


# Procedure file

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

Key players			
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	Meeting	Date
	<a href="#">Agriculture and Fisheries</a>	<a href="#">2934</a>	23/03/2009
European Commission	Commission DG	Commissioner	
	<a href="#">Legal Service</a>	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	
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	
National parliaments	<a href="#">IPEX</a>
European Commission	<a href="#">EUR-Lex</a>

Final act
<a href="#">Directive 2009/24</a> <a href="#">OJ L 111 05.05.2009, p. 0016</a> 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.