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VoiceGuard - Whistleblower Empowerment & Support Initiative

On International Anti-Corruption Day we stand with all those brave enough to report corruption and other wrongdoing that could seriously harm the public interest. Providing balanced and effective whistleblower protection is a key element both in the public and private sector. And VoiceGuard project is part of the solution.

The VoiceGuard project is a pan-European support structure for whistleblowers throughout the European Union, and an advocate for their protection following the EU Directive 2019/1937. Meeting the challenge of fragmentation and inconsistencies in whistleblower protection laws, VoiceGuard project fills the gaps by creating a pan-European whistleblower protection umbrella. The support system developed into the project will provide legal and practical services, such as a whistleblower hotline, secure reporting channels, and other useful resources for public and private sector.

One of the main outputs of the project is an innovative digital platform incorporating AI and blockchain technology to facilitate whistleblower support. As well as digital tools leveraging advanced technologies to streamline the whistleblowing process, ensure confidentiality, and enhance data security.

VoiceGuard is developing a comprehensive support network of organizations and professionals, including legal experts, psychologists, counselors, and advocacy groups that will be able to provide diverse and holistic support to whistleblowers. Furthermore, an extensive training program will create a unique learning opportunity on the knowledge, competencies, and tools for efficient implementation of EU Directive.

Increasing awareness and understanding by the general public and by potential whistleblowers of the existing support services, as well as of the rights provided by the Directive on whistleblower protection is also part of the solution offered by VoiceGuard in order to build an inclusive environment, supportive of the whistleblowers within the European Union.

VoiceGuard project is implemented by a consortium that includes both NGO`s and companies with relevant experience in the field: The Baltasar Garzón International Foundation (FIBGAR), Transparency International Romania (TI-RO), Transparency International Bulgaria (TI-BG), MD BRAINNOVATION, OZIVENI Z.S, NOVEL Group.

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