

Digital Anonymity for Whistleblowing

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Many Use Cases

- We all know about Digital Whistleblowing used by Media and Investigative Journalism Group but there are also
- Civil Rights Activism in a broader sense
 - Anticorruption and Transparency NGOs
 - Whistleblowing Policy Activism and Pro-bono Assistance Hotlines
- “Legal Compliance” with ethics-integrity standards
 - Public Agencies (Government) - Anticorruption
 - Large Corporations - Many legal compliance laws

Digital Anonymity

In the legal practice?

- Bringing Tor uses to a wider audience specifically to comply the law (es: anticorruption, anti-fraud, anti-discriminatory practice, anti-environmental damage)
- Difficulties in pushing forward for institutional uses of Tor Onion Services is not always an easy task for
 - **Compliance Laws** does not often require Anonymity
 - New “*ISO 37001:2016 Anti-bribery management systems*” standard and other best practices recommend that ***Anonymous Whistleblowing should not be encouraged but Anonymous Submissions should be considered and not discarded******Introduce Digital Anonymity requirements into the law, procedures, regulations and best practices.***
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Anonymity what?

- “analog people” think anonymity is an “anonymous paper letter being received”
- “Always explain Anonymity” vs “Technical Anonymity”
- New threat models and scenarios can come up for low risk
 - Confidential Submission
 - Anonymous Submission
 - Maximum Security (Tor)

Barcelona

A success on Tor Advocacy In Spain



- Xnet launched a campaign on the successful anticorruption initiative by Ajuntament de Barcelona bringing political achievement:
 - OpenSource Source use (GlobaLeaks)
 - Tor Digital Anonymity used by the government for a valuable purpose (anticorruption)
- <https://xnet-x.net/en/whistleblowing-platform-barcelona-city-council/>
- <https://ec.europa.eu/futurium/en/content/first-public-anti-corruption-complaint-box>

Legitimizing Digital Anonymity with Whistleblowing

- Tor used by
 - Transparency Activists and Anticorruption
 - Government in Public Agencies to fight corruption
 - Corporations to fight non-ethical, discriminatory and illegal practices happening from inside the organisations
- We need more use cases of Tor

Open Conversation

- What to do next?
- Where and how to foster uses of Digital Anonymity with Whistleblowing?

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