is presented.

In order to assess compliance of the technical innovation with patent law, inventions are examined considering prior art regarding novelty, inventive step as well as industrial applicability. Particular attention is given to the evaluation of feasible categories of claims (product, method and use claim) on the one hand, as these have major influence on the scope of protection, and to the evaluation of market criteria on the other hand.

The evaluation of inventions includes the following steps and aspects:

1. Preliminary analysis of the Invention Disclosure Form (IDF), filed to IPRIS (i.e. formal analysis of existing rights, prior art, commercial potential, realized and intended disclosures).
2. Preliminary search of the prior art in public patent databases. (i.e. Espacenet, USPTO, etc.), including evaluation of the identified data in respect to the filed invention. (Optional, but associated with extra costs: professional search of the prior art in other databases (Delphion, WPI).)
3. Evaluation of the patentability and marketability of the invention. If necessary: personal dialogue with the client at IPRIS' offices or by phone.
4. Evaluation report including proposals for an adequate protection strategy.

- Option 3: Execution of nationalization/regionalization, including securing the necessary translations (excluding translation costs and costs for national representatives); 950 CHF per PCT application and country (if desired, IPRIS will gladly make a detailed offer according to your individual case, listing all third-party charges)
- Option 4: 10 hours of consulting at a reduced price; 2'500 CHF per year

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