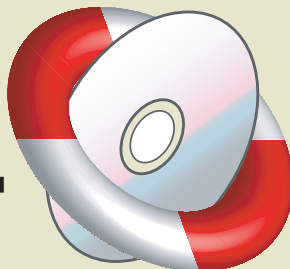


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CII DIRECTIVE:

**PREVENT SOFTWARE PATENTS THROUGH
THE BACK-DOOR!**

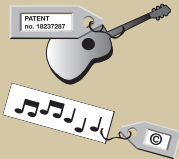
No patents on software as such – that's the consensus all parties seemingly agreed upon.

For this to be realised the directive on patentability of computer-implemented inventions must draw a **CLEAR LINE BETWEEN SOFTWARE AND TECHNICAL CONTRIBUTION**. We want patents on technical inventions only. We want software to be protected by copyright.

Do you want to promote innovation?



Support any amendment that clearly distinguishes between a technical invention and software, and excludes data processing and program claims!



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Interoperability between programs and operating systems
- that is what consumers as well as professionals want!

Patents that prevent **INTEROPERABILITY** of software
would dramatically limit free choice of products. Big
players on the market would abuse patents to create
monopolies.

Software processes and algorithms must remain patent-
free, like words for literature and notes for music!

Do you want to guarantee free choice for consumers?



**Support any amendment that
guarantees free use of software
to enable interoperability and to
protect consumer rights!**



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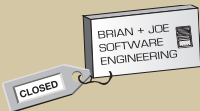
Patenting software means that competition would not take place on the market but in the courts. If software was patentable, costs for patent applications and patent litigation would be ruinous for **SMEs**.

The big players in the software market have launched impressive campaigns, countless lobbying letters, invitations and events. Apparently patents on software must be profitable – even for those already dominating the market. In this race SMEs cannot compete.

Do you want to create and secure employment?



Support any amendment that guarantees survival of Free and Open Source Software as well as our innovative SMEs in Europe!



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