

Public consultation on whistleblower protection

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Perceptions and opinions on whistleblower protection

Do you think that whistleblowing should be protected?

- Yes
 No
 Don't know

To your mind, how often are workers reporting their concerns about threats or harm to the public interest?

- Very often
 Often
 Rarely
 Very rarely
 Don't know

To your mind, which of the following are the most important reasons why a person might decide not to blow the whistle?

Please rate importance, 1: very important, 2: important, 3: somewhat important, 4 not important.

	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Do not know how/where to report	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Threat or harm to the public interest difficult to prove	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
No action will be taken to remedy the wrongdoing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fear of legal consequences	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fear of financial consequences	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It would be an act of disloyalty	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
It would be a breach of professional privilege	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative attitudes towards whistleblowers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fear of bad reputation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Fear of reprisal: an individual should feel safe to freely raise concerns, therefore a prohibitions of any civil or criminal measures or any employment related reprisals against the person disclosing information is needed. This must ensure measures such as: dismissal, discrimination, probation, sanctions, punitive transfers, harassment, changed/reduced duties/hours, withholding of promotions/training, change of work location, loss of status and benefits, blacklisting or threats of such actions.

To your mind, what are the BENEFITS of rules obliging public and private sector organisations to protect whistleblowers?

Please rate importance: 1: very important, 2: important, 3: somewhat important, 4 not important.

	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Strengthen compliance with the law by public authorities and businesses	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthen freedom of expression	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Help to improve companies' economic performance	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Foster a work place culture of transparency and accountability	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase workers' motivation	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhance workers' wellbeing	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Whistleblowing is a fundamental aspect of freedom of expression and therefore of democracy. Benefits are amongst others to limit corruption, improve the public health, food standards and safety, protect the health and safety of the workers, protect the environment, protection of workers, strengthen the right to information and investigative journalism and lead to a change of culture.

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To your mind, in which areas are rules on whistleblower protection beneficial?

Please rate importance: 1: very important, 2: important, 3: somewhat important, 4 not important.

	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Contribute to the fight against fraud and corruption	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contribute to the proper management of public (national and EU) funds	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improve investors' trust	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Contribute to the fight against tax evasion and tax avoidance	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhance protection of public health and safety	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhance food safety	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Enhance the protection of the environment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage fair competition	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other benefit (please specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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They are beneficial in order to strengthen the freedom of expression and with it democracy. They are beneficial for the protection of workers and the protection of the health and safety of the worker.

To your mind, what are the DRAWBACKS of rules obliging public and private sector organisations to protect whistleblowers?

Please rate importance, 1: very important, 2: important, 3: somewhat important, 4 not important .

	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Encourage false reporting or over reporting	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Undermine the general public's confidence in public institutions if information considered secret or protected is divulged by civil servants (e.g. personal tax information)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Undermine mutual trust in the workplace	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Imply significant administrative burdens/costs for the private sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Imply significant administrative burdens/costs for the public sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Undermine trust between companies / business partners	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Undermine trust between clients and service-providers (e.g. legal advisors, tax advisors, accountants, consultants)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Damage business reputation/trust in public institutions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Encourage the leaking of confidential know-how and business information (trade secrets)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other drawback (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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From the perspective of the freedom of expression and the perspective of workers protection we do not see drawbacks in rules to protect whistleblowers.

In your opinion, which of the following aspects that raise awareness of whistleblower rights and procedures are important for effective whistleblower protection?

Please rate importance: 1: very important, 2: important, 3: somewhat important, 4 not important.

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	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Clear definition in law of the threats to the public interest covered by whistleblower protection	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clear general information and awareness raising policies by the state (e.g. information campaigns) concerning rights of whistleblowers (including on advice and assistance) and applicable procedures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clear information by private or public sector organisations to their employees concerning rights of whistleblowers (including on advice and assistance) and relevant internal procedures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Clear information and awareness raising by trade unions concerning rights of whistleblowers (including on advice and assistance) and applicable procedures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Clear definitions and clear information on the rights and obligations are essential to make whistle-blowers protection effective.

In your opinion, which of the following aspects are important for effective whistleblower protection?

Please rate importance: 1: very important, 2: important, 3: somewhat important, 4 not important

	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Channels in organisations/businesses for Internal reporting of wrongdoings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Channels for reporting of wrongdoings to oversight institutions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection in case of disclosure to the public (e.g. media, web platforms, etc) where channels for internal reporting and for reporting to oversight institutions are not available, not functioning properly (or cannot reasonably be expected to function properly)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proper investigation of the whistleblower reports or disclosures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against retaliation at work	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of whistleblowers in administrative proceedings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exemption of whistleblowers from criminal liability	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immunity from civil action for damages	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial support covering the costs of legal proceedings	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Psychological support	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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The right to disclose applies to all workers, whatever their working relationship, or nature of their contract and even when external to the company; rebuttable presumption, that any disclosure properly made without fraud or deceit is covered by freedom of expression - protected by a reversal of the burden of proof; guaranteeing that journalists do not need to reveal their sources; effective dissuasive sanction; disclosure to be investigated promptly;

In your opinion, which of the following aspects of protection against retaliation at work are important for effective whistleblower protection?

Please rate importance: 1: very important, 2: important, 3: somewhat important, 4 not important

	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Protection of confidentiality of whistleblower's data, including where latter is anonymous but identifiable	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against dismissal, e.g. interim relief to suspend dismissal, right to reinstatement in the work place, etc.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against suspension	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against demotion	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against loss of promotion opportunities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against punitive transfers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Protection against retaliation by superiors and/or colleagues	All public surveys (/eusurvey/home/publicsurveys/runner)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against harassment by superiors and/or colleagues	Login (/eusurvey/auth/login/runner)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Help Language ▾
Reversing the burden of proof so that, in a prima facie case of retaliation, the employer carries the burden to demonstrate that any measure taken against a whistleblower is not related to a whistle-blower's disclosure		<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection against blacklisting		<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial support to cover costs of legal proceedings		<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Compensation for dismissal or financial loss		<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)		<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Anonymity is crucial for the protection of whistleblowers. The protection against retaliation at work needs to cover all aspects of the employment relationship, from the recruitment process, throughout the period of employment and after the employment relationship has ended. Protection against dismissal, probation, sanctions, changed or reduced duties/hours, withholding of promotions/training, loss of status and benefits, change of work location, threats of such actions.

In your opinion, which of the following protection measures for third parties are important in the context of whistleblowing?

Please rate importance: 1: very important, 2: important, 3: somewhat important, 4 not important

	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Requirement that the whistleblowers reasonably believe the information they disclose to be true	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requirement that the whistleblowers act in a disinterested way	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Requirement that the disclosure concerns a matter of public interest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of the rights of the person/business affected by the report (e.g. rights of dignity, personal data, business secrets and respect of the rights of defence) including protection against abusive/malicious reports	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rules aimed at balancing the interest of employers to manage their organisations and to protect their interests with the right of the public to know when their interests are at risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rules aimed at balancing professional secrecy obligations with the right of the public to know when their interests are at risk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Any disclose properly made without fraud or deceit, is covered by the freedom of expression as such and protected by a reversal burden of proof.

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Existing rules and their impacts

*Do you know of rules in place in your country of residence (private citizens) or establishment (for organisations) on the protection of whistleblowers?

- Yes
- No

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Whistleblowers enjoy very different levels of protection across the various EU countries, and in some EU countries they enjoy limited or no protection at all. In your opinion, what are the negative impacts likely to result from the absence of - or the insufficient - whistleblower protection in some EU countries for other EU countries and the EU as a whole?

Please rate likelihood, 1: very likely, 2: likely, 3: somewhat likely, 4: unlikely.

	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Negative impact on the protection of the <u>public interest</u> also of those Member States providing stronger whistleblower protection or of the public interest <u>of the EU as a whole</u> (in areas such as the fight against fraud and corruption, tax evasion and tax avoidance, misuse of personal data and market abuse, protection of public health and safety, food safety and the environment, protection of fair competition)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative impact on the protection of the <u>financial interests of the EU</u> (both as regards EU expenditures, for example fraud to EU grants, as well as EU revenues, for example fraud to customs duties)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative impact on the <u>well-being of workers</u> whose companies move from a Member State offering a higher level of whistleblower protection to a Member State with lower or no protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative impact on the <u>cross-border mobility</u> of workers who would be reluctant to move from a Member State with a higher level of whistleblower protection to one with lower or no protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative impact on the <u>freedom of establishment</u> of companies which would be reluctant to move from a Member State offering a higher level of whistleblower protection to a Member State with lower or no protection (resulting in a weaker culture of integrity and accountability and lower investors' trust)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative impact on the <u>freedom of establishment</u> of companies which would be reluctant to move to a Member State offering a higher level of protection of whistleblowers (e.g. where the introduction of relevant arrangements may imply significant administrative costs due to necessary changes in the business model)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative impact on the <u>free movement of capital</u> , because investors would be reluctant to invest in companies established in a Member State with low or no protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Negative impact on the <u>free movement of capital</u> , because investors would only invest in companies established in a Member State with low or no whistleblower protection (e.g. where the introduction of relevant arrangements may imply significant administrative costs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<u>Distortion of competition</u> at EU level resulting from the lower level of legal compliance with relevant rules, and of integrity and accountability in Member States where there is lower or no whistleblower protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other negative cross-border impact (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are no such negative impacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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In order to make protection for whistleblowers effective, it needs to be European. Workers and companies are active across country borders, EU legislation is needed to ensure that workers are not threatened by different treatment or protection across borders.

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In your opinion, what are the positive impacts likely to result from the absence of whistleblower protection in some EU countries for other EU countries and the EU as a whole?

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	1	2	3	4	Don't know
Positive impact on the protection of the <u>public interest</u> also of those Member States providing weaker or no whistleblower protection or of the public interest <u>of the EU as a whole</u> (because of spill-over effects, .e.g. incentive for Member States to compete)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Positive impact on the <u>well-being of workers</u> whose companies move from a Member State offering a lower level of whistleblower protection to a Member State with higher level of protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Positive impact on the <u>cross-border mobility</u> of workers who would be incentivised to move from a Member State with a lower level of whistleblower protection to one with higher level of protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Positive impact on the <u>freedom of establishment</u> of companies which would be incentivised to move from a Member State offering a higher level of whistleblower protection to a Member State with lower or no protection (e.g. due to administrative burden and costs).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Positive impact on the <u>free movement of capital</u> , because investors would invest in companies established in a Member State with low or no protection (e.g. less administrative burden or costs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other positive cross-border impact (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
There are no such positive impacts	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Need for minimum standards

Considering what you have indicated as important aspects for effective whistleblower protection, in your opinion who should establish legally binding minimum standards on these aspects?

- No legal obligation needed
- Solely national legislation
- EU legislation (in conjunction with national legislation)
- No opinion

In which area should the EU offer (more) support to the Member States to provide whistleblower protection:

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Protection of public health and safety	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of food safety	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of environment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of energy supply	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fight against tax evasion and tax avoidance	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fight against anti-competitive practices (cartels etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increase of accountability and transparency in industry and business	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Fight against fraud and corruption	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Good management of public (national and EU) funds	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Whistleblowers should be protected amongst others for the following categories of information: corruption and criminal activity, violations of the law and admin regulations, abuse of authority/public position, risks to public health, food standards and safety, health and safety standards at work, risks to environment, gross mismanagement of public bodies, gross waste of public funds, unethical (immoral) behaviour in the public interest; disclosure of information to journalists

Please indicate, for which of the minimum standards within any potential EU legislation you would consider horizontal, generally applicable, whistleblower protection and/or sectorial legal provisions more effective. EU sectorial legal provisions refer to the areas in which the EU should offer support to the Member States, as indicated in the previous question.

	EU horizontal legal provisions	EU sectorial legal provisions	A combination of EU horizontal and sectorial provisions	A combination of EU and national legal provisions	No opinion
Channels in an organisation/business for reporting of wrongdoing	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Channels for reporting to relevant public regulatory bodies (i.e. regulatory agencies in specific sector)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Channels for reporting to horizontal independent body (e.g. ombudsman)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Channels for reporting to sectorial independent body (e.g. concerning financial services, energy, taxation, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Channels for reporting a breach of internal control (whistleblower)	All public surveys (/eusurvey/home/publicsurveys/runner)	Public surveys (/eusurvey/home/publicsurveys/runner)	Public surveys (/eusurvey/home/publicsurveys/runner)	Public surveys (/eusurvey/home/publicsurveys/runner)	Public surveys (/eusurvey/home/publicsurveys/runner)
Protection in case of disclosure to the public (media, web platforms, etc) where internal reporting and reporting to oversight institutions are not available, not functioning properly or cannot reasonably be expected to function properly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Right of workers to be informed on the whistleblowing provisions and procedures applicable at the specific workplace	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Procedure that grants whistleblowers an official status (with rights of information)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Procedure to inform whistleblowers on regular basis about the status of the follow-up to their report	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rules for contact of whistleblowers with the investigation authority before, during and after an investigation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Rules on whistleblowers' access to the file or to documents in the file	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Proper investigation of the relevant reports and disclosures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of the confidentiality of the whistleblower's data	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of the rights and interests of third parties implicated	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of whistleblowers against retaliation at work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protection of whistleblowers in administrative proceedings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Immunity from civil action for damages	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exemption of whistleblowers from criminal liability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial support covering the costs of legal proceedings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Financial or other types of rewards	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Psychological support	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other minimum standard (please specify)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Given the cross-border and multinational character of European business life, EU legislation is needed to ensure that workers are not threatened by different treatment for protection across borders. It is essential that protection at EU level is provided. Transposition on national level would then allow to build on already existing national standards or create them, where they are not yet existing. The provisions on EU level should be horizontal and not a patchwork sector by sector.

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