

# Claiming Economic Majorities: the Software Patent Case



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## June 29th 2005 - Conference in the European Parliament

Surveys conducted by the European Commission and national governments have shown that, in the field of software and related industries, most of the employment and tax revenue comes from Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), and that SMEs in this area tend to see the patent system as a danger rather than an opportunity.

However, much of the lobbying on software patents that is done in the name of SMEs has been making legislators believe the opposite. Various lobby groups with vastly different backgrounds all claim to represent SME interests.

On 29th of June in the morning the European Confederation of Associations of Small and Medium Enterprises CEA-PME is convening a meeting that should help shed light on SMEs with various business models and on their difficulties in finding a faithful representation in the current lobbying structures of the EU.

### Place & Time

**29.06.2005, 9:00 - 15:00**

**Brussels / European Parliament / Spinelli Building  
room 5 E2**

hosted by MEPs from EPP-ED,  
including Zuzana Roithová (CZ)

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# Programme

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09:00 **Introductory statements from MEPs and CEA-PME**

## Legal

09:30 **10 short greeting messages** from SME representatives

10:00 André Schenk LL.M.Eur.:

**„Costs and liability risks in the software patents field“**

10:15 **discussion** with privileged participants (SME group, MEPs, journalists)

## SME

10:30 **10 short greeting messages** from SME representatives

11:00 Stefan Pollmeier: **„Software patents and manufacturing industries“**

11:15 **discussion** with privileged participants (SME group, MEPs, journalists)

11:30 open **discussion**

12:00 **lunch break**

## SME and legislation

13:30 Oliver Lorenz: **„SME astroturfing in the European Parliament“**

13:45 **discussion** with privileged participants (SME group, MEPs, journalists)

14:00 Hartmut Pilch: **„Patenting computer tomography solutions under the Ten Core Clarifications“**

14:20 **discussion** with privileged participants (SME group, MEPs, patent experts)

14:40 open **discussion**

15:00 **End of conference**

A **press conference** will be held at **10:00** in the **press room** of the European Parliament

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