



DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

ESTABLISHING THE DIGITAL STEERING BOARD

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 Article 73 thereof,

Having regard to Decision 018/2021 of the College of the European Public Prosecutor's Office on Internal Control Framework applicable to the EPPO and the Administrative Note ICF Assessment Criteria in particular Principle 11 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) CMS Programme was established in January 2020, having as main objective to deliver the business and technical capabilities (process, people and tools) required for the imminent start of operations of the organisation
- (2) The College approved on 24/11/2021 the revised setup of the CMS Programme governance to oversee and monitor the implementation of the CMS Ecosystem, embedding all processes and tools required in the EPPO case lifecycle, and appointed one deputy ECP as Programme Owner and chair of the CMS Steering Committee, and 2 European Prosecutors as Steering Committee members.
- (3) A revised and broader governance model is deemed necessary to cover all Digital Programmes, in an integrated manner, with immediate urgency for the IT Autonomy Programme, which aims to deliver the full set of digital services required for the EPPO functioning independently from the European Commission
- (4) Without prejudice to the responsibilities of the Administrative Director as defined in Art. 19 of the EPPO Regulation, the proposed governance structure is intended to oversee, prioritise within available resources and monitor all Digital Service developments.

¹ OJ L 283 31.10.2017, p. 1

Has adopted the following decision:

Article 1

Subject

The College hereby establishes the Digital Steering Board (DSB), sets the mandate and nominates the permanent members.

Article 2

Mandate

The Digital Steering Board is the Appropriate Governance Body² steering all EPPO digital programmes and projects. The DSB ensures the continuous delivery of digital services, aiming for coherence between digital programmes, as well as the most efficient and effective use of resources within the limits set by the planning framework and contributes to the sound financial management of the organisation.

Article 3

Tasks

1. The DSB shall coordinate the elaboration and present to the College a Digital Strategy describing the digital roadmap of the organisation to achieve the business-defined goals.
2. The DSB shall prioritise and validate the proposals for digital investments, ensuring their alignment with the organisational strategic objectives, as established by the College.
3. The DSB shall contribute to the elaboration of the annual and multiannual planning of the budgetary and human resources needed to provide EPPO Digital Services. Where necessary, the DSB shall highlight the need for involvement of supplementary resources or the hiring of new staff.
4. The DSB shall prioritise the projects portfolio within the available resource capacity.
5. The DSB shall validate the need for new organisational digital programmes and projects and approve their initiation, governance and roadmaps, and monitor their implementation.
6. The DSB shall ensure that all developments are implemented in line with the EPPO cybersecurity and data protection frameworks, business continuity standards,

² [The PM² Governance - PM² Alliance \(pm2alliance.eu\)](https://pm2alliance.eu)

budgetary framework, resource framework and architecture principles established in the strategy.

7. The DSB shall oversee the programme level overall risks and issues, and assign the risk owners and risk response, considering the best interest for the achievement of the organisational objectives, the cyber-security framework and the financial and control framework of the EPPO.
8. The DSB shall ensure that technology innovation and EU Interoperability Initiatives are monitored and reflected in the roadmap for future EPPO digital developments.

Article 4

Membership

1. The Digital Steering Board will be composed of permanent members and advisory members.
2. The permanent members are one Deputy European Chief Prosecutor nominated by the European Chief Prosecutor, 2 European Prosecutors elected by the College and the Administrative Director.
3. The advisory members are the Head of Operations and College Support Unit, the Head of the Digital Services Unit, the Data Protection Officer, the Local Information Security Officer, the programme managers and business managers of the ongoing programmes.
4. Other stakeholders may be invited as Advisory members on specific topics, when relevant.

Article 5

Nominations

1. The Deputy European Chief Prosecutor nominated by the ECP is Mr. Andres RITTER.
2. The European Prosecutors nominated by the College are Ms. Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI and Mr. Gabriel SEIXAS.

Article 6

Functioning of the Digital Steering Board

1. The DSB shall be chaired by the Deputy ECP. In the absence of the deputy ECP, the next most senior European Prosecutor shall exercise the function.
2. The Digital Steering Board shall further define its internal functioning rules, including the adoption of decisions via written procedure.



3. The Digital Steering Board shall present to the College every 6 months a report on the status of the ongoing digital programmes.

Article 8

Entry into force

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its adoption by the College.

Done at Luxembourg on 18 October 2023.

On behalf of the College,

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European Chief Prosecutor