

**EFFI**

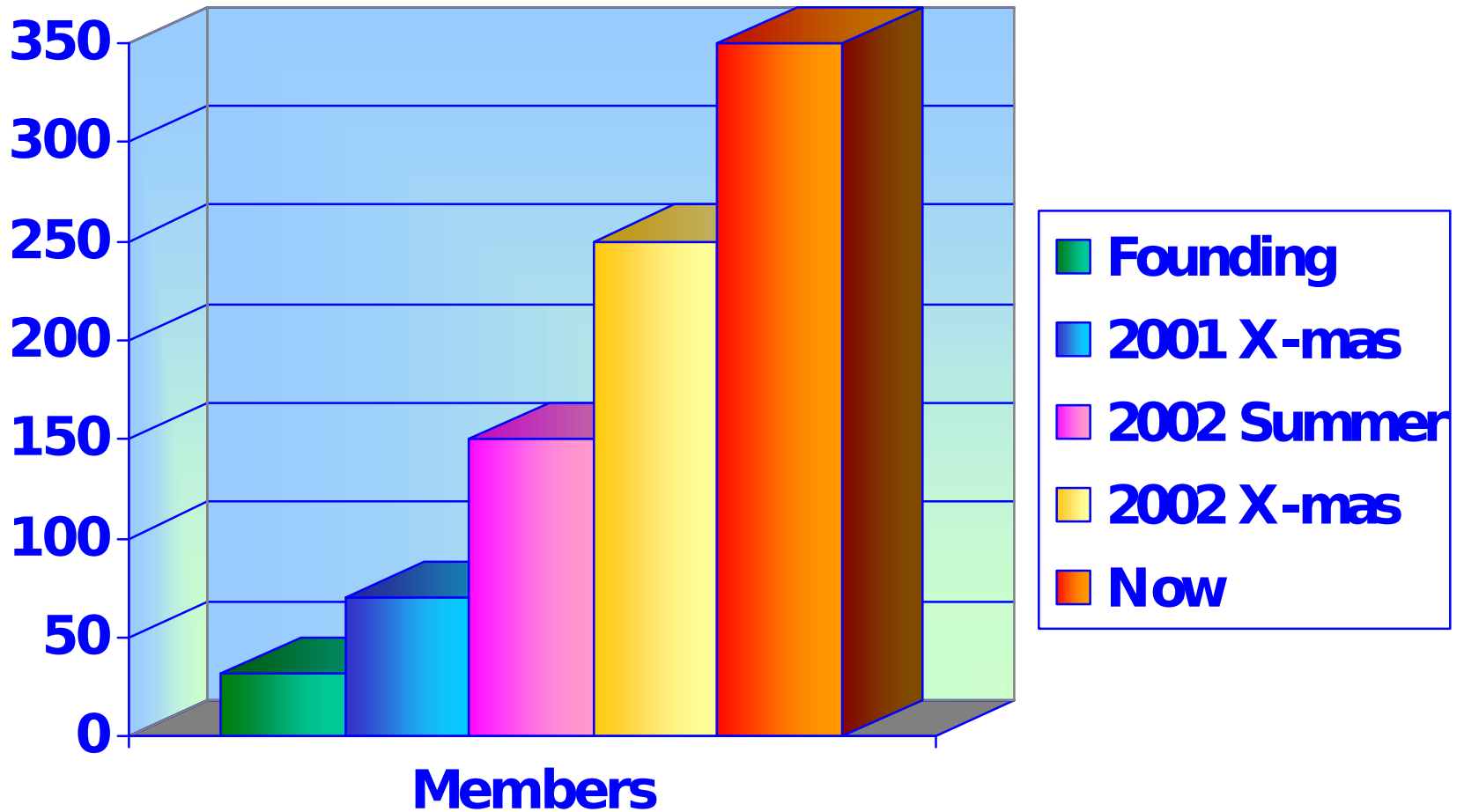
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DEFCON XI, 2nd August 2003

# Electronic Frontier Finland ry

- Founded in September 2001, over 300 members
  - Board and many active members are experts in law and technology
- Comments law proposals concerning e.g. personal privacy, freedom of speech and fair use in copyright law; makes statements, press releases and participates actively in public policy discussions
- Works in close cooperation with organizations sharing the same goals and values in Europe, United States and elsewhere.
  - Founding member of European Digital Rights and a member of Global Internet Liberty Campaign.
- EFFI's home page: <http://www.ffi.org/>

# Membership development



# Why members?

- Why responsibility? Why democracy?
- If you want to get heard:
  - Get out of the closet
  - Say and prove there is someone you represent
- Members give not only credibility, viability and financial resources but in addition, **active members** contribute to statements etc. much like in open source development

# EFFI milestones

- First time in press: 2001-09-03
- Organization founded: 2001-09-05
- First public statement about a law proposal: 2001-11-12
- First time in Cable-TV: 2002-05-20
- First time in a parliamentary hearing: 2002-09-20
- First time in National Radio: 2002-10-13
- First time in a TV talk show: 2002-10-14

# Fight against EUCD

- European Union Copyright Directive, EUCD == DMCA, only worse
- EU member countries have to change the national laws to reflect directives
- First Finnish law proposal was awful -> EFFI (and others) managed to block it in the parliament after successful hearings
- Parliament ran out of time, which helped a lot (otherwise they might have tried to correct the law)



## Finland Drops EUCD For Now

Posted by [michael](#) on Friday January 31, @05:10PM  
from the war-overseas dept.

[eplicant](#) [deckard](#) writes "*Electronic Frontier Finland just got a huge legal victory. They report the local DMCA-copy (based on EU copyright directive) was dropped today at the parliament after heavy criticism. So far just two EU nations have accepted the innovation threatening law. Campaigns go on in different European states. They need your support!*" [cabra771](#) writes "*The European Commission has put up a new proposal dealing with online music piracy that appears to have slightly upset a few people.*"

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### Finland Drops EUCD For Now (Score:4, Funny)

by [sweeze \(530463\)](#) on Friday January 31, @05:13PM ([#5199817](#))

so how many posts by people who are never going to move to finland saying "whee, i'm moving to finland" do we get to see now?

### Re:Finland Drops EUCD For Now (Score:5, Funny)

by Anonymous Coward on Friday January 31, @05:16PM ([#5199841](#))

Whee, I'm moving to... no, wait, I'm already in finland! Whee, again!

## **..but the fight goes on**

- The latest version came out 7/16/03
- This time it will be accepted, the question is if EFFI can change it at all
- EU-wide cooperation to find innovative ways to “circumvent” the directive



# **“The Freedom of Expression in Public Communication Act” == Censorship Act**

- Local censorship law proposal to all “web publications” from 2001
- Original version would have set severe restrictions and criminal punishments including:
  - Archive all publications for 3 months
  - All web-publications must have 18-year-old editor-in-chief (including usenet and IRC etc..)
  - Log practically all Internet traffic
- No clear definition what is a web publication

## Censorship Act ... cntd

- EFFI joined the forces with local ISPs
- EFFI was invited to testify in the Constitutional Committee
  - Clear technical and economic arguments why the current proposal is obtuse
- Most of the proposed changes were accepted in early 2003

# **(@)BNA's Internet Law News summary**

**Marsha Woodbury** [cpsr-global at lists.cpsr.org](mailto:cpsr-global@lists.cpsr.org)

*Tue, 26 Nov 2002 18:08:00 -0600*

## **FINLAND CONSIDERING ITS OWN DATA RETENTION RULES**

A report from Electronic Frontier Finland suggests that the Finnish government is demanding that all ISPs retain data traffic for two years. The organization has also published a very helpful survey (via the EU Council) of data retention plans throughout the EU. Finland's plans at

<http://www.effi.org/pressrelease-2002-11-25.html>

EU retention survey at

<http://www.effi.org/eu-2002-11-20.html>

## **Finns Loosen E-Censorship Law**

>> *By Charles Farrar*

**Feb. 17, 2003**

**HELSINKI** - Internet chat rooms, newsgroups, and Website owners caught a huge privacy break when Finland's parliament decided to revamp the country's controversial e-censorship law, Electronic Frontier Finland said Sunday.

Among other changes, the revamp takes the government out of communications not edited by Internet service providers or Website owners, meaning online chats and newsgroups are saved, EFFI said.

"There were a number of serious problems in the government's (original) proposal," said EFFI board member Kai Puolamaki, who was invited to present the group's criticism at a parliamentary hearing. "Luckily, the Parliament heard us and took our comments into account. Now the result is a better law."

[Electronic Frontier Finland ry](http://www.effi.org/)

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# Big Brother Awards 2003...



Jyrki Kasvi, Member of the Parliament  
and famous geek from the 1980s

Business & Finance - Wednesday 27.11.2002

## Police arrest former Sonera CEO Kaj-Erik Relander

The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) began to question former Sonera President and CEO **Kaj-Erik Relander** on Tuesday evening.

Relander's suspected crime is the same as with all the other arrested Sonera employees, or gross violation of privacy in communications. Relander was arrested on Tuesday afternoon, and police began to question him immediately.



Business & Finance - Monday 25.11.2002

## Head of Sonera corporate communications arrested

► Police suspect widespread wrongdoing within telecoms company

The police investigations into suspected illegal surveillance of telephone records at Sonera have now led to the telecommunications company's executive management team.

On Friday, the National Bureau of Investigation arrested **Jari Jaakkola**, the executive vice president in charge of corporate communications, and vice president **Henri Harmia**, who has had a central role in preparing the merger of Sonera and Telia.



## Sonera managers charged with data privacy invasion over e-mail snooping

# Winner: Sonera

- Now as TeliaSonera the biggest ISP / Telco in Scandinavia
- Both cell phone surveillance & e-mail snooping by top management 1999-2001

# European-wide activity

- Lots of push to found "EFF-Europe"
  - Too many voices around to have one vision
  - Too little resources to do something EU-wide (it's bloody expensive to lobby in Brussels)
- In effect, the most ambitious groups founded European Digital Rights, EDRI in 2002
- Lobbying against software patents
  - Euro-Linux Alliance

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# European Digital Rights

- Current members:
  - Association Electronique Libre (AEL) – Belgium, Bits of Freedom – Netherlands, Chaos Computer Club (CCC) – Germany, CPSR-ES – Spain, Digital Rights - Denmark Electronic Frontier Finland (EFFI), Foundation for Information Policy Research (FIPR) - United Kingdom, Förderverein Informationstechnik und Gesellschaft (FITUG) – Germany, Internet Society Bulgaria Imaginons un Réseau Internet Solidaire (IRIS) – France, Privacy International - United Kingdom, Swiss Internet User Group (SIUG) – Switzerland, Quintessenz – Austria, VIBE!AT – Austria
- No personal members



# What are we doing?

- EFFI is a "human change agent"
  - We aim at changing the perception of general public and politicians
- Because they do not know
  - Politicians get their information from daily news and friends; just guess who have feeded those sources for ages...
  - Also plain tech-ignorance is still commonplace among elder politicians



# “So, what can I do?”

- Easy way: give money to others to do the work
  - Hard way: become activist
    - Unorganized activism
    - Organized activism
- } Both important
- It can be fun (and if your are lucky you don't even have to pay to get to Defcon)

# Effective activism?



# Effective activism?

Find out how a copy protection system on CD work. Publish the result.

[[Right]]

# Effective activism?

Help coding anonymous P2P-systems

Right

# Effective Activism

- It's too expensive to buy publicity, therefore:
  - Learn how to write press releases
  - Learn how to arrange pickets
  - Civil disobedience?
    - GreenPeace style
    - Anti-globalization movement style

# Learn how to read laws

- Yes, really. And it's not even that difficult
- Anyone how can read Perl can learn to decipher legalese..
- Code has bugs, laws have loopholes
  - Legal exploits

# Example

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# Found your own association?

- First, check if there is any decent activity already happening in your area
- If not or there is some problem like an inefficient organization or too many control-freaks around:
  - Start online discussion groups, invite people by email, and if everyone agrees, go and do the real thing

# Our experience says...

- Get individual members and give them possibility to contribute; ally with other organization locally and internationally
- Give press releases and circulate them to every relevant newspaper, radio and TV channel; speak roughly and straight
- Call policy makers and arrange meetings; try to behave elegantly

# Battle rages - choose your side

- Electronic Frontier Finland ry – <http://www.effi.org/>

