

The European Parliament's Scientific Technology Options Assessment Panel would like to invite you to a

**STOA Workshop on  
Policy options for the improvement of the European patent system**  
Organised by ETAG on behalf of STOA

Chair: Philippe Busquin, MEP, Chairman of STOA

The workshop takes place in

**The European Parliament  
Room A 5 G-3  
60, Rue Wiertz  
B-1047 Brussels  
Belgium**

**14 June 2007  
10am to 12.30pm**

The purpose of the workshop is to debate the policy options put forward in the report "Policy options for the improvement of the European patent system".

The report (still in the making) is the outcome of the project "Intellectual property rights - Policy options for the improvement of the European patent system" commissioned by the STOA Panel of the European Parliament from the European Technology Assessment Group and carried out on its behalf by the Danish Board of Technology. The project has been conducted by a European and interdisciplinary working group.

The report is concerned with the assessment of how the European patent system best fulfils the objective of balancing the exclusive rights granted to inventors with the overall societal concern of maximising technological innovation and distribution of knowledge.

At the workshop, the policy options put forward in the report will be presented by the working group and debated with Members of the European Parliament. Questions from other participants may be possible if time allows.

In order to participate in the workshop, please register on [www.tekno.dk/stoa-patent-workshop](http://www.tekno.dk/stoa-patent-workshop) where a preliminary programme and detailed project information are available. The report will be available for download from this website shortly prior to the workshop. Registration must take place before July 4th and there are a limited number of seats.

This is an open invitation so please feel free to forward it to colleagues and friends.

Should you have any questions regarding the workshop, the project or the Danish Board of Technology, feel free to contact us.

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