

# Unice: The Voice of the European (Patent) Industry

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UNICE is the confederation of european national employers' associations, founded for lobbying the EU. Members include MEDEF of France and BDI of Germany. The UNICE submission is written on letter paper with the slogan "voice of Business Europe" and contains the usual belief statements known from the patent lawyer culture, e.g. that patents are needed to reward innovation particularly of SMEs, patents need to be available in all fields of technology etc. The UNICE author, apparently also a patent lawyer, applauds the consultation paper's approach and demands clear regulation for patentability of software. He does not in any way explain how this relates to the interests of European industry, but UNICE has during the months after the consultation been actively lobbying the European Commission's various departments in order to remove resistance to the plans of the Commission's patent lawyers.

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