

## Disputes about the patentability of computer-implemented inventions - A never-ending story?

The heated debates about the proposed EU Directive on the patentability of computer-implemented inventions seem to endlessly drag on with common sense and professional arguments constantly losing ground. It is time to take a snapshot of the recent developments and the current state of affairs as well as to have a fresh look at the pros and cons of the draft Directive. It seems what is at stake is the competitiveness of the European ICT sector. The good public perception of the patent system also appears to be in danger.