

An illustration of a tree trunk with a blue mailbox attached to it. To the right, a white bull's head is visible, looking out from behind a branch. The background shows a sunset or sunrise with orange and red hues.

# Working for EU-wide whistleblower protection

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## Who we are:

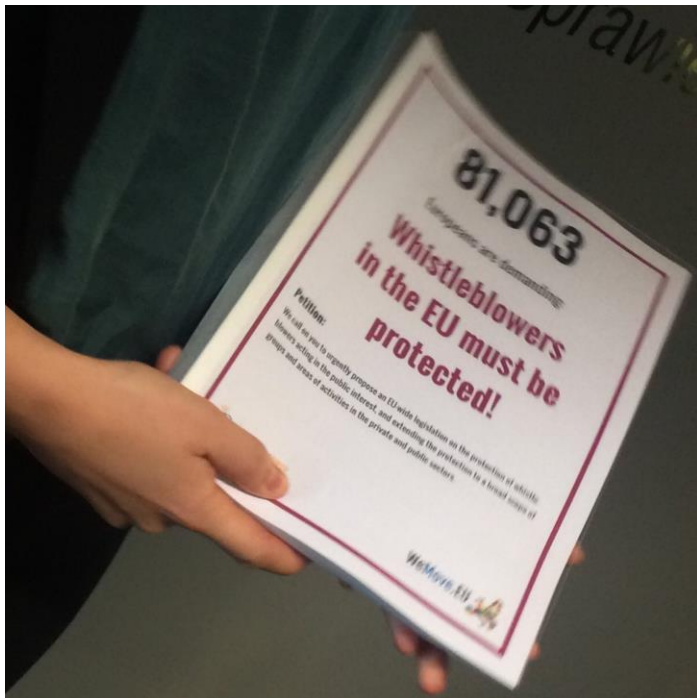
- 6 million professionals and managers
- Cross-sectoral trade union organisation
- Recognised EU social partner

# Founder of a European platform



WHISTLEBLOWER  
PROTECTION.EU

- We call on the European Commission to urgently propose an 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.



#WhistleEU

86 organisations signed

Handed over to DG JUST 14 Nov 2017

# Why is EU protection needed?

- Saving lives, environment, money
- Preferably horizontal legislation to cover private and public sectors
- Equal treatment of workers (standard and non-standard jobs)
- Criminal liability, burden of proof, anonymity
- Legal aid, compensation for costs
- Corruption costs the EU 120 bn euros a year!

# LuxLeaks, Panama Papers, Bahamas leaks Paradise Papers...



# What we know...

- Directive proposal indicatively coming out 17 April
- It will set out minimum standards
- Not horizontal but not sectoral, however, covering: environmental crimes, data protection, public health, transport safety, EU financial interests
- Extends to private & public sector
- Covering workers in "non-traditional sense" (freelancers, trainees, former workers)
- Tiered approach to reporting channels: internal reporting to be preferred and organisations are obliged to set up reporting channels (exemptions for SMEs)
- Member states should assign competent authorities for reporting – No body on EU-level will be assigned



# Thank you!

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