

College Decision 073/2026

DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF 21 OCTOBER 2026

ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED FOR SUBSTITUTION OF A EUROPEAN PROSECUTOR AND ON THE EXERCISE OF THE FUNCTION OF INTERIM EUROPEAN PROSECUTOR

The College of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO),

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (hereinafter referred to as the "EPPO Regulation")¹, and in particular Articles 16(7) and 96 thereof,

Having regard to the Internal Rules of Procedure of the EPPO², and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Decision of the College of the EPPO 025/2024 of 24 April 2024 for the temporary occupation of the management post of Administrative Director of the EPPO,

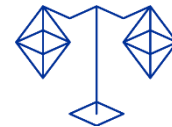
Having regard to the Decision of the College of the EPPO 056/2021 of 19 May 2021 designating a European Delegated Prosecutor pursuant to Article 16(7) of the EPPO Regulation.

WHEREAS:

1. In accordance with Article 2 of the Decision 018/2026 of the College of the EPPO of 10 April 2026, Ms Ursula SCHMUDERMAYER, European Prosecutor from the Republic of Austria is temporarily occupying the post of Acting Administrative Director of the EPPO.

¹ OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p. 1–71.

² Decision 003/2020 of the College of the EPPO of 12 October 2020 on the Internal Rules of Procedure of the EPPO, as amended and supplemented by the Decisions 085/2021, 026/2022 and 010/2024 of the College of the EPPO.



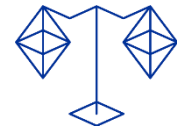
2. The circumstances leading to the temporarily appointment of Ms Ursula SCHMUDERMAYER as Acting Administrative Director remain valid, considering the prolonged, justified absence of the Administrative Director of the EPPO, Ms Selomey YAMADJAKO, for a duration exceeding three months.
3. Considering her duties and responsibilities as Acting Administrative Director of the EPPO, Ms Ursula SCHMUDERMAYER is temporarily unable to carry out her duties as European Prosecutor.
4. By the Decision 010/2026 of the College of the EPPO of 25 February 2026, Mr Stephan SCHMIDMAYR, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Austria, was designated to substitute Ms Ursula SCHMUDERMAYER in case she is unable to carry out her functions as European Prosecutor.
5. According to Article 16(7), second sub-paragraph of the EPPO Regulation, the person designated to substitute a European Prosecutor shall act as an interim European Prosecutor, pending replacement or return of the European Prosecutor, for a period not exceeding 3 months.

Considering the agreement of Mr Stephan SCHMIDMAYR and upon proposal of the European Chief Prosecutor in accordance with Article 31(2) of the Internal Rules of Procedure,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

1. The College hereby acknowledges the need for substitution of Ms Ursula SCHMUDERMAYER in her functions as European Prosecutor.
2. Mr Stephan SCHMIDMAYR, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Austria, designated, according to Decision 010/2026 of the College of the EPPO, to substitute the European Prosecutor from Austria, shall act as an interim European Prosecutor for the Republic of Austria, for a period not exceeding 3 months, starting on 21 October 2026.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article, Mr Stephan SCHMIDMAYR shall cease to act as interim European Prosecutor when Ms Ursula SCHMUDERMAYER will be able to resume her duties as European Prosecutor.



Article 2

The College, the European Chief Prosecutor, the competent Permanent Chambers, as well as Ms Ursula SCHMUDERMAYER and Mr Stephan SCHMIDMAYR shall take the necessary measures to ensure the efficient management of the cases handled by the Austrian European Delegated Prosecutors and that any conflict of interest is avoided during the period of application of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg on 21 October 2026.

On behalf of the College,

Laura Codruța KÖVESI
European Chief Prosecutor

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