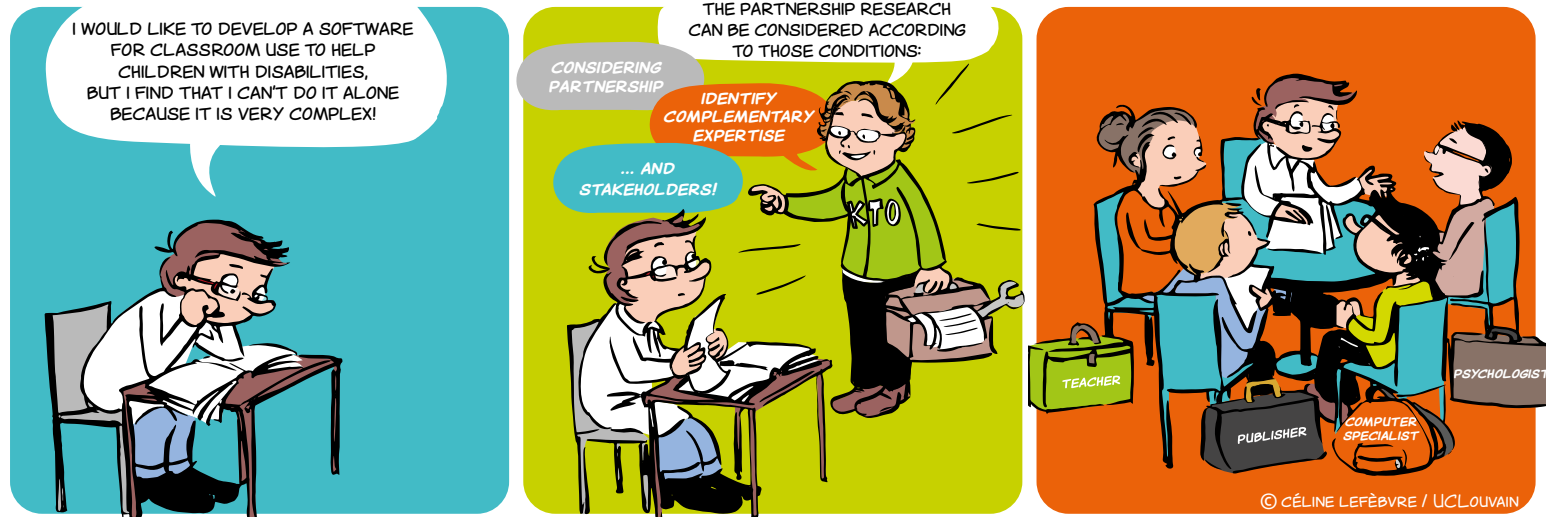


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## WHY CONDUCT COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH?

- **To encourage** cross-sector and interdisciplinary research
- **To ensure** that the research project is rooted in the realities of society and the economy
- **To reach out** to users and meet their needs
- **To pool** resources (data, equipment, samples)
- **To combine** the know-how and expertise of each partner
- **To stimulate** co-creation and collective intelligence
- **To maximise** the impact and transferability of research

## KEY POINTS TO CONSIDER:

### → **Complementarity:**

It is vital there is a complementarity of expertise within a research team. Your KTO can help you think about how your expertise can help you fit into a team and help you to choose and identify your potential partners.

### → **Collaboration agreements and intellectual property:**

Collaboration agreements must formalise the partnership and define the roles and actions of each partner, the resources available and the timetable for achieving the desired objectives.

The ownership of findings and their confidentiality must also be defined in a contractual agreement. Your KTO will help you to negotiate these agreements before the start of the project to ensure it runs smoothly and that the partners are in agreement.

### → **Common language and timeframes:**

Before and during the project, it is important to develop a common language and to communicate each other's expectations, particularly with regard to timeframes, which may differ between the field and the research team. This helps to develop a relationship of trust that is essential to the smooth running of the project.

### → **When to involve the partner:**

The partner(s) can be involved at any stage, subject to their relevance to the project. However, it is often preferable to bring in certain skills early in the project.

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## WITH WHOM?



### ACADEMIC

- Researchers at the institution or from an external laboratory or research centre
- To develop multidisciplinary research



### COMPANIES

- Both Economic and social
- To capitalise on research and develop innovation and apply it to the socio-economic world



### CITIZENS AND USER GROUPS

- Citizen groups and collectives
- To co-construct and test innovation in order to optimise its efficiency



### EXTERNAL PARTNERS

- Government authorities and public services
- To raise awareness among public funding bodies and to indirectly shape upstream policies

## USEFUL LINKS

[Transfer or Collaboration Opportunities](#)

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