


# Procedure file

| Basic information   |                                       |
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| COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)<br>Directive | 2008/0019(COD)<br>Procedure completed |
| Legal protection of computer programs. Codification                         |                                       |
| Subject<br>3.50.15 Intellectual property, copyright                         |                                       |

| Key players                   |  |  |                    |
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| European Parliament           | Committee responsible  | Rapporteur   | Appointed          |
|                               | <b>JURI</b> Legal Affairs  | PSE <a href="#">GERINGER DE OEDENBERG Lidia Joanna</a> | 19/12/2007         |
| Council of the European Union | Council configuration<br><a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a> | Meeting<br><a href="#">2934</a>                        | Date<br>23/03/2009 |
| European Commission           | Commission DG<br><a href="#">Legal Service</a>                     | Commissioner<br>BARROSO José Manuel                    |                    |

| Key events |   |   |         |
|------------|---|---|---------|
| 28/01/2008 | Legislative proposal published                          | <a href="#">COM(2008)0023</a>   | Summary |
| 31/01/2008 | Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading |   |         |
| 29/05/2008 | Vote in committee, 1st reading                          |   | Summary |
| 09/06/2008 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading        | <a href="#">A6-0237/2008</a>  |         |
| 17/06/2008 | Results of vote in Parliament                           |  |         |
| 17/06/2008 | Decision by Parliament, 1st reading                     | <a href="#">T6-0268/2008</a>  | Summary |
| 23/03/2009 | Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading   |   |         |
| 22/04/2009 | End of procedure in Parliament                          |   |         |
| 23/04/2009 | Final act signed  |   |         |
| 05/05/2009 | Final act published in Official Journal                 |   |         |

| Technical information |
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| Procedure reference        | 2008/0019(COD)   |
| Procedure type             | COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure) |
| Procedure subtype          | Codification   |
| Legislative instrument     | Directive  |
| Legal basis                | EC Treaty (after Amsterdam) EC 095                             |
| Stage reached in procedure | Procedure completed  |
| Committee dossier          | JURI/6/58660   |

### Documentation gateway

|   |                                |            |     |         |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|-----|---------|
| Legislative proposal  | <a href="#">COM(2008)0023</a>  | 28/01/2008 | EC  | Summary |
| Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report                  | <a href="#">CES0485/2008</a>   | 12/03/2008 | ESC |         |
| Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | <a href="#">A6-0237/2008</a>   | 09/06/2008 | EP  |         |
| Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading          | <a href="#">T6-0268/2008</a>   | 17/06/2008 | EP  | Summary |
| Draft final act   | <a href="#">03729/2008/LEX</a> | 23/04/2009 | CSL |         |

### Additional information

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| National parliaments | <a href="#">IPEX</a>    |
| European Commission  | <a href="#">EUR-Lex</a> |

### Final act

[Directive 2009/24](#)  
[OJ L 111 05.05.2009, p. 0016](#) Summary

## Legal protection of computer programs. Codification

**PURPOSE:** to codify provisions on the legal protection of computer programmes.

**PROPOSED ACT:** Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council.

**CONTENT:** the purpose of this proposal is to undertake a codification of Council Directive 91/250/EEC of 14 May 1991 on the legal protection of computer programs. In codifying legislative acts that have been amended frequently the EU is seeking to both simplify and clarify EU legislation.

The new Directive will supersede the various acts incorporated in it. It fully preserves the content of the acts being codified and hence does no more than bring them together, with only such formal amendments as are required by the codification exercise itself.

## Legal protection of computer programs. Codification

The Committee on Legal Affairs adopted the report by Lidia Joanna GERINGER de OEDENBERG (PES, PL) approving, at first reading of the codecision procedure, the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the legal protection of computer programs (codified version).

Although the proposal was not the subject to any formal amendments by the committee, it incorporates the recommendations of the Consultative Working Party of the legal services of Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

## Legal protection of computer programs. Codification

The European Parliament adopted, by 644 votes to 9 with 9 abstentions, a legislative resolution approving, under 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the codecision procedure, the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on the legal protection of computer programs (codified

version).

The report had been tabled for consideration in plenary by Lidia Joanna GERINGER de OEDENBERG (PES, PL) on behalf of the Committee on Legal Affairs.

The proposal is approved as adapted to the recommendations of the Consultative Working Party of the Legal Services of the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission.

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**ENTRY INTO FORCE:** 25/05/2009.