

DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE
EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
OF 1 JULY 2026

ON THE RENEWAL OF THE 5-YEAR TERM OF EUROPEAN DELEGATED
PROSECUTORS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA, CZECHIA, THE
KINGDOM OF SPAIN, THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA, ROMANIA, AND
THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

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 ("EPPO") (hereinafter referred to as "the EPPO Regulation"¹), and in particular Articles 17(1) and 96(3) thereof,

Having regard to the Internal Rules of Procedure of the EPPO², and in particular Article 33 thereof,

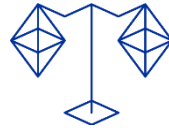
Having regard to the Decision 015/2025 of the College of the EPPO of 12 February 2025 on the Conditions of employment of the European Delegated Prosecutors, and replacing and repealing Decisions 001/2020, 013/2020, 017/2021, 013/2021, 098/2021, 007/2023 and 058/2024 of the College of the EPPO (hereinafter referred to as the "CEEDP"), as amended by Decision 026/2026 of the College of the EPPO of 20 May 2026, and in particular Articles 8, 9 and 10 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) According to Article 17(1) of the EPPO Regulation, "[t]he European Delegated Prosecutors shall be appointed for a renewable term of 5 years".

¹ OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p.1.

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) Pursuant to Articles 17(1) and 96(3) of the EPPO Regulation, the College of the EPPO has the exclusive competence to appoint the European Delegated Prosecutors and to renew their terms in office.
- (3) According to Article 8 of the CEEDP, the College shall decide on the renewal of the appointment of the European Delegated Prosecutors based on transparent and objective criteria, including:
 - “(a) any modification in the agreement between the European Chief Prosecutor and the competent authority of the Member State of the European Delegated Prosecutor concerned, in accordance with Article 13(2) of the EPPO Regulation in regard to the number of European Delegated Prosecutors in the respective Member State;*
 - “(b) the performance of the European Delegated Prosecutor concerned throughout their term, taking into consideration the appraisal reports as referred in Article 15 of this decision, the opinion of the supervising European Prosecutor, and, where applicable, of the Permanent Chambers.”*
- (4) According to Article 9 of the CEEDP, *“[t]he renewal of the 5-year term shall be decided by the College, in its capacity as Appointing Authority pursuant to Article 96(3) of the EPPO Regulation on the basis of the proposal of the European Chief Prosecutor and the agreement of the European Delegated Prosecutor concerned, given in writing.”*

Considering the agreement of the European Delegated Prosecutors concerned, the respective opinions of the supervising European Prosecutors concerned and the appraisal reports,

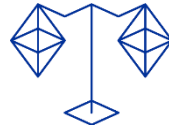
Considering the proposal made by the European Chief Prosecutor,

Acknowledging that all criteria and conditions provided for in Article 17 of the EPPO Regulation and in Articles 8 and 9 of the CEEDP are met and that the renewal of the 5-year term of each of the respective European Delegated Prosecutors is in the interest of the EPPO, ensuring the effective continuation of the EPPO's activities,

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

The appointment of the following European Delegated Prosecutors is hereby renewed for another 5-year term, starting, in each individual case, from the dates listed below for the



entry into force of the respective contract to be concluded, based on this decision, in accordance with Article 10 of the CEEDP:

- Mr Victor TARTCHEV, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Bulgaria, as of 1 January 2027;
- Mr Vit KOUPIL, European Delegated Prosecutor in Czechia, as of 16 January 2027;
- Mr Luis Miguel JIMENEZ CRESPO, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Kingdom of Spain, as of 16 January 2027;
- Mr Antonio ZÁRATE , European Delegated Prosecutor in the Kingdom of Spain, as of 16 January 2027;
- Ms Jurgita STEPONAVICIUTE-OTTO, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Lithuania, as of 1 March 2027;
- Ms Iulia-Ioana BILCIU, European Delegated Prosecutor in Romania, as of 16 March 2027;
- Ms Gabriela STANCIU, European Delegated Prosecutor in Romania, as of 16 March 2027;
- Mr Martin PACALAJ, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Slovak Republic, as of 1 March 2027.

Article 2

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

Done at Luxembourg on 1 July 2026.

On behalf of the College,

Laura Codruța KÖVESI
European Chief Prosecutor