

DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE
EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
OF 24 SEPTEMBER 2025

AMENDING COLLEGE DECISION 097/2021 OF 22 SEPTEMBER
2021 LAYING DOWN RULES ON THE OTHER STAFF PUT AT THE
DISPOSAL OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
BUT NOT EMPLOYED BY IT

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 8, 9 and 98 thereof,

Having regard to Decision of the College of the European Public Prosecutor's Office of 12 October 2020 on the Internal Rules of Procedure of the EPPO (hereinafter referred to as "the Internal Rules of Procedure"), and in particular Articles 1(2) and 61(2), (5) and (6) thereof,

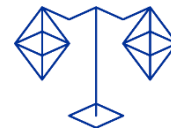
Having regard to College Decision 097/2021 of 22 September 2021 laying down rules on the Other Staff put at the disposal of the European Public Prosecutor's Office but not employed by it,

Having regard to College Decision 035/2022 of 20 July 2022 amending College Decision 097/2021 of 22 September 2021 laying down rules on the Other Staff put at the disposal of the European Public Prosecutor's Office but not employed by it,

Having regard to College Decision 009/2024 of 7 February 2024 amending College Decision 097/2021 of 22 September 2021 laying down rules on the Other Staff put at the disposal of the European Public Prosecutor's Office but not employed by it, as amended by Decision 035/22 of 20 July 2022,

Whereas:

¹ OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p.1.



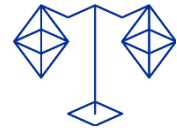
- (1) According to Article 98(1) of the EPPO Regulation, the EPPO may make use, in addition to its own staff at the central level as mentioned in Articles 2(4) and 8(5) of the EPPO Regulation, of other persons put at its disposal but not employed by it.
- (2) Article 1 of College Decision 097/2021 elaborates the functional relationship between the EPPO and such persons put at its disposal by the Member States but not employed by it (commonly referred to as NEDPAs). The NEDPA status is not limited to a specific category of persons from the Member State but is determined solely by their specific allocation to support the EPPO, including its European Delegated Prosecutors.
- (3) The NEDPAs include administrative clerks, legal assistants as well as investigators, and have a variety of backgrounds and tasks. It depends on the national law of the Member State which tasks each of NEDPAs are allowed to perform for the EPPO and its European Delegated Prosecutors.
- (4) Article 4(1) of the same College Decision, as amended by Decisions 035/2022 of 20 July 2022 and 009/2024 of 7 February 2024, indicates that other EPPO Staff shall be able to use specific functionalities of the Case Management System (CMS), among others in order to collaborate with the European Delegated Prosecutors and to support them.
- (5) The Case Analysis Tool Environment (CATE) is part of the CMS ecosystem, meaning it falls into the scope of College Decision 097/2021. The sharing of Central Office tools with the decentralised offices, increasing their investigative capabilities, adds significantly to the fulfilment of the mandate of the EPPO. At the same time, it should be ensured that allowing NEDPAs with an investigative background to have access to the CATE is aligned with the EPPO's legal framework, including the Internal Rules of Procedure and College Decision 097/2021.
- (6) Access to CATE should only be granted upon individual assignment by the responsible handling European Delegated Prosecutor and for performing tasks as instructed by the latter, in accordance with the law of the Member State of the European Delegated Prosecutor and the NEDPA.

Has adopted this decision:

Amendments

In Article 4(1) of College Decision 097/2021 laying down rules on the other staff put at the disposal of the European Public Prosecutor's Office but not employed by it, as amended by College Decisions 035/2022 of 20 July 2022 and 009/2024 of 7 February 2024, the following point (c) is added:

- "c) Analytical activities: other EPPO Staff shall be able to use the Case Analysis Tool Environment (CATE) in cases to which the European Delegated Prosecutor has assigned them and if the relevant national law permits to task them with analytical activities. For this purpose, upon instruction of the European Delegated Prosecutor, they shall be entitled to:



- i. access the CATE;
- ii. import and export related EPPO data into and from CATE through the EPPO-BOX;
- iii. perform analytical activities, such as operational analysis and digital forensics, in CATE.”.

Article 2

Entry into force

This decision shall enter into force upon the day following that of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg on 24 September 2025.

On behalf of the College,

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