

# Legal and Licensing issues

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### Why should the HLG protect its joint products/property?

If we don't, we accept the risk that someone outside the HLG or even one of the partners of the HLG patent the property before any publication took place and restrict the other partners from the use of the joint products.

### Recommendations

- Conclude a Collaboration agreement (MOU) specifying rights and duties of HLG CC
- Ask a yearly non-financial contribution from members
- Supply all products free of charge to the members
- Strengthen the governance by adopting rules of procedures
- Protect the HLG products by an appropriate Intellectual property right
- Choose a license
- Advice against commercialisation

### Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The purpose of the MOU is to establish a framework for cooperation between the institutions cooperating in the HLG Collaboration Community concerning the sharing, development and enhancement of the joint products of the HLG Collaboration Community.

### HLG Collaboration Community

Instead of a yearly fee, the following membership contributions could be applied:

- submitting your own components
- giving developer/other hours to the collaboration
- donating other means like hardware, licences etc. to the collaboration.



Relationship of confidence

participating institutions agree not to publish or give access to others of the components they get from this collaboration.

### Intellectual Property

Choose an appropriate licenses

- for software like CSPA: f.i. Gnu Public Licence v3 (GPL v3)
- for other products like guidelines and other artefacts: Creative Common License or Public Domain (case-by-case decision)

See: [www.choosealicense.com](http://www.choosealicense.com)