PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

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***Corruption Whistleblowers: How Does it Work in Ukraine and the Czech Republic?***

*Transparency International Ukraine invites everyone to attend public debate “Corruption Whistleblowers. Foreign Practices and Ukrainian Circumstances” on September 14 at 6:30 PM. The event will take place in Kyiv Press Club at Khreshchatyk 27A, office 28.*

If citizens stop “playing mum” when they see facts of corruption at work or when taking exams at university, a potential corrupt official will think twice before taking a bribe. However, these days, Ukraine cannot boast of too many bravehearts who do not hesitate to report felonies to law enforcement agencies. One of the reasons is a lack of appropriate legislation that protects corruption whistleblowers.

* What successful cases of combating the corruption would not have happened without the help of corruption whistleblowers?
* How do whistleblowers cooperate with Ukrainian state authorities?
* Are Czech whistleblowers protected from accusations of slander?
* In what countries across the world can corruption whistleblowers receive a reward from the returned funds or paid fines?

These questions and more will be discussed at the event.

Participants:

* **Ondřej Cakl**, project coordinator at Transparency International Czech Republic;
* **Tetiana Semiletko**, development director at Center for Democracy and Rule of Law.

The debate will be moderated by Oleksandr Kalitenko, policy analysis expert at Transparency International Ukraine.

The event is organized by Transparency International Ukraine and sponsored by [Office of Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Ukraine and Belarus](http://ukrajina.fnst.org/).

To participate, register at <http://bit.ly/2wFdjxn>. Registration is required.