

General principles of collaboration between research laboratories and higher education institutions and Andra for projects selected in the framework of “2021 Doctoral Thesis - Call for projects”

For the projects selected following the call for projects, the following principles will govern the collaboration between Andra and the entities concerned.

If the entities concerned and Andra already have a framework agreement for scientific collaboration applicable to the subject of the study, it is specified that the project resulting from this call for projects may be supported by a specific contract under the said framework agreement. However, this specific contract must derogate from the principles of the framework agreement, which would not apply to the application of the principles set out in this document.

Doctoral student status

Andra will recruit the doctoral student for a period of three years to carry out the research work described in the selected project. This work shall lead to the defence of a doctoral thesis.

Research work

Andra will prepare a collaboration agreement with the entities concerned. This agreement will set out the general terms and conditions for carrying out the doctoral student's research work, based on the following elements:

- The research work described in the selected project must be performed in accordance with the technical programme detailed in the selected application.
- The actions to be carried out, the research and development activities and the human, material and financial resources to be committed as presented in the application constitute key elements which will be incorporated in the contractual documents subject to minor modifications which have been mutually accepted.
- The application will mention the location(s) where the research work will take place. The doctoral student will be placed under the control and responsibility of the legal entity responsible for the said location. The latter being fully liable for any damage that may be caused by the DOCTORANT in the course of carrying out the research work.

Intellectual property and exploitation rights

Technical and/or scientific information and knowledge, in whatever form, whether patentable or not, and/or patented or not, and all intellectual property rights deriving therefrom, arising from the research work shall be considered as results of the research work.

The ownership rights of the said results will be vested according to the following principles:

- Andra will be the owner of all the results and in particular of the intellectual property rights relating to the results of the study's research work (excluding adaptations of the partner's own software and know-how).
- At a minimum, the entities concerned will have a non-exclusive licence allowing them to use/exploit the results for their own research, teaching or even expertise needs.

Andra's full ownership will not affect the solicitation and agreement of either party for any publication and/or communication project relating to the results of the research work.