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Time for EU action after European Parliament votes for whistleblower protection

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Today, the European Parliament voted for the European Commission to propose EU-wide whistleblower protection legislation. Transparency International EU welcomes the European Parliament's vote and calls on the Commission come forward with a robust legislative proposal.

The European Parliament's Legal committee's (JURI) report clearly sets out many of the necessary provisions needed for comprehensive EU-wide legislation on whistleblower protection. The European Commission must now take the reins and come up with a strong and effective proposal for EU-wide legislation protecting whistleblowers by the end of the year, according to Transparency International EU.

"*We've had the leaks, the scandals and the trials, now is the time for EU action,*" said Nicholas Aiossa, Policy Officer, Transparency International EU. "*Now it's up to the European Commission to listen to the voices of journalists, civil society and the European Parliament and propose EU-wide protection for whistleblowers without delay,*" concluded Aiossa.

At present protections across Europe vary from country to country and can offer limited promise to potential whistleblowers that they will be protected should they seek to expose corruption, or wrong doing. Transparency International EU are calling for EU-wide whistleblower protections. You can find out more at https://transparency.eu/project/whistleblowing/.

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