



Software Patent Legislation Benchmarking Conference

About recent developments in granting and use of software patents, the Lisbon Agenda, effects of Parliament's versus Council's directive proposals.

Time and Place

2004-04-14 Wednesday 14.00-18.00

European Parliament, room AG2

Organisers

FFII together with the International Institute of Infonomics (MERIT)

Sponsors

The Open Society Institute and others.

Purpose

- Measure the effects of the Parliament's and Council's software patent legislation proposals
- Communication between people from the software development, research and legislation domains
- Continuation of last year's discussions - preparation of a research agenda for the November conference

Registration (mandatory)

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Schedule

Panel I 14:00-15:00: Recent Developments in Granting and Use of ICT Patents

Questions

How many patents of which types have been granted and enforced in various jurisdictions? How have ICT businesses been affected?

Participants

Burak Canboy (CEO, WinRAR GmbH, DE)
Adrian Lozano (patent data mining expert, SE)
Jozéf Halberszadt (PL-PTO, PL)
Bernd Herd (Herdsoft.com, DE)
Roland Orré (CEO & patent owner, neurologic.se)
Jean-Paul Smets (CEO & patent owner, nexedi.com, FR)
Joerg Wittenberger (SME in artificial intelligence, DE) (with reservation)

Remote Participants

Jim Bessen (Research on Innovation MIT, US),

Chair

Olga Zrihen MEP (Socialist Group, Belgium)

Panel II 15:30-16:30 EU Legislation Benchmarking: Parliament's vs Council's version of Software Patent Directive

Questions

Semantics of the different law proposals: clarity, compatibility with treaties and constitutions, effects on patent granting, effects on patent enforcement

Participants

Philippe Aigrain (formerly CEC Infosoc, FR)
Christian Beauprez (Software law expert, UK)
Reinier Bakels (Centre for Intellectual Property Law, University of Utrecht, NL)
David Ellard (CEC, DG Internal Market)
Georg Jacob (law scholar at Salzburg University, president of FFS.org.at, AT),
Oliver Lorenz (legal department of Magix.com, DE)

Remote Participants

Kiesewetter-Koebinger

Chair

Piia-Noora Kauppi MEP (PPE-DE (Conservative Group), Finland)

Panel III 17:30-18:00 Competitiveness of Knowledge Economies

Questions

Under what kind of regulatory framework does the production of information-based goods flourish? How can EU become "the most competitive knowledge economy by 2010"? Are the EU's targets well formulated and are the political instruments adequate to the targets?

Participants

Birgitte Andersen (IPR policy research, Birbeck University of London, UK)

Elad Harison (MERIT)

Yann Meniere (Cerna, FR),

Jean-Paul Smets (CEO & patent owner, nexedi.com, FR)

Thierry Sueur (UNICE and MEDEF, FR)

Remote Participants

Jim Bessen (MIT, USA)

Chair

Daniel Cohn-Bendit MEP (Chairman of Green Group, France-Germany)