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EU still doesn't have rules in place to ensure whistleblower protection

LuxLeaks

On Thursday 23 November, the High Court in Luxembourg will hold a hearing on the appeal of the LuxLeaks whisteblowers, Antoine Deltour and Raphael Halet.

In March, Antoine Deltour was sentenced to a six-month suspended sentence and a €1,500 fine, while Raphael Halet received a €1,000 fine. They have appealed these sentences.

Journalist Edouard Perrin was originally acquitted, but the Luxembourgish authorities have appealed against this decision.

Greens/EFA transparency spokesperson **Benedek Jávor** comments:

"This trial shows why we need protection for whistleblowers. It is thanks to people like Antoine Deltour and Raphael Halet that the public was made aware of the many tax and fraud scandals to break in recent years. Their principled and brave action has been a major factor in bringing about much needed policy changes to tackle tax fraud, money laundering and corruption. Yet despite this, the EU doesn't have rules in place to ensure their protection. The European Commission must urgently bring forward robust proposals to make sure that future whistleblowers don't face the same ordeal."

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