# Whistleblowing



An effective **whistleblowing platform** brings added value to your company and reduces unethical behaviour and risks

The implementation of the new EU Directive on whistleblowing is coming your way. Find out how **PwC** can help you!

47% 49%

43% 29%

# Be prepared

47% of companies in Belgium experienced economic crime in the past 24 months

Global Economic Crime Survey 2020, PwC

#### Reduce exposure

Fraud losses were 49% smaller at companies with a whistleblowing platform

"Report to the Nations" 2020 Global Study on Occupational Fraud and Abuse. ACFE

#### **Increase detection**

43% of fraud is detected by a tip

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#### Respond to needs

29% of Belgian workers report they suffer workplace bullying

2019 Barometer for harassment at work, Securex

# An effective whistleblowing platform mitigates risk

Whistleblowers are invaluable in exposing corruption, fraud and mismanagement

Transparency International A

Financial risk

Avoid litigation

Reputational risk

Mitigate

fines & sanctions

Reduce fraud loss

Fraud risk Increase fraud detection



Leverage on forensic experts

Prevent

public

disclosure

Resolve issues internally

#### **Whistleblower**



- Design policies & procedures
- Plan internal & external awareness campaigns
- Design and test fit-for-purpose operational workflows

# Planning & design



#### **Incoming alert**



- Set-up digital solution & communication tools
- Ensure the highest security standards & technical safeguards
- Reporting channel 24h/day, 365 days/year

### **Implementation**



# Investigation



- Assess the merit of the facts
- ☐ Independent & confidential review
- Involvement of experienced forensic experts

# **Case management**



#### **Decision**



- Escalate high-risk reports
- Facilitate informed decision-making
- Establish a protocol to inform whistleblowers

# Ensure timely follow-up



# **Monitor**



- Perform risk assessment
- Advise on process improvements
- **Report** key trends via interactive dashboards

**Continuous** improvement



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