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Answer given by Mr McGrath
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission is aware of cases relating to the implementation of Directive (EU) 2019/1937 on the protection of persons who report breaches of EU law¹ being brought to the attention of the Committee on Petitions of the European Parliament.

The Commission opened infringement proceedings against Ireland² on 27 January 2022 for failure to notify transposition measures for the Directive. Following these proceedings, Ireland notified the relevant measures to the Commission. After assessing these measures and confirming they ensure the complete transposition of the Directive's requirements, the Commission decided on 16 November 2023 to close the infringement proceedings against Ireland.

The Commission is monitoring the correct implementation of the Directive in all Member States, including Ireland.

The Commission monitors the situation in the Member States and aims to follow up on systemic issues involving the application of EU law. It is for the national authorities, including national courts, to analyse individual cases in light of the national legal framework providing for whistleblower protection, and to ensure that citizens' rights under EU law are protected.

¹ Directive (EU) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2019 on the protection of persons who report breaches of Union law, 26.11.2019, OJ L 305, p. 17–56

² INFR(2022)0098, see specific webpage on infringements [https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR\(2022\)0098&dg=JUST&policyArea=JUST-123&memberState=IE&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate](https://ec.europa.eu/implementing-eu-law/search-infringement-decisions/?lang_code=en&langCode=EN&version=v1&typeOfSearch=byDecision&refId=INFR(2022)0098&dg=JUST&policyArea=JUST-123&memberState=IE&page=1&size=10&order=desc&sortColumns=decisionDate).