

# European democracy bogus, says Open Source Consortium

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"THE OPEN SOURCE Consortium said it considered European democracy to be a sham, following a decision by the Euro presidency, which [the inquirer] reported [earlier today](#), to steamroller through the software patent directive."

"Mark Taylor, executive director of the Consortium, said: "The fact that an unelected body can ride rough shod over the near unanimous wishes of an elected parliament demonstrates..."

"that any pretensions the EU has to being democratic are just that - pretensions. To many this smacks of institutionalised deference to vested interest and intrigue, some of which originate outside the EU."

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