



DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF 25 JANUARY 2021

APPOINTING THE ACCOUNTING OFFICER OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AS ACCOUNTING OFFICER OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE ('EPPO')

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 1939/2017 of 12 October 2017¹, implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('EPPO'), and in particular Articles 94 and 95 thereof,

Having regard to Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046² of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union, amending Regulations (EU) No 1296/2013, (EU) No 1301/2013, (EU) No 1303/2013, (EU) No 1304/2013, (EU) No 1309/2013, (EU) No 1316/2013, (EU) No 223/2014, (EU) No 283/2014, and Decision No 541/2014/EU and repealing Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, and in particular Article 70, hereinafter referred to as "Financial Regulation",

Having regard to Decision 002/2021 of the College of the European Public Prosecutor's Office on the Financial Rules applicable to the EPPO, hereinafter referred to as "EPPO's Financial Rules", and in particular Article 50 thereof,

Having regard to the offer of DG Budget of the European Commission of 19 December 2019 (Ares (2019)7816296) on the provision of accounting officer services and the formal acceptance of the EPPO interim Administrative Director on 27 February 2020 (Ares(2020)1224021).

Whereas:

(1) In accordance with Article 50(1) of EPPO's Financial Rules, the EPPO College shall appoint an accounting officer who shall be totally independent in the performance of his or her duties, and be responsible for the tasks set out in that article;

¹ OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p. 1–71

² OJ L 193, 30.7.2018, p. 1–222



- (2) In accordance with Article 50(2) of EPPO's Financial Rules, the EPPO may agree with the Commission that the accounting officer of the Commission shall also act as accounting officer of the EPPO;
- (3) The EPPO considers it advantageous and financially sound to resort to the European Commission's central Accounting Officer services pursuant to the above-mentioned provision;
- (4) A service level agreement (SLA) between DG BUDG and the EPPO has been concluded on 26 June 2020 establishing the conditions for providing accounting services by the Commission to EPPO;
- (5) The College acknowledges that the reasoning underlying the present Decision shall have a limited scope in time and that the appointment of an accounting officer within the EPPO will follow in due course;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The Accounting Officer of the European Commission is hereby appointed as the Accounting Officer of the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

Article 2: Entry into force

This Decision shall take effect on the day following its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg, on 25 January 2021

For the College,

Laura Codruța KÖVESI
European Chief Prosecutor

