



The Nordic business federations, in cooperation with Charlotte Cederschiöld, MEP-EPP/ED and former Vice-President of the European Parliament, would hereby like to invite you to a lunch seminar in Room 3F383 in the European Parliament, Tuesday, 26 April, 12.00-14.30

Patents on computer-implemented inventions

- Do SME:s and big companies have mutual interests?

- What is the Council's proposal all about?

- Why is not copyright protection sufficient?

- What does the key provisions mean?

The proposed directive on computer-implemented inventions has caused an intense discussion. Now it is time for the European Parliaments second reading. This seminar tries to answer some of the most debated questions.

You will have the possibility to listen to both sides - those who are in favour of and those who are against patents on computer-implemented inventions. The speakers include four SME:s, who will present their side of the story. There will also be a representative from the Council and a person representing a bigger company. The latter will discuss pros and cons of copyright protection and comment on certain controversial provisions in the Council's proposal.

We hope that this seminar will give you a good opportunity to find out more about what the proposal means in practise and to raise questions to all interested parties.

Please register to: therese.kreuer@svensktnaringsliv.se no later than 18 April.

Those who do not have appropriate accreditation or security clearance to the European Parliament must state this together with date of birth upon registration and assemble outside the ASP Spinelli entrance of the European Parliament at 11h.45, 26 April. Do not forget to bring your passport.

Program

- 12.00-12.30 Sandwich lunch
- 12.30-12.35 Speech by, *Charlotte Cederschiöld, MEP-EPP/ED*
- 12.35-12.45 FFII:s opinion on the Council's proposal, *Erik Josefsson, FFII*
- 12.45- 12.55 The Council's proposal, *Anders Olander, Director – DG CI, Internal Market, Competition, Customs Union, General Secretariat, Council of the European Union*
- 12.55-13.30 What does patents mean to SME:s? How would they be affected by a reduction of patent protection for computer-implemented inventions?
Tommy Andersen, CEO, Embedit
Peter Deichmann, Vice President, CTO & CIO,
Nettest
Frederik Willerup, CIO, IVS
Rune Domsten, Director, IO Technologies
- 13.30-13.45 Which proposed amendments from the first reading are worrying European industry? Why does not copyright protection work for technical solutions?
Lauri Kivinen, Vice President, Head of Nokia EU Office
- 13.45-14.30 Questions and discussion

Welcome!

