

DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE
EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
OF 1 JULY 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 ('the 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,

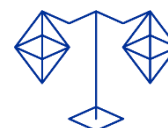
Having regard to the decision of the College of the EPPO 055/2021 of 19 May 2021 designating a European Delegated Prosecutor pursuant to Article 16(7) of the EPPO Regulation,

Whereas:

1. Mr Juraj NOVOCKÝ will leave his position of European Prosecutor from 29 July 2026.
2. By the Decision 055/2021 of the College of the EPPO of 19 May 2021, Ms Renáta ONTKOVIČOVÁ, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Slovak Republic, was designated to substitute Mr Juraj NOVOCKÝ in case he is unable to carry out his functions as European Prosecutor or leaves his position.

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.



3. 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 three months.

Considering the agreement of Ms Renáta ONTKOVIČOVÁ 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. Ms Renáta ONTKOVIČOVÁ, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Slovak Republic, designated, according to College Decision 055/2021, to substitute the Slovakian European Prosecutor, shall act as interim European Prosecutor for Slovakia, for a period not exceeding three months, starting on 29 July 2026.
2. The appointment of Ms Renáta ONTKOVIČOVÁ as interim European Prosecutor shall end on the date when the newly appointed European Prosecutor from the Slovak Republic will take up her/his duties.

Article 2

The College, the European Chief Prosecutor, the competent Permanent Chambers and Ms Renáta ONTKOVIČOVÁ shall take the necessary measures to ensure the efficient management of the cases handled by the Slovakian 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 following that of its adoption and it shall become applicable on 29 July 2026.

Done at Luxembourg on 1 July 2026.

On behalf of the College,

Laura Codruța KÖVESI
European Chief Prosecutor