



25th Chaos Communication Congress

*Nothing to hide*

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La Quadrature du Net  
Campaigning on Telecoms Package

*Pan-european activism for patching a "pirated" law*

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# Chapter 1

## Who are we ?

### 1.1 Who are we ?

*laquadrature.net* (Squaring the Net) is citizen group informing about legislative projects menacing civil liberties as well as economic and social development in the digital age.

*laquadrature.net* informs citizens, public authorities, organizations, corporations.

It works with everyone to elaborate balanced alternative solutions.

*laquadrature.net* is supported by French, european and international NGOs including the Electronic Frontier Foundation, the Open Society Institute and Privacy International.

### 1.2 What do we want ?

We call for a one year moratorium on all projects aimed at establishing new rules about digital technologies and electronic communications, when individual freedoms or human rights are concerned.

We call for the creation of a parliamentary delegation to civil liberties and digital technologies, responsible at first of making an assessment of existing legal texts in this area, which includes making implementation reports when intended in the law, as well as necessary impact studies.

Once this balance is achieved, we ask that a decentralized digital assembly be organized across the country like what was done for the proposed digital identity card.

Finally, we ask for the French Presidency of the European Union shall to be the opportunity for France to organize reflection to account the european law and to open the debate on its desirable development in all Member States.

### 1.3 Why this name?

Why this name "Squaring the net" / "*laquadrature.net*" ?

We believe that the promoters of the projects we are opposing are trying to solve a problem similar to squaring the circle. They did not understand that we changed era, that some approaches are outdated, that we must collectively rethink our approach to the control of information.

We believe that it is impossible to effectively control the flow of information in the digital age by the law and the technology without harming public freedoms, and damaging economic and social development. This is what we call squaring the net.

We agree with the idea expressed by Jacques Attali related to the draft of the Olivennes law, when he presented the Committee's report about economic growth to the parliament: "we cannot develop economical growth by installing surveillance and tracing."

For the record, according to the online encyclopedia Wikipedia, squaring the circle is a classic problem of mathematics appearing in geometry. It is one of three major problems of the ancient world, with the trisection of the angle and the duplication of the cube.

In the oldest mathematical text found, Rhind papyrus ( 1650 BC.), The scribe Queen Ahmose already proposed approximate solution of the problem. However, we had to wait until 1882 for the German mathematician Ferdinand von Lindemann to show the transcendence of  $\pi$ , proving the impossibility of solving the problem of squaring the circle: it is impossible to construct, using only a ruler and compass, a square whose surface is exactly equal to the surface of a disk.

The question now is how many centuries it will be necessary for the law makers to return to reason? Are we in the field of law and ICT closer to BC -1650 or 1882?

# Annexes

## Political Memory

Memoire politique c'est trop de la balle ! LOOOL

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## Political Memory

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### Reach members of European Parliament and track their votes & opinions!

Political Memory is a toolbox designed to help you reach members of European Parliament (MEPs), and track their voting records. We hope it will help citizens to get to better know their elected representatives, and to allow them to inform them on the issues covered by La Quadrature du Net.

We strongly encourage you to *improve these informations* in order to store MEPs declarations and opinions about these issues.

All these pages have been produced and maintained using a free software framework, described [here](#).



#### Your MEPs by country

Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Cyprus
Czech Republic	Germany	Denmark	Estonia
Spain	Finland	France	United Kingdom
Greece	Hungary	Ireland	Italy
Lithuania	Luxembourg	Latvia	Malta
Netherlands	Poland	Portugal	Romania
Sweden	Slovenia	Slovakia	

#### List of recorded votes

Click each directive, report or resolution for more informations and sorting of the MEPs according to their votes.

- Directives reforming the EU's regulatory framework for electronic communications networks and services (Telecoms package), September 24th 2008
- Rapport Bono on cultural industries in Europe (Bono report), April 10th 2008
- Resolutions on European Patent Litigation Agreement (EPLA), October 12nd 2006
- Directive on patentability of "computer-implemented inventions" (software patents), September 24th 2003

#### Search MEPs

##### By political group

- Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats) and European Democrats
- Socialist Group in the European Parliament
- Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
- Union for Europe of the Nations Group
- Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
- Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left
- Independence/Democracy Group
- NI** Non-attached Members.

##### Others

- Search MEPs alphabetically, by name
- Search MEPs by committee
- Search MEPs by their office location within the Parliament
- Members of the Conference of Presidents

Figure 1.1: Front page

## Political Memory: Directives reforming the EU's regulatory framework for electronic

### ■ Detailed scores




































Rank	MEP	Country	Group	Final score	
1	Jean-Marie LE PEN	 France	NI NI	94.1	<a href="#">Show details</a>
2	Marine LE PEN	 France	NI NI	94.1	<a href="#">Show details</a>
3	Marco CAPPATO	 Italy	 ALDE	91.2	<a href="#">Show details</a>
4	Jules MAATEN	 Netherlands	 ALDE	91.2	<a href="#">Show details</a>
5	Lydia SCHENARDI	 France	NI NI	91.2	<a href="#">Show details</a>
6	Margrete AUKEN	 Denmark	 Verts/ALE	90.9	<a href="#">Show details</a>
7	Heide RÜHLE	 Germany	 Verts/ALE	90.6	<a href="#">Show details</a>
8	Marie-Hélène AUBERT	 France	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
9	Jill EVANS	 United Kingdom	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
10	Friedrich-Wilhelm GRAEFE zu BARINGDORF	 Germany	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
11	Satu HASSI	 Finland	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
12	Milan HORÁČEK	 Germany	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
13	Gisela KALLENBACH	 Germany	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
14	Jean LAMBERT	 United Kingdom	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
15	Caroline LUCAS	 United Kingdom	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
16	Gérard ONESTA	 France	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
17	Raül ROMEVA i RUEDA	 Spain	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
18	Bart STAES	 Belgium	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>
19	Elly de GROEN-KOUWENHOVEN	 Netherlands	 Verts/ALE	90.0	<a href="#">Show details</a>

Figure 1.2: Vote by score