

## NEIWA's Mission Statement

The Network of European Integrity and Whistleblowing Authorities (NEIWA) is comprised of EU Member States' Public Authorities concerned with the protection of reporting persons of breaches of law and where applicable at national level work-related wrongdoings or integrity violations in their countries. In the spirit of inclusiveness, NEIWA is also opened to non-Member States' public agencies in the role of observers.

Persons who report information about threats or harm to the public interest obtained in the context of their work related activities make use of their right to freedom of expression. Therefore the work of NEIWA is underpinned by Articles 11 of the EU Charter and Article 10 of the ECHR.

As practitioners in the field of whistleblowing, our goal is to coordinate our efforts towards the strengthening of the protection of reporting persons within the European Union, through the exchange of knowledge and practices. The opportunity to speak up, to safely report a breach of law or wrongdoing are essential conditions to advance integrity in the workplace and by doing so to protect the public interest. We also strive to uphold recognized international standards for the protection of reporting persons and the promotion of integrity.

The main goals of NEIWA are to:

- Offer a platform in the areas of promoting integrity and whistleblowing to exchange knowledge, documentation, initiatives, case law and best practices.
- Continue to gather information on the proper transposition of the EU Directive 2019/1937 on reporting persons by Member States and follow the practical implementation in Member States.
- Promote a close collaboration between NEIWA members and national, European and international public organizations for the development of common activities in the areas of whistleblowing and integrity, in particular with the EU institutions.
- Promote and disseminate NEIWA's experiences, knowledge and recommendations and actively engage with stakeholders, including civil society and legislators.