

DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF 15 APRIL 2025

ON THE PROLONGATION OF THE PERIOD FOR WHICH A EUROPEAN DELEGATED PROSECUTOR SHALL ACT AS AN INTERIM EUROPEAN PROSECUTOR

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

Having regard to the 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,

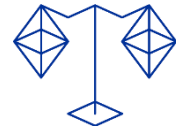
Having regard to the Decision 003/2025 of the College of the EPPO of 15 January 2025 designating a European Delegated Prosecutor pursuant to Article 16(7) EPPO Regulation,

WHEREAS:

1. Ms Yvone FARRUGIA, European Prosecutor from the Republic of Malta, is on maternity leave until 2 June 2025 and, consequently, she is unable to carry out her duties as European Prosecutor.
2. By the Decision 003/2025 of the College of the EPPO of 15 January 2025, the College designated Mr Martin SAMMUT, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Malta, to substitute the European Prosecutor from Malta for a period of three months, which is due to expire on 19 April 2025.
3. According to Article 16(7), second sub-paragraph, of the EPPO Regulation, the College may, upon request, prolong the period of substitution if necessary.
4. According to Article 31(3) of the Internal Rules of Procedure the College may extend the period of substitution for as long as it deems necessary.

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.



Upon request of Ms Yvonne FARRUGIA, and considering the agreement of Mr Martin SAMMUT, and proposal of the European Chief Prosecutor in accordance with Article 31(3) of the Internal Rules of Procedure,

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

The period for which Mr Martin SAMMUT, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Malta, shall act as an interim European Prosecutor is hereby prolonged from 19 April 2025 until the date when Ms Yvonne FARRUGIA will be able to resume her duties as European Prosecutor.

Article 2

The College, the European Chief Prosecutor, the competent Permanent Chambers, as well as Mr Martin SAMMUT shall take the necessary measures to ensure the efficient management of the cases handled by the Maltese European Delegated Prosecutors and that any conflict of interest is avoided during the period of application of this Decision.

Article 3

This Decision shall take effect on 19 April 2025.

Done at Luxembourg on 15 April 2025

On behalf of the College,

Andrés RITTER

Deputy European Chief Prosecutor