



**WORKING ARRANGEMENT  
BETWEEN  
THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
AND  
THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
ON COOPERATION AND ACCESS TO DATA RELATED TO THE DETECTION AND  
PROSECUTION OF CRIMINAL OFFENCES**

The European Public Prosecutor's Office (hereinafter referred to as "the EPPO") and the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia (hereinafter referred to as "the MOI") (hereinafter jointly referred to as "the Participants"),

Pursuant to the Article 43 of the Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office,

Having regard for the Articles 86 and 325 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union of 13 December 2007 (OJ C 202),

In accordance with the Directive (EU) 2017/1371 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2017 on the fight against fraud to the Union's financial interests by means of criminal law,

In accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) and the Directive (EU) 2016/680 of the European parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by competent authorities for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Council Framework Decision 2008/977/JHA,

Considering that it is within the common interest of the Participants to establish and maintain a close cooperation, in an effort to make the fight against fraud, corruption and any other criminal offence or illegal activity adversely affecting the European Union's financial interests as efficient as possible, and

Taking into account the scope of the respective missions and mandates of both Participants,

have concluded the following:

**Article 1**  
**Purpose and scope**

1. The Participants intend to strengthen cooperation for the purpose of achieving more expedient and efficient detection, suppression and prosecution of criminal offences against the financial interests of the European Union and criminal offences inextricably related to them.
2. For the purpose set forth in paragraph 1 of this Article and in accordance with the applicable national law, the MOI intends to grant the EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor the right to directly access the data contained in the MOI's records.

**Article 2**  
**Authorization**

1. For the purpose set forth in Article 1 of this Working Arrangement, the EPPO's regional office in the Republic of Croatia will deliver to the MOI the necessary information on the EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor, by using the forms "Request to open a user account" and "User's declaration" found in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of this Working Arrangement, as well as any subsequent changes to the delivered information.
2. Once authorized, the EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor will be trained by the MOI's authorised personnel for the use of the MOI's records and will be informed about the security requirements for accessing the MOI's records.
3. The MOI will conduct an annual revision of the persons who are authorized to access the MOI's records.
4. Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article will form an integral part of this Working Arrangement.

**Article 3**  
**Data access and use**

1. Pursuant to Article 1 of this Working Arrangement, the authorized EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor may directly access the data contained in the MOI's records if there are reasonable grounds to believe that an offence within the competence of the EPPO is being or has been committed, and provided that such data are necessary for conducting the inquiry or investigation.
2. In accordance with paragraph 1 of this Article, the authorized EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor may access the data contained in the following MOI's records:
  - a) General alphabetical records;
  - b) Records of criminal offences, reported and injured persons;
  - c) Records of tracing and announcements on persons;
  - d) Records of missing and found items;
  - e) Records of citizens' residence and stay;
  - f) Records of certain categories of foreigners;
  - g) Records of vehicle registrations and traffic documents (Overview of data on registered road vehicles and marked light trailers);
  - h) Records of weapons (Acquisition, registration and collecting of weapons);
  - i) National border management information system.
3. The authorized EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor will be able to access only non-classified data in the MOI's records in accordance with the provisions of this Working Arrangement.
4. The EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor Access will be authorized to only read and print data contained in the MOI's records, without an option to add, modify or delete the data contained in the MOI's records.
5. Upon the written request of the EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia or the Croatian European Prosecutor, the MOI intends to provide in writing the verified data contained in the MOI's records.
6. The data contained in the MOI's records are intended exclusively for official use, and the authorized EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor must not disclose them to the public, a third party or persons who do not have the necessary access to the said data without a prior written authorization of the MOI.

**Article 4**  
**Confidentiality and data protection**

1. Access to data contained in the MOI's records and their subsequent use will be done in compliance with the legal framework for the protection of confidential information and for the protection of personal data applicable to the Participants and within an environment that is in conformity with the ISO27001 standard, which will ensure that the access to data is conducted with confidence in its quality, security and timeliness.
2. The Participants will undertake all necessary measures to ensure the protection, secrecy and confidentiality of the data accessed, and will use the data exclusively for the purpose set forth in Article 1 of this Working Arrangement.
3. The provisions of this Article will apply even in the event of termination of this Working Arrangement or in the event an EPPO's Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Croatia or the Croatian European Prosecutor is no longer authorized to access the MOI's records.

**Article 5**  
**Technical implementation**

1. The Participants will determine the licences for access to the MOI's records from predefined network addresses.
2. Direct access to the MOI's records will be conducted through a secure communication system for data transmission.
3. The implementation of a secure communication system for data transmission will be achieved through the use of an encrypted telecommunications channel for data exchange.
4. All information and telecommunications equipment used by the EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor in order to access the MOI's records should be placed in secured premises with adequate access control and protection of access to the equipment. Any loss of equipment or error in the system functioning will be immediately reported to the MOI.
5. The premises of the EPPO in the Republic of Croatia in which the MOI's Information System equipment is installed in order to access the MOI's records will be in conformity with the ISO27001 standard, which represents an adequate MOI's Information System accreditation for the level "Restreint UE/EU restricted".
6. The information technology equipment used by the EPPO's Delegated Prosecutors in the Republic of Croatia and the Croatian European Prosecutor in order to access the

MOI's records may only be connected to the associated telecommunication equipment, and should not be connected to other EPPO's information technology equipment.

7. The information technology and telecommunications equipment referred to in this Article will be installed and administered exclusively by the MOI's authorized personnel.

#### **Article 6 Costs**

Each Participant intends to bear its own costs related to the implementation of this Working Arrangement, unless the Participants jointly decide otherwise.

#### **Article 7 Settlement of disputes**

Any dispute related to the interpretation or application of this Working Arrangement will be settled by means of consultations and negotiations between the Participants.

#### **Article 8 Relationship with other bilateral and international agreements**

1. This Working Arrangement serves as a record of the intentions and will of the Participants, concerning strengthening of cooperation for the purpose of achieving more expedient and efficient detection, suppression and prosecution of criminal offences against the financial interests of the European Union and criminal offences inextricably related to them, and does not constitute or create any new legally binding or enforceable obligations under national or international law, nor does it give rise to any legal process.
2. This Working Arrangement will not affect the rights and obligations of the Participants arising from other bilateral or international agreements, is without prejudice to and does not restrict any other agreement or arrangement.
3. The provisions of this Working Arrangement will not affect the MOI's powers and work, or the EPPO's powers, autonomy and independence in decision-making.

#### **Article 9 Amendments**

1. This Working Arrangement may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the Participants.

2. The amendments will come into effect in accordance with the Article 10 of this Working Arrangement.

**Article 10**  
**Final provisions**

1. This Working Arrangement will come into effect thirty (30) days after the date of receiving the notification of the last signature and will be concluded for an indefinite period.
2. Each Participant may terminate this Working Arrangement at any time by giving to the other Participant a written notification to that effect. In this case, the Working Arrangement will be terminated thirty (30) days after the date of the receipt of the notification. The effects of the termination will not apply to the previously made commitments.

Done at Luxembourg on 13 October 2022, in two originals in English and Croatian languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation of this Working Arrangement the English text will prevail.

For the European Public Prosecutor's  
Office

For the Ministry of the Interior of the  
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Name/  
Title

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European Chief Prosecutor

Davor Božinović, Deputy Prime Minister  
and Minister

Signature



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## EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

## REQUEST TO OPEN A USER ACCOUNT

Personal data of the person for whom access to the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia's records is requested pursuant to the Working Arrangement between the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia and the European Public Prosecutor's Office on cooperation and access to data related to the detection and prosecution of criminal offences:

SURNAME AND NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PIN 

WORKING PLACE \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANISATIONAL UNIT \_\_\_\_\_

Records of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia's Information System*		
1.	General alphabetical records	
2.	Records of criminal offences, reported and injured persons	
3.	Records of tracing and announcements on persons	
4.	Records of missing and found items	
5.	Records of citizens' residence and stay	
6.	Records of certain categories of foreigners	
7.	Overview of data on registered road vehicles and marked light trailers	
8.	Acquisition, registration and collecting of weapons	
9.	National border management information system	

\*Note: Please enter "x" next to the records the user wishes to access

\_\_\_\_\_  
(place and date)

LS

\_\_\_\_\_  
(head of the authority name and surname)

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(head of the authority signature)

*Restreint UE / EU Restricted*

REPUBLIC OF CROATIA  
EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

USER'S DECLARATION

User's name and surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Office/Department: \_\_\_\_\_

User's PIN: \_\_\_\_\_

"I hereby declare that I, as an authorised official person of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), shall use the data from the Information System of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia only for the purposes of suppression and prosecution of criminal offences from the scope of competence of the EPPO Office in the situations prescribed by the applicable legal framework.

I also undertake to comply with all data protection measures prescribed by the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Croatia and the European Public Prosecutor's Office, to keep official secrets, respect human rights and protect the dignity of every human person in accordance with the regulations governing the protection of confidentiality of information and the protection of personal data."

\_\_\_\_\_  
(place and date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)