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## 1 Latest News

- 2003/10/23: EU Council Patent Workgroup Meeting<sup>1</sup>
- 2003/10/06: AIPLA 03-10-06: EU Parliament making software technology unpatentable<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#SwnCons031023>

<sup>2</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#aipla0310>

- 2003/09/26: BMJ-PE 2003-09-26: Nur ABS, nicht Software als solche<sup>3</sup>
- 2003/10/01: Parliament Accepts Petitions Against Software Patents<sup>4</sup>
- 2003/09/29: Iniciadores de Petições Agradecem ao Parlamento Europeu<sup>5</sup>
- 2003/09/24: O Parlamento da União Europeia Vota a favor de Limites Reais à Patenteabilidade<sup>6</sup>
- 2003/09/22: Linus Torvalds and Alan Cox call on MEPs to keep Europe free from software patents<sup>7</sup>
- 2003/09/16: IT Club of French Large Companies against Software Patents<sup>8</sup>
- 2003/09/16: Alliance of 2,000,000 SMEs against Software Patents and EU Directive<sup>9</sup>
- 2003/09/16: US Gov't Promoting Patent Extremism in the European Parliament<sup>10</sup>
- 2003/09/03: Arlene McCarthy 2003/09/01: "Os Mitos - A Verdade"<sup>11</sup>

## 2 Links Anotados

- **FFII: Patentes de Software na Europa**<sup>12</sup>

Nos últimos anos o Gabinete Europeu de Patentes (GPO) (EPO – European Patent Office) tem, contrariamente à letra e espírito da lei vigente, concedido mais de 30000 patentes em regras de organização e cálculo implementadas em computador (programas para computadores). Agora o movimento de patentes Europeu está a pressionar para consolidar esta prática escrevendo uma nova lei. Os cidadãos e programadores europeus encaram riscos consideráveis. Aqui encontrará a documentação básica, começando por uma visão por alto e as últimas novidades.

<sup>3</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#bmj030926>

<sup>4</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#swnpeti031001>

<sup>5</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#swnepet030929>

<sup>6</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#swnplen030924>

<sup>7</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#swnlinu030922>

<sup>8</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#standblog-cigref0309>

<sup>9</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#ceapme0309>

<sup>10</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#usrep0309>

<sup>11</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/lisri/cnino/index.en.html#amccarthy030901>

<sup>12</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/index.pt.html>

- **How you can help us end the software patent nightmare**<sup>13</sup>

The patent movement has during several decades won the support of large corporations and governments for its set of beliefs. Rolling trains are hard to halt. Yet FFII and others have devoted themselves to this work with considerable success. Here we tell you how you can help us move forward more quickly.

- **FFII UK: Lobbying the Council of Europe**<sup>14</sup>

How decisionmaking in the Council works and what this means for the amended software patent directive

- **Página de campañas de ProInnova**<sup>15</sup>

Campanha Espanhola contra as Patentes de Software e como lhe dar apoio

- **Bernard Lang: Annotated Links on the Software Patentability Debate**<sup>16</sup>

contains a long list of commented references to studies on swpat economics

- **Die Gedanken sind ...**<sup>17</sup>

Leicht verständliche und unterhaltsame Einführung in die Problematik der Softwarepatente von Peter Gerwinski

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<sup>13</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/girzu/gunka/index.en.html>

<sup>14</sup><http://www.ffii.org.uk/council.html>

<sup>15</sup><http://proinnova.hispalinux.es/campanyas/index.html>

<sup>16</sup><http://pauillac.inria.fr/lang/reperes/patents/>

<sup>17</sup><http://patinfo.ffii.org/>

- **European Consultation on the Patentability of Computer-Implementable Rules of Organisation and Calculation (= Programs for Computers)<sup>18</sup>**

On 2000-10-19 the European Commission's Industrial Property Unit published a position paper which tries to describe a legal reasoning similar to that which the European Patent Office has during recent years been using to justify its practise of granting software patents against the letter and spirit of the written law, and called on companies and industry associations to comment on this reasoning. The consultation was evidently conceived as a mobilisation exercise for patent departments of major corporations and associations. The consultation paper itself stated the viewpoint of the European Patent Office and asked questions that could only be reasonably answered by patent lawyers. Moreover, it was accompanied by an "independent study", carried out under the order of the EC IndProp Unit by a well known patent movement think-tank, which basically stated the same viewpoint. Patent law experts of various associations and corporations responded, mostly by applauding the paper and explaining that patents are needed to stimulate innovation and to protect the interests of small and medium-size companies. However there were also quite a few associations, companies and more than 1000 individuals, mostly programmers, who expressed their opposition to the extension of patentability to the realm of software, business methods, intellectual methods and other immaterial products and processes. The EC IndProp Unit later failed to adequately publish the consultation results and moderate a discussion. Therefore we are doing this, and you can help us.

- **European Software Patent Horror Gallery<sup>19</sup>**

A database of the monopolies on programming problems, which the European Patent Office has granted against the letter and spirit of the existing laws, and about which it is insufficiently informing the public, delivering only chunks of graphical data hidden behind input masks. The FFII software patent workgroup is trying to single out the software patents, make them better accessible and show their effects on software development.

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<sup>18</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/papri/eukonsult00/index.en.html>

<sup>19</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/pikta/index.de.html>

- **Software Patents of the European Patent Office**<sup>20</sup>

During the last few years, the European Patent Office (EPO) has granted several 10000 patents on computer-implemented rules of organisation and calculation, i.e. programs for computers [ as such ]. We are systematically collecting these patents and republishing them in a more accessible form.

- **Vrijschrift Swpat Art**<sup>21</sup>

Collection of images

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<sup>20</sup><http://swpat.ffii.org/pikta/txt/ep/index.en.html>

<sup>21</sup><http://vrijschrift.org/swpat/art/>