



## PRESS RELEASE

Trade union and NGO coalition launch:

# Whistleblowers need EU protection – lives, environment and money at stake

---

On 17 October a platform calling for EU-wide whistleblower protection is launched by the first 44 signatories of a joint statement. It will be open for additional organisations and individuals to sign after the launch. Following the before summer of the trade secrets directive and the LuxLeaks trial, the lack of protection of whistleblowers at EU-level has come into sharp focus.

### Platform statement:

#### **Whistleblowers need EU protection – lives, environment and money at stake**

Whistleblowers often risk ending up paying a high price for disclosing information. Yet whistleblowing can be essential in bringing to light – for example – illegal activities, corruption, activities which are contrary to public interest and threats to public health and safety. Whistleblowing can save lives, the environment and money.

It is high time for legislation on EU-wide whistleblower protection.

Whistleblower protection is in most cases a workers' right issue. At the same time, not all whistleblowers are employees. Therefore, broad protection should be ensured covering also other than employees.

We call on the European Commission to urgently take action on bringing forward proposals on EU-wide legislation on whistleblower protection with a broad scope of groups and areas of activities protected.

We call on the European Council to support initiatives ensuring EU-wide whistleblower protection.

We call on the European Parliament to continue to call for EU-wide whistleblower protection and to support initiatives ensuring EU-wide whistleblower protection.

## **Signatories at launch:**

Eurocadres – Council of European Professional and Managerial Staff  
ETUC – European Trade Union Confederation  
Transparency International EU  
EFFAT – European Federation of Food Agriculture and Tourism Trade Unions  
ETF – European Transport Workers’ Federation  
European Federation of Journalists  
European Federation of Public Service Unions, EPSU  
IndustriAll European Trade Union  
UNI Europa  
Public Services International (PSI)  
AGENQUADRI CGIL  
Akava – Confederation of Unions for Professional and Managerial Staff in Finland  
Antoine Deltour Support Committee  
AQuMT  
Associated Whistleblowing Press (AWP)  
CFDT Cadres  
CGSLB  
CORRECTIV - Investigations in the public interest  
Courage Foundation  
CQFC-Cisl  
Dansk Magisterforening, Danish Association of Masters and PhDs  
European Centre for Press and Media Freedom  
FABI – Federazione Autonoma Bancari Italiani  
FILCAMS CGIL Nazionale  
First-Cisl  
FNV  
German Confederation of Trade Unions (DGB)  
GMB  
Institut Veblen  
LBC-NVK  
Public Concern at Work  
Public Eye  
Saco  
SonTusDatos (Artículo 12, A.C.)  
Stichting Publeaks  
TCO  
TEK  
Transparency International France  
Transparency International Ireland  
Unio  
UNION INTERNACIONAL DE TRABAJADORES DE ORGANISMOS DE CONTROL PUBLICO  
Union Internacional de Trabajadores de Organismos de Control Público  
Unionen  
Whistleblower-Network Germany  
YS

## Press launch

17 October 2016; 12:30-14:30 at Press Club, Rue Froissart 95, 1040 Brussels

### Preliminary agenda for the press event

- 12:30-13:00** Standing lunch
- 13:00-13:20** Launch of the platform  
**Speakers:** President Martin Jefflén, President, Eurocadres  
Esther Lynch, Confederal Secretary, ETUC  
Nadja Salson, Policy Officer, EPSU  
Renate Schroeder, Director, EFJ  
Carl Dolan, Director, Transparency International EU Office
- 13:20-13:25** Video message from Antoine Deltour
- 13:25-13:40** Q&A
- 13:40-14:00** Discussion with MEP Javór Benedek, Greens/EFA
- 14:00-14:15** Discussion & Closing
- 14:30** END

**Twitter:** #whistleEU  
@EUwhistleblowers

#### Contacts:

Janina Mackiewicz, Policy Officer of Eurocadres. [janina.mackiewicz@eurocadres.eu](mailto:janina.mackiewicz@eurocadres.eu), +32-473 533 770 and Martin Jefflén, President of Eurocadres, [martin.jefflen@eurocadres.eu](mailto:martin.jefflen@eurocadres.eu), +32-473 555 344

---