



Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) Helpdesk

“Support for European Innovation”

IPR-Helpdesk ***(DG Enterprise)***

***Launched by the European
Commission in October 1998***

- > offer assistance***
*with IP matters related to
EU-funded research projects*
- > appropriate advisers***
*put callers in touch, when necessary, with
or services*
- > promote awareness***
about the importance of IP for Europe

IPR-Helpdesk Communication Tools

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Helpline



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IPR-Helpdesk Helpline

- > **3 specialist legal experts**
in the field of patents, industrial property, Copyright, EU funded contractual issues
- > *Questions Answered within*
48 hours
- > **Registration**
essential
- > **Full EU language support**

> **Free**
advisory service for
European R&D

> **Informative service**
for the general public

> *Service available by*
phone, fax, e-mail, post

+ **Other tasks:**

- *producing website content*
- *writing reference documents & papers*
- *developing on-line tutorials, etc.*

IPR-Helpdesk's helpline **Questions** *we are asked*

> RTD queries..... 58%

(Access Rights, Ownership of results, protection and exploitation..)

> IP queries..... 42%

(Industrial Property, Author Rights, other legal aspects)



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FREE service supporting creativity and innovation in Europe.

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on this website can I find information on patents, trade marks, copyright and other Intellectual Property (IP) Issues?

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how ...

can I learn more about intellectual property within EU-funded Research and Technological Development (RTD)?

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who ...

has practical information on intellectual property and innovation in every EU Member State?

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IP related questions answered by our Legal Team

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Intellectual property aspects within EU-funded research and technological development (RTD) activities



The IPR-Helpdesk assists European Researchers under EU supported research projects under the [Fourth](#) and [Fifth](#) Framework Programmes and the [EUREKA](#) initiative, as well as potential future applicants to EU funded research programmes, on matters related to intellectual property.

Help is given on research contract related issues, consortium agreements, in locating the assistance necessary to register, protect and exploit their research results, etc.

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On-line presentations of intellectual property & RTD activities.

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Different types of model contracts to download.

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Publications relating to intellectual property and research and technological development (RTD) activities.

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[Technological Implementation Plan \(TIP\)](#)
The Technological Implementation Plan is a report produced by the contractors containing a summary of the project, a description of their achievements, and a forecast of their intentions regarding the use of knowledge.

[Consortium Agreement](#)
A consortium agreement is one or more agreements concluded between contractors, which aims to specify or supplement the provisions of the RTD contract, without conflicting with it.

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Discussion on rice patents 21/11/00 - Patents

The British charity "Action Aid" is joining a global fight to stop a US company controlling a patent on a brand of basmati rice. The fight is directed against a US-based rice company, holding five patents. The organisations fear that Third World farmers could come under the grip of big business if these types of patents are allowed.

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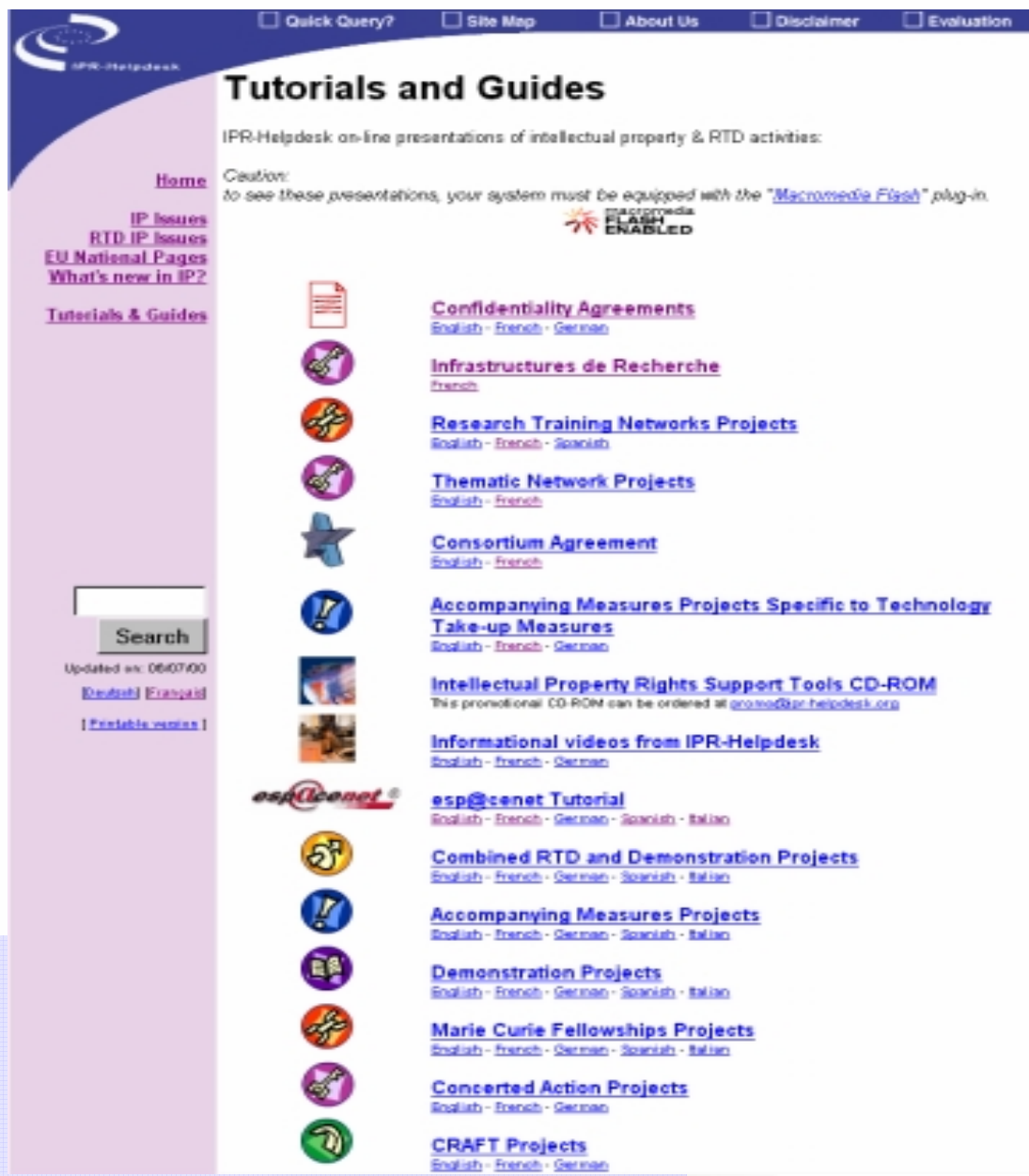
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The screenshot displays the IPR-Helpdesk website interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for 'Quick Query?', 'Site Map', 'About Us', 'Disclaimer', and 'Evaluation'. The main heading is 'Tutorials and Guides', followed by a sub-header: 'IPR-Helpdesk on-line presentations of intellectual property & RTD activities:'. A caution note states: 'Caution: to see these presentations, your system must be equipped with the "Macromedia Flash" plug-in.' Below this, a 'macromedia FLASH ENABLED' icon is visible. The left sidebar contains a 'Home' link and a list of categories: 'IP Issues', 'RTD IP Issues', 'EU National Pages', 'What's new in IP?', and 'Tutorials & Guides'. A search box with the text 'Search' is present, along with a note 'Updated in: 06/07/00' and links for 'English', 'Français', and 'Französische Version'. The main content area lists various resources, each with an icon and a title: 'Confidentiality Agreements' (document icon), 'Infrastructures de Recherche' (microscope icon), 'Research Training Networks Projects' (network icon), 'Thematic Network Projects' (key icon), 'Consortium Agreement' (star icon), 'Accompanying Measures Projects Specific to Technology Take-up Measures' (exclamation mark icon), 'Intellectual Property Rights Support Tools CD-ROM' (CD-ROM icon), 'Informational videos from IPR-Helpdesk' (video camera icon), 'esp@cenet Tutorial' (person icon), 'Combined RTD and Demonstration Projects' (gears icon), 'Accompanying Measures Projects' (exclamation mark icon), 'Demonstration Projects' (microscope icon), 'Marie Curie Fellowships Projects' (person icon), 'Concerted Action Projects' (key icon), and 'CRAFT Projects' (gears icon). Each item includes a list of available languages (English, French, German, Spanish, Italian).

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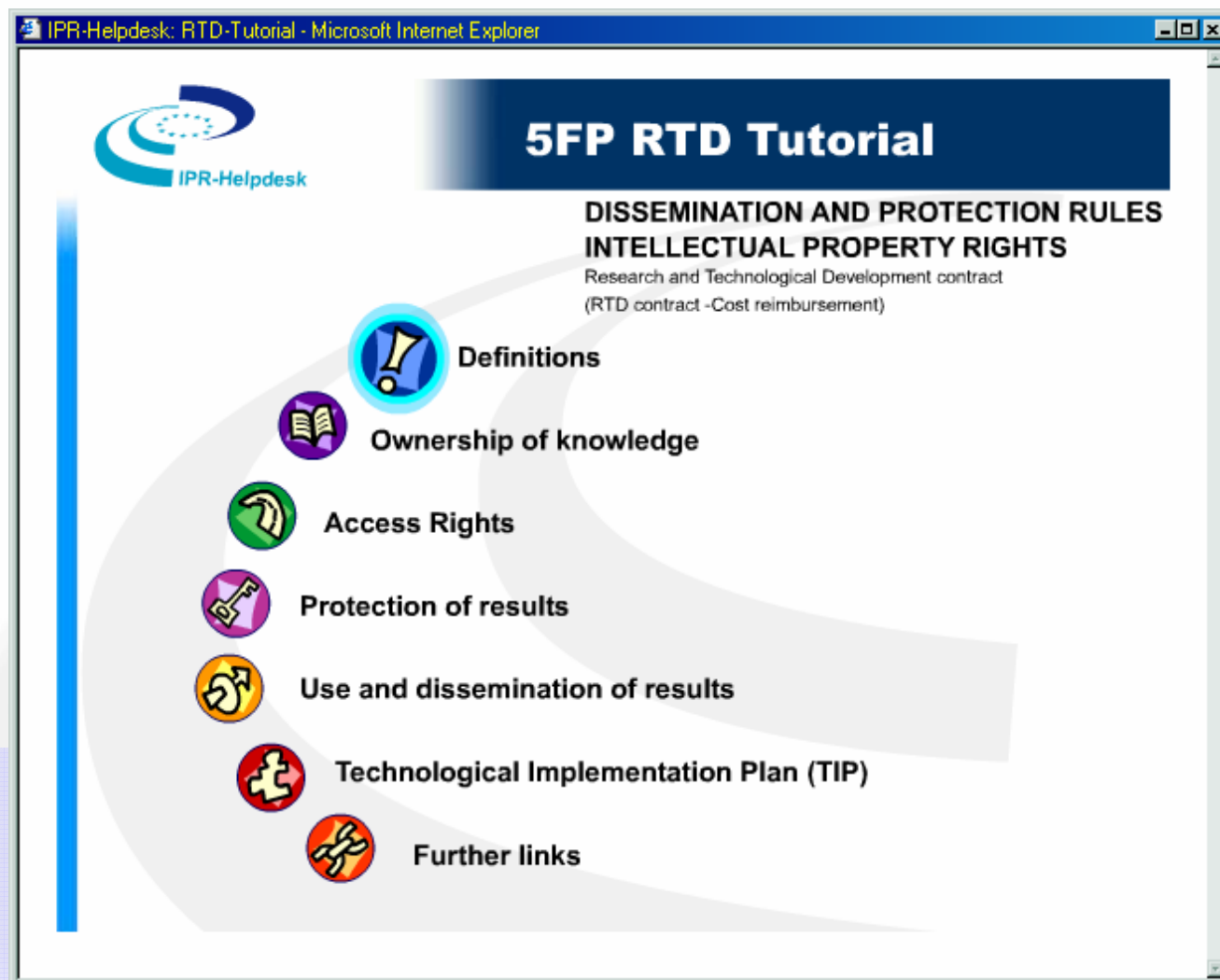
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