

World Whistleblowers Day



€5.3bn
LOST ANNUALLY TO
PUBLIC CORRUPTION ⁱ

21% of UK respondents felt that their workplace actively encouraged their employees to speak up ⁱⁱ

13% of UK respondents had actively blown the whistle. Emblematic of a lack of trust in internal whistleblowing arrangements ⁱⁱ

53% of UK respondents also felt that their colleagues would be discouraged from whistleblowing by concerns that it might harm their reputation or future career prospects ⁱⁱ



THE THREE MAIN REASONS FOR NOT REPORTING WRONGDOING ⁱⁱ

1. Fear of legal consequences (80% of individual respondents and 70% of organisations)
2. Fear of financial consequences (78% of individual respondents and 63% of organisations)
3. Fear of bad reputation (45% of individual respondents and 38% of organisations)

32% 

of U.S. organizations learned of fraud by external measures or accident ⁱⁱⁱ



19% of frauds in private corporations exposed by **EXPOSED BY PROFESSIONAL AUDITORS** ^{iv}

43% of frauds in private corporations exposed by **EXPOSED BY WHISTLEBLOWERS** ^{iv}

22:1

FOR EVERY **EUR 1** INVESTED IN WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION, THERE IS A POTENTIAL TO **GAIN EUR 22** IN TERMS OF FUNDS RECOVERED ^v

FRAUD LOSSES WERE 50% SMALLER

at organisations with whistleblowing hotlines than those without ^{vi}

THE BEST WAY TO ENCOURAGE MORE WHISTLEBLOWING IS TO HAVE AN EXTERNAL AGENCY AND IMPROVE AWARENESS

71.5%

of reporters who disclose their identity, it is the eventual follow up and conversation that engenders trust, improves communication lines, and provides actionable information to prevent minor issues from becoming larger, most costly problems ^{vii}

ⁱ <https://inhalaxander.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/estimating-the-economic-benefits-of-whistleblower-protection-in-public-procurement-e017799enn-en-1.pdf>
ⁱⁱ [report_public_consultation_whistleblower_protection_4130.CFD-C9cC-A8B9-8F43FA0C1K3304P9_c27889.pdf](https://www.mordas.com/whistleblowers/792660/how-whistleblowing-benefits-your-organisation)
ⁱⁱⁱ US Supplement to PwC's 2014 Global Economic Crime Survey
^{iv} https://www.whistleblowers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/pwc_survey.pdf

^v <https://inhalaxander.files.wordpress.com/2018/06/estimating-the-economic-benefits-of-whistleblower-protection-in-public-procurement-e017799enn-en-1.pdf>
^{vi} <https://www.mordas.com/whistleblowers/792660/how-whistleblowing-benefits-your-organisation>
^{vii} <https://hbr.org/2020/01/throw-out-your-assumptions-about-whistleblowing>



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