

GRECO 6th EVALUATION ROUND: TRAINING SEMINAR

WHISTLEBLOWING: CRITICAL
SAFEGUARD
OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL
DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

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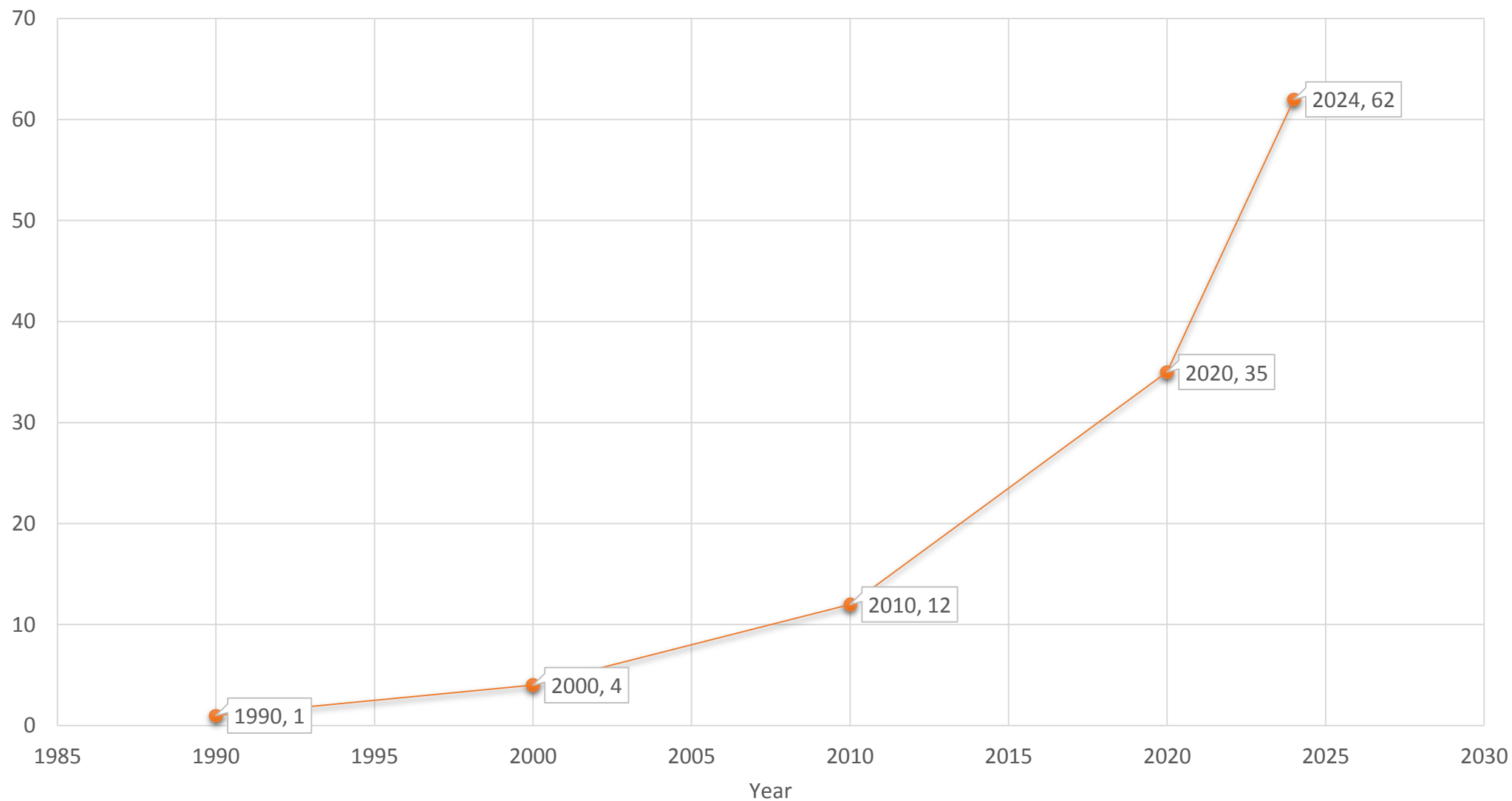
UZBUNJIVAČ

KLOKKENLUIDER

FLUITJEBLASER



Total number of dedicated whistleblower laws globally



TIMELINE EUROPEAN INSTRUMENTS / RESOURCES

1999 Council of Europe Civil Law and Criminal Law Conventions on Corruption

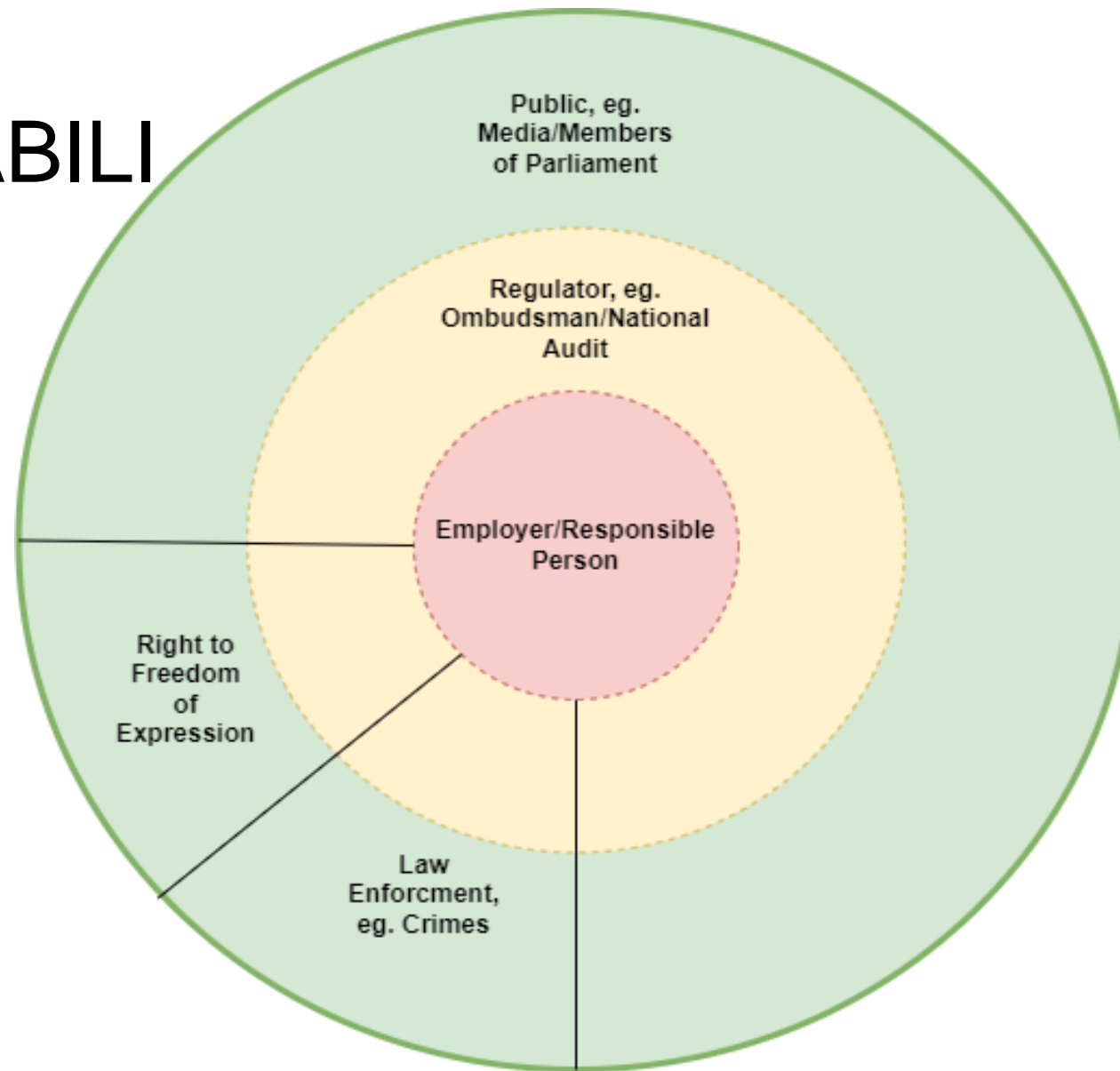
- PACE Committee on Legal Affairs and Human Rights – investigations, resolutions and recommendations
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities – The protection of whistleblowers: Challenges and opportunities for local and regional government (Report CG36(2019)14FIN)
- GRECO – evaluations and recommendations
- European Court of Human Rights – jurisprudence on whistleblowing

2014 Council of Europe Recommendation CM/Rec(2014)7 on the protection of whistleblowers

2019 EU Directive on the protection of reporting persons

2023 UNCAC Resolution on the protection of reporting persons

ACCOUNTABILITY DIAGRAM



Updated: Council of Europe, Explanatory Memorandum to the Recommendation on the Protection of Whistleblowers, 2014

Council of Europe / European Union / European Court of Human Rights

European Union

- Ensure peace and security
- Strengthen economic and political cooperation
- Establish internal market

Council of Europe

- Promote Democracy
- Protect Human rights
- Protect Rule of Law

European Court of Human Rights

- Implement the Convention
- Protects civil and political rights of all people
 - Freedom of expression and the public's right to know

KEY ELEMENTS 1: **protecting individual and handling information**

Who? → all workers? public?

What? → all wrongdoing? risk of harm?

Reporting channels → access?

Procedures and policy → clear?

Handling reports → training?

Investigation / risk assessment → expertise?

Confidentiality / anonymity → clarity?

Feedback → what? when?

Advice and support → independent? free?

KEY ELEMENTS 2: **promoting and evaluating**

Legal protection → meet European standards?

Education → public value? organisational value?

Awareness → regular information? at different levels?

Monitoring → data collected? regular reported? publicly available?

Evaluation → what elements?

Reform → legal? institutional? systems?

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