



BREAKING THE SILENCE:

Enhancing Whistleblowing Policies and Culture in the Western Balkans and Moldova
April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2023



FUNDING AND SCOPE

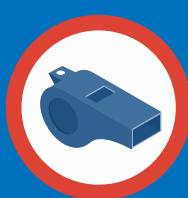
EU funded [project](#) which covered the geographical scope of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.

With participation in training of Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Hungary.



GOALS

1. Improve whistleblower reporting channels and protection mechanisms, and
2. Inform and sensitize the target audience about whistleblowing as a vital anti-corruption tool



HOW

1. addressing legislative gaps,
2. strengthening institutional capacity to enforce the law,
3. supporting CSOs and intersectoral dialogue,
4. implementing a regional public education and information campaign

PARTNERS AND BENEFICIARIES:

Anticorruption agencies, ministries of justice, public institutions in the health and education sector [SEE Coalition on Whistleblower Protection](#), media, general public with special focus on youth, and professional community gathered around regional and international organizations and networks.



ADDRESSING GAPS IN THE LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR PROTECTION OF WHISTLEBLOWERS

[Gap Analysis of Whistleblower Protection Laws in the Western Balkans and Moldova](#) and [Model Provisions for Whistleblower Protection Laws](#) to support the enhancement of whistleblower protection laws in line with the EU Directive on Whistleblower Protection.



Gap Analysis with Model Provisions, as well as training, were identified by public institutions as most useful technical support.



CAPACITY BUILDING OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND CSOS

- > **200** representatives of public institutions and CSOs trained from the region;
- > Open source on-line educational tools on whistleblowing:
 - [Self-Assessment Tool for Whistleblower Protection Systems](#)
Available in English and languages of the region.
 - [Public Legal Education on Whistleblowing](#)
with information on whistleblowing channels and whistleblower protection in the Western Balkans and Moldova.



REGIONAL PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Youth learns about whistleblowing significantly more from media than through training and formal education, which underlined the importance of the campaign - [survey shows](#).



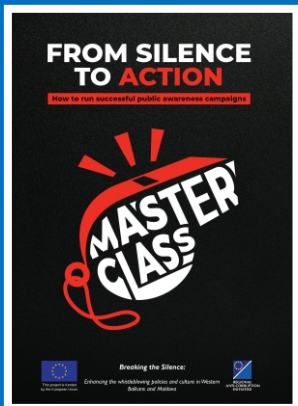
Total reach of 23,483.172 citizens from the region through the award winning Regional [Guerrilla Campaign Whistle for the End](#)



In only a month 4.421.508 citizens in the region reached by the ["Social Experiment Video Whistle for the Brave"](#) which explores the difficult reality of being a whistleblower and what encourages people to speak up.

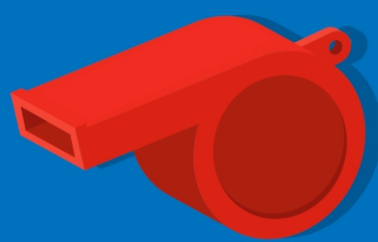


[Human Interest Video Stories](#) which focused on the emotional journey of whistleblowers from the region, to fight the whistleblower associated stigma.



[Masterclasses: From Silence to Action!](#) on how to run successful anticorruption public awareness campaigns brought together public institutions, CSOs and media.

RAI Secretariat won the [-EPAC/EACN 2021 Award for the most innovative and successful anticorruption project 'Whistle for the End' Guerrilla Campaign](#) at the 20th EPAC/EACN Annual Professional Conference and General Assembly, held in Vilnius, Lithuania (December 1 -2, 2021).



543 high-school and university students in 7 local youth events learned about the importance of speaking up against corruption and whistleblower rights.



*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration on Independence.



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