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Whistleblower protection in Europe

Greens/EFA roundtable

The need to protect whistleblowers is increasingly recognised at both international and national level, and the EU institutions are pushing forward on the issue:

- The European Commission has recently [launched a public consultation](#) on the issue of whistleblower protection and is [undertaking an](#) impact assessment to ascertain to what extent the EU might be able to legislate on the matter.
- The European Parliament recently adopted a [report by the Budgetary Control Committee](#) on the protection of whistleblowers and the Legal Affairs Committee is [about to draft a report](#) of its own.
- The Financial Affairs Council of the European Union has [called for EU action on the matter](#), and the Justice and Home Affairs Council has whistleblower protection on its agenda for 27 and [28 March](#).

In this context, MEPs Pascal Durand, Benedek Jávor and Julia Reda are organising a high-level roundtable to gather together MEPs, Commission officials and representatives from various different sectors: Trade unions, NGOs, journalists' organisations, media publishers and business representatives. The event is invitation-only but those interested to participate in the discussions can write to pamela.bartlettquintanilla@ep.europa.eu.

In advance of the discussions, we have put together a draft position paper which is open to feedback - just write to us if you have any comments!

- [Download the draft position paper](#)

AGENDA OF THE ROUNDTABLE

15:00 – 15:10

Welcome and Introduction

15:10 – 15:30

Current state of play, upcoming plans and timelines: Presentation by Antoine Colombani, Cabinet of First Vice President Frans Timmermans and by Isabelle Perignon, Cabinet of Commissioner for Justice, Consumers & Gender Equality Ms. Vera Jourová

15:30 – 16:30

Roundtable 1: What is the added value of EU action on whistleblower protection? Is it sufficient to leave this issue to the Member States?

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:20

Roundtable 2: What are the pros and cons of sectoral versus horizontal legislation, and how can the widest yet legally sound protection be achieved?

18:20 – 18:30

Wrap up and Goodbye

For more information about our work on whistleblower protection see:

- [Greens/EFA draft EU directive on protection for whistleblowers](#)
- [Public consultation on Greens/EFA draft directive](#)
- [Greens/EFA Principles for whistleblower protection](#)

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Venue

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Attached documents

[Arguments for horizontal legislative action to ensure even and effective protection for whistleblowers in the EU](#)

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