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First results of the public interest whistleblowing awareness campaign



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The video spot developed within the project is available on [Transparency International Romania's Youtube Channel](#).

At the beginning of this year, we have started an extensive awareness campaign on public interest whistleblowing. Through a video spot and informative banners, we are raising attention to a current and sensitive topic. In the first month of the campaign, our message reached over 900,000 people. Additionally, similar information is also disseminated through the [Proiecte TI Romania](#) Facebook page.

We aim for over 3 million people, including potential whistleblowers, to become better informed about their rights and obligations under the law, including trustworthy channels for reporting irregularities and the appropriate support available.

We are also confident that this communication campaign will increase public awareness regarding existing reporting channels and procedures, as well as rights provided under national legislation and EU Directive 1937/2019.

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Workshops with local and national non-governmental organizations

Within the LAW project, we regularly organize meetings with civil society to discuss the role of local and national NGOs in promoting public interest whistleblowing. Two such workshops took place in Bucharest in July and November 2024 and were well received by the participants. National regulations, EU Directive 1937/2019, and the exchange of organizational experiences on this topic were the main points of interest.

Subsequent workshops will be announced on our Facebook Pages: [Proiecte TI Romania](#)

Seminars with Public Administration Students

Promoting a culture of integrity and accountability among future professionals is one of our ongoing priority. To this end, we organize seminars with students from faculties of public administration, law, and political sciences, focused on public interest whistleblowing topics: national legislation, the EU directive, and the ethical and practical importance of protection measures. Over 130 students from SNSPA Bucharest have participated in these seminars so far.





Key information about the LAW project

The main goal of the LAW project is to contribute to national and EU efforts to support and protect whistleblowers and build capacity of national authorities and legal practitioners to ensure adequate legal remedies to protect whistleblowers.

We anticipate that, through participants involved and implemented activities, the LAW project will strengthen the application of the Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and of national framework in Romania and Bulgaria, in line with respect for transparency, good governance, accountability and freedom of expression.

The path of the two countries in terms of legal framework in the field of whistleblowers protection is quite different. Based on these differences, valuable information can be gleaned about how the two countries manage to ensure the protection of whistleblowers after the legislation transposing the EU Directive was approved. The lessons learned can have a transnational dimension, useful for other EU member states, including from the perspective of respecting the right to freedom of expression.

Considering the challenges in Romania and Bulgaria, the project identified a few types of key target groups that will have a major impact in whistleblowers protection on the short and medium term.

The focus is on CSOs, experts active in the field of WB protection, persons in charge of handling whistleblowers' reports and also students as future experts in the field. It is expected that through events such as training sessions, workshops and seminars the project will support at least 400 persons to improve their knowledge to assure adequate counseling and protection for potential whistleblowers.

To improve general public awareness, at least 3 million people will benefit from better information about their legal rights and reliable channels to report wrongdoing. Also, the project will contribute to increase whistleblowers protection, as an additional guarantee of respect for freedom of expression and the right to information, as insufficient protection of whistleblowers against reprisals affects the freedom of expression.



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV)

Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values (CERV) programme aims to protect and promote rights and values as enshrined in the EU Treaties and the Charter of Fundamental Rights in particular by supporting civil society organisations active at local ,regional, national and transnational level.

The CERV programme seeks to support and develop open, rights-based, democratic, equal and inclusive societies based on the rule of law. That includes a vibrant and empowered civil society, encouraging people's democratic, civic and social participation and cultivating the rich diversity of European society, based on our common values, history and memory.

Launched in 2021 the CERV programme will run for seven years until 2027. It was created along with the 2021-2027 Justice programme under the Justice, Rights and Values Fund.

Civil society organisations active at local, regional, national and transnational level, as well as other stakeholders, can apply to receive CERV funding for initiatives aimed at citizens' engagement, equality for all and the protection and promotion of rights and EU values.

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