



**WORKING ARRANGEMENT ON THE COOPERATION BETWEEN
THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
AND
THE PROSECUTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KAZAKHSTAN**

WORKING ARRANGEMENT
on the cooperation between the European Public Prosecutor's Office
and the Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan

The European Public Prosecutor's Office ('EPPO'), hereinafter referred to as "the EPPO", and the Prosecutor General's Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan, hereinafter referred to as "the PGO", together referred to as "the Participants",

Having regard the provisions of the Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ("the EPPO"), hereinafter referred to as "the EPPO Regulation", and in particular the Articles 99 and 104 thereof,

Acknowledging that, in accordance with Article 99(3) of the EPPO Regulation, this working arrangement may not form the legal basis for allowing the exchange of personal data, nor have legally binding effects on the European Union, its Member States or the Republic of Kazakhstan,

Considering the will of the Participants to establish a close cooperation with a view of protecting by investigative and prosecutorial means the financial interests of the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan,

Aiming to facilitate cooperation and exchange of information between them in order to ensure effective investigation and prosecution, in full respect of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, and to bring to justice without undue delay all persons who are suspect or accused of committing crimes against the EU budget, especially related to money laundering and other associated crimes,

HAVE AGREED THIS WORKING ARRANGEMENT:

Section I.- Purpose

The purpose of this Working Arrangement (hereinafter referred as “the Working Arrangement”) is to facilitate cooperation between the Participants in investigations and prosecutions within their competences, with respect to the exchange of operational and other information of interest and other forms of cooperation, in accordance with their respective legal frameworks, including bilateral and multilateral instruments, as appropriate.

Section II.- Scope

The Participants will cooperate in all areas referred to in this arrangement within the scope of their respective legal frameworks, with a particular focus in financial crimes.

Section III.- Definitions

For the purposes of this Working Arrangement:

- a) “European Prosecutor” means the EPPO post-holders referred to in Articles 16 and 96(1) of the EPPO Regulation;
- b) “European Delegated Prosecutor” means the EPPO post-holders referred to in Articles 17 and 96(6) of the EPPO Regulation;
- c) “EPPO staff” means the staff and other persons referred to in Article 2(4) and Article 98 of the EPPO Regulation.

Section IV.- Cooperation on gathering evidence

The Participants endeavour to provide each other with the widest extent of cooperation for gathering evidence or operational information, in accordance

with their applicable legal frameworks and the applicable international legal instruments, in particular the United Nations Convention against transnational organised crime and the United Nations Convention against corruption, to which both the European Union and the Republic of Kazakhstan are parties, as well as any other multilateral convention which may apply, or a bilateral treaty concluded between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the EPPO participating Member States. In absence of an international agreement applicable to their cooperation, the Participants may grant mutual assistance to each other on the basis of reciprocity.

Section V.- Freezing and confiscation of assets

The Participants will cooperate regarding freezing, seizing and confiscating of assets in accordance with their applicable legal frameworks and multilateral legal instruments.

Section VI. - Joint investigation teams

The Participants may cooperate on setting up joint investigation teams in cases that would fall under their competences in accordance with their applicable legal frameworks and multilateral legal instrument. For the setting up of a joint investigation team, the Participants shall conclude specific agreements.

Section VII.- Extradition

The Participants acknowledge that where it is necessary for the EPPO to request the extradition of a person sought, the handling European Delegated Prosecutor may request the competent authority of his/her Member State to issue an extradition request in accordance with the applicable international agreement between that Member State and the Republic of Kazakhstan or on the basis of reciprocity.

Section VIII.- Other ways of cooperation

The Participants may:

- (a) exchange any non-operational information in areas within their competence. This information shall not contain personal data;
- (b) cooperate in carrying out training sessions on matters of common interest;
- (c) invite each other to seminars, workshops, conferences, and other similar activities that are mutually relevant;
- (d) provide logistical, technical, or other support, expertise or other cooperation, to each other in such manner as they may decide between them; and
- (e) participate in such additional cooperation or activities as may be decided between them.

Section IX.- Contact Points

1. For purposes of facilitating cooperation under this Working Arrangement, the PGO point of contact is the following:

International Legal Cooperation Service of the Prosecutor General's
Office of the Republic of Kazakhstan
Mangilik El Avenue 14, Astana, the Republic of Kazakhstan
e-mail: icd@prokuror.kz

2. For purposes of facilitating cooperation under this Working Arrangement, the EPPO points of contact are the following:

For case-specific communications: Operations Unit, IBOA and
Operational Cooperation Team,
11 Avenue John F. Kennedy, L-1855, Luxembourg,
e-mail: eppo-international-cooperation@eppo.europa.eu

For other communications: Counsellor to the European Chief Prosecutor for international relations, e-mail: eppo-executiveoffice@eppo.europa.eu

Section X.- Means and channels of communication

1. The Participants may communicate by any means whereby a written record can be produced, including through secured means of electronic communication.
2. At operational level, the Participants will cooperate in accordance with their applicable legal frameworks.
3. Communications between Participants shall be conducted in English. The requests for mutual legal assistance shall be accompanied by translations in the language accepted under the applicable legal instrument.

Section XI.- Data protection

1. Transfer of personal data between the Participants shall not take place under this Working Arrangement and shall be subject to their respective legal frameworks, including relevant international agreements where applicable.
2. Any other exchanged information shall be subject to their respective legal frameworks, including relevant international agreements where applicable.
3. Exchanged information shall only be used for the purpose for which it was provided and must not be included in any judicial or administrative proceeding without the prior written authorisation of the other Party.

Section XII.- Consultations

The Participants will consult each other regarding any matters that may lead to different interpretations of this Working Arrangement.

Section XIII.- Expenses

Unless otherwise stipulated, the Participants shall bear their own expenses that arise in the course of implementation of this Working Arrangement.

Section XIV.- Relation to other international treaties

This Working Arrangement is not an international treaty and does not affect the rights and obligations of the Participants arising from other international treaties to which the Republic of Kazakhstan and the European Union or its Member States, respectively, are parties.

Section XV.- Amendments

This Working Arrangement may be amended in writing at any time by mutual consent between the Participants.

Section XVI.- Termination of the Working Arrangement

1. This Working Arrangement may be terminated in writing by either Party with three months' notice.
2. In case of termination, the Participants will reach agreement on the continued use and storage of the information that has already been communicated between them.

3. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, the termination of the arrangement shall not have any effect on the actions conducted under its validity.

Section XVII.- Entry into force

This Working Arrangement shall enter into force on the date of its signature.

Done at Luxembourg on 26 June 2026, in two originals in English and Kazakh languages, all texts being equally authentic.

**For the European Public
Prosecutor's Office,**



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**For the Prosecutor General's
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