

Software Patent Directive Decision 2003/08/23: Voting Recommendations for MEPs

<http://swpat.ffii.org/papers/eubsa-swpat0202/plen0309/vote/index.en.html>

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If you want to keep the sphere of logics free from patents while allowing patentability of new washing machines and mobile phones, regardless of whether a computer program is involved in them, you'd better vote according to these recommendations.

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1 Annotated Links

- **Who voted how?**¹

Analysis of the voting behavior, sorted by parties and closeness to FFII recommendations. Green means in favor of freedom and innovation, red in favor of red tape and litigation.

- **FFII Voting Recommendations**²
- **Greens/EFA Voting Recommendations**³
- **GUE/NGL (Left) Voting Recommendations**⁴
- **ELDR (Liberals) Voting Recommendations**⁵
- **Kauppi (PPE) Voting Recommendations**⁶
- **Rocard (PSE) Voting Recommendations**⁷
- **McCarthy (PSE) Voting Recommendations**⁸
- **Wuermeling (PPE) Voting Recommendations**⁹
- **UEN Voting Recommendations**¹⁰
- **EDD Voting Recommendations**¹¹
- **Analysis of MEP voting**¹²

Report for all MEPs from Belgium. If they completely followed the FFII voting list, they get 100%. A similar analysis is under way for all MEPs. First results show that many EPP deputies followed Kauppi (against software patents) rather than Wuermeling (pro software patents).

- **voting data csv file**¹³

raw input for all kinds of analyses and presentations, with some scripts by Tapani Tarvainen.

¹analysis.html

²lists/ffi.pdf

³lists/verd.pdf

⁴lists/left.pdf

⁵lists/eldr.pdf

⁶lists/kauppi.pdf

⁷lists/rocard.pdf

⁸lists/mccarthy.pdf

⁹lists/wuermeling.pdf

¹⁰lists/uen.pdf

¹¹lists/edd.pdf

¹²<http://www.student.kun.nl/dieter.vanuytvanck/swpat/rapport.html>

¹³<http://www.mit.jyu.fi/tt/tmp/bxl/allvotes.csv>

- **Who voted how**¹⁴

Tabular listing based on MSWord original from the Europarl website¹⁵.

- **Europarl 2003/09 Software Patent Directive Amendments: Real vs Fake Limits**¹⁶

detailed analysis of the amendments.

¹⁴<http://mond.at/swpat/voting.txt>

¹⁵<http://www.europarl.eu.int/direct/documents/fr/vote/Resultats/Mercredi/Appels%20nominaux%202003-09-24.doc>

¹⁶<http://swpat.ffii.org/papers/eubsa-swpat0202/plen0309/index.en.html>

2 Questions, Things To Do, How you can Help

- How you can help us end the software patent nightmare¹
- get hold of missing voting lists

We still don't have those of Wuermeling, UEN and EDD.

- produce **HTML** versions of the voting lists

This can be done with OpenOffice on the basis of the MSWord versions.

see Tar.gz2 package of the MSWord versions²

Contact plen0309 at ffi.org if you intend to do this work.

- Produce more databases and reports to visualise the behavior of the groups and MEPs

see analysis.html

In particular we need two tabular listings:

1. amendment (e.g. "Am72"): language (e.g. "fr"): text
2. amendment: MEP (e.g. "mrocard"): vote (e.g. "+")

- Prepare for next year's EP elections

We should bring the subject of IT infrastructure policy into the election campaign.

¹<http://swpat.ffii.org/group/todo/index.en.html>

²votlst-doc.tbz