



Industrial Property Rights in the Internal Market

Community Patent: A Common Patent for Europe

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WHO WE ARE

- **SMALL MULTINATIONAL COMPANY**

Solid presence in many European countries

- **LEADING INDUSTRY EXPERTS:**

Growing group of over 100 of the world's best technical experts

- **PUBLISHED AUTHORS:**

Contributors in technical reference books, industry white papers, technical magazine articles, and educational material

- **LEADING by INNOVATION:**

Constantly researching innovative ways to improve the way our customers use Information Technology

The Association for Competitive Technology (ACT)

- International association which represents more than 3000 innovative SMEs in the ICT sector, almost 1000 of them in the EU
- ACT advocates for the protection of small businesses' inventions and for an environment conducive to innovation
- ACT is very active in the Community patent and broader IPR debates



We need a Community Patent

Let's work as a European Union, and
not just as a Union of European
Countries

We need better, simpler and cheaper Patent Litigation System

*Alternative Dispute Resolution and
Mediation*

Because patents protection should not
be based just in money

“Persistence in jobs creation is greater in smaller than in larger firms, particularly during recessions, or low growth periods”

Rui Baptista & Cristina Carias

**“The EU and Member States
should promote the upgrading
of skills in SMEs and
all forms of innovation”**

Small Business Act for Europe

**“I don’t want to hire more
lawyers than engineers”**

*Fernando (or everybody who doesn’t run a law
firm)*

We don't want to spend more in translation than in innovation

All SMEs (except Translation agencies)

We need more Innovation in the EU to compete with other markets.

We need to protect it efficiently:

- **Community Patent**
- **Alternative Dispute Resolution**