

# 2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on Whistleblowing Legislation

## Europe's New Whistleblowing Laws – Commonalities, Differences, and Expected Impact



**10-11 September 2022, University of Göttingen, Germany**

*The 'European Whistleblowing Directive' (Directive (EU) 2019/1937) is the most far-reaching piece of whistleblowing legislation in history with an unprecedented impact on countries all across the European Union. To transpose the Directive, all 27 Member States were required to enact their own national whistleblowing laws by 17 December 2021, in many cases leading to the creation of an entirely new field of law previously unknown to many national legal systems.*

*The 2<sup>nd</sup> European Conference on Whistleblowing Legislation seeks to provide a forum for a thorough analysis of Europe's new whistleblowing laws, their commonalities, differences, and expected impact. It will include presentations by and discussions with renowned experts in the field from across Europe. The conference format will give researchers, policy makers, and practitioners an opportunity to discuss both national whistleblowing laws that have already been passed as well as current developments and the most pressing questions for countries which are yet to transpose the Directive.*

*The conference will be held as a hybrid conference at the University of Göttingen from 10-11 September 2022. Presentations and discussions will simultaneously be streamed online to allow for active participation from all over Europe.*

Reservations for participation both in person and online  
can be made via the contact information below.

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# Conference Schedule

## **Saturday, 10 September 2022:**

09:00-9:30: Arrival and Registration / Technical Check for Online Participants

### **09:30-10:00: Welcoming**

*Prof. Dr. Hans Michael Heinig (University of Göttingen, Dean Faculty of Law)  
Dr. Simon Gerdemann (University of Göttingen)*

### **10:00-10:45: The Current State of Transposition Across Europe – An Overview**

*Ida Nowers (Whistleblower International Network)*

### **10:45-11:45: Legal Consequences of Non-Transposition of EU Directives**

*Prof. Dr. Ninon Colneric (Hamburg, Former Judge at the ECJ)*

### **11:45-12:45: The New Whistleblowing Laws of Luxemburg**

*Ass. Prof. Dr. Dimitrios Kafteranis (University of Coventry)*

12:45-13:30: Lunch Break

### **13:30-14:30: The New Whistleblowing Laws of Denmark**

*Prof. Lars Lindenchrone Petersen (Bech-Bruun / University of Copenhagen)*

### **14:30-15:30: The New Whistleblowing Laws of France**

*Christina Koumpli (Maître de Conférences, Avignon University)*

15:30-16:00: Coffee Break

### **16:00-17:00: The New Whistleblowing Laws of Ireland**

*Dr. Lauren Kierans (Maynooth University)*

### **17:00-18:00: The Post-Transposition Phase – A Policy Perspective**

*Prof. Dr. Wim Vandekerckhove (University of Greenwich)  
Ass. Prof. Dr. Vigjilenca Abazi (Maastricht University)*

### **19:00-19:30: Open Discussion, End of Day 1**

20:30: Dinner

Restaurant INTUU, Berliner Str. 30, Göttingen

## **Sunday, 11 September 2022:**

### **09:00-10:00: The European Court of Human Rights' Effects on the Transposition**

*Dr. Simon Gerdemann (University of Göttingen)*

### **10:00-11:00: The New Whistleblowing Laws of Portugal**

*Ass. Prof. Dr. Milena Rouxinol (University of Porto)*

### **11:00-12:00: The New Whistleblowing Laws of Poland**

*Marta Kozak-Maśnicka (University of Warsaw)*

### **12:00-13:00: The New Whistleblowing Laws of Sweden**

*Ass. Prof. Katarina Fast Lappalainen (Stockholm University)*

### **13:00-13:30: Open Discussion, End of Day 2**

## Zoom Information and Netiquette

- Online participants will receive a Zoom link and password via email before the start of the conference.
    - Please download and use the Zoom desktop app and check your connection.
      - Make sure your full name is visible.
    - Access the conference via the official link and enter the conference password.
  - Each presentation will take about 30-45 minutes, followed by a discussion. During the presentation and whenever you are not speaking, kindly keep your microphone muted.
    - If you wish to make a comment before or during the discussion, please use the chat function.
    - If you wish to ask a question, please type in '@host' in the chat function, followed by either
      - a request to ask the question in person, followed by brief description of your question's topic, or
      - the full question if you wish to ask it via the chat function.
- The host will inform the presenter about your question and get back to you as soon as possible.