

# Information

## on Work Results and Usage Rights in the Event of an Association with a Company



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If, in addition to your work at a university or research institution, you are also the owner of a commercial enterprise (hereinafter referred to as “company”), hold an equity interest in such a company or work for such a company (full-time or part-time), please note the following:

Work results that will be or have been obtained through the DFG project for which you have submitted a proposal may only be passed on to the company or made accessible to the company after a licence agreement has been concluded. This licence agreement must be concluded between your university or research institution and the company; in terms of the granting of rights of use, it must comply with the requirements of the European Union's "Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation" (2022/C 414/01), i.e. it must regularly provide for a compensation equivalent to the market price. Please get in touch with your administration on this matter. You do not need to submit the agreement to the DFG. However, the DFG expressly reserves the right to review the agreement.

The above-mentioned restrictions do not apply to work results obtained through your project that have already been published and are in the public domain.

*Note: In the case of knowledge transfer projects, a cooperation agreement with the company must be submitted to the DFG for approval; in particular, this must comply with the requirements of the Union Framework. In such cases, applicants should make use of the model cooperation agreement (DFG form 41.026). Deviations must be approved by the DFG.*