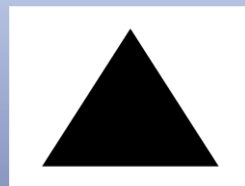


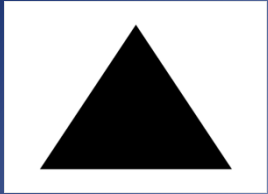
# Whistleblower protection: a role for CSOs in SEE?

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# Speak up & tweet about it

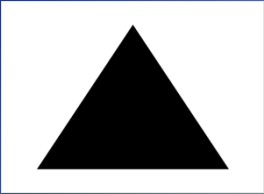
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- Relevant tweet recipients: @EUHomeAffairs, @Europarl\_EN, @anti-corruption, @WhistleUK, @support\_Antoine, @Global\_Witness
- Questions/comments: @BergJanina



# Why protect whistleblowers?

*To disclose, or not to disclose?*

- Risks for whistleblowers: personal & legal repercussions
- Risk for our societies: structural & political repercussions



# Perceptions of corruption

CPI rank		Score 2015	Score 2014	
50	Croatia	51	48	
58	Romania	46	43	
61	Montenegro	44	42	
66	FYR Macedonia	42	45	
69	Bulgaria	41	43	
71	Serbia	40	41	
76	Bosnia/Herzegovina	38	39	
88	Albania	36	33	
103	Kosovo	33	33	
103	Moldova	33	35	



# Whistleblowing in SEE

- Growing public support
- Increased government + CSO efforts to tackle corruption, including legislation
- Some court rulings in favour of whistleblowers

PROBLEM: reliable, responsive WB protection mechanisms

Consequence: too many gov. + corporate WBs are still exposed to too many reprisals



# Enhancing whistleblower protection - how?

What we have done this year:

- Draft EU law on whistleblower protection
- “EUleaks” online website to disclose information anonymously
- Multi-stakeholder, Europe-wide platform for exchange

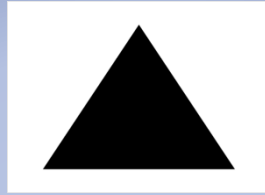


# Enhancing whistleblower protection - how?

- European Commission to undertake internal mapping; EU Anti-corruption report
- European Parliament to hold public events
- UN/EU/OECD/ CoE to drive a transformative transparency agenda, opening up public + corporate data for scrutiny by CSOs, journalists + anti-corruption activists
- All to support innovative, preventive measures to better protect whistleblowers in SEE + ENP

Internally + externally: within/beyond EU!

***Let's make it happen!***



# Thank you!

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