

What is

Conet about?

CIPnet will operate targeting the Chinese
Higher Education System,
thanks to a complementary consortium involving 7 of the most relevant Chinese Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) with geographical balance and 3 European HEIs with a long-standing experience in Technology Transfer (TT), Intellectual Property (IP)
Management and international cooperation.

The project is fully aligned with the Chinese Government TT and IP Policy and will be an excellent complementary bottom-up initiative to build the capacity of the Chinese Universities in TT and IP management.

What does CIPnet aim to achieve?

Main objective

To promote the modernisation and harmonisation of IP management practices in the Chinese Higher Education

System, with a view to enhance university-industry collaboration and contribute to economic and social development.

Specific objective

The establishment of a National

Higher Education Intellectual
Property Management Network
(CIPnet) as a learning platform to foster
modernisation, harmonisation and
strategic planning of IP management
practices and regional integration in
Higher Education of China.

How will CIPnet address this?

The **CIPnet** activities have been designed based on an analysis exercise that underline a general lack of know-how for establishing and implementing clear-cut strategies for the protection and exploitation of research results. CIPnet will tackle the identified problems and carry out activities to improve the situation at different levels:

At Higher Education strategic level

there is a need for institutional change based on knowledge sharing and standard IP management strategies leading to standard procedures on the protection of IP results at institutional level. A networking approach fostering the enrolment of other HIES in China out of the consortium is also needed. The involvement of governmental bodies as associate partners will also be promoted.

At **operational level**, enhancement of staff from TT/IP Offices, university researchers and students and the guidance for setting up a National Higher Education Intellectual Property Network (CIPnet) is considered essential for promoting a change in this area.