

DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE  
EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE  
OF 25 March 2026  
ON THE DISMISSAL OF A EUROPEAN DELEGATED  
PROSECUTOR

The College of the European Public Prosecutor's Office ('the 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 ('the EPPO'), hereinafter referred to as 'the EPPO Regulation',<sup>1</sup> and in particular Articles 17(1) and 96(3),  
Having regard to the Staff Regulations of Officials ('Staff Regulations') and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants ('CEOS') of the European Union,<sup>2</sup> and in particular Articles 5, 123 and 124 of the CEOS,  
Having regard to the Decision 015/2025 of the College of the EPPO of 12 February 2025 on the Conditions of Employment of the European Delegated Prosecutors, and replacing and repealing Decisions 001/2020, 013/2020, 017/2021, 013/2021, 098/2021, 007/2023 and 058/2024 of the College of the EPPO (hereinafter referred to as "CEEDP"), and in particular Article 11(1) and 12(1),

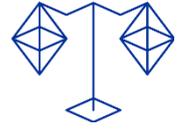
Whereas:

- (1) Pursuant to Article 17(1) of the EPPO Regulation, European Delegated Prosecutors shall be appointed for a renewable term of five (5) years.
- (2) Pursuant to Article 96(3) of the EPPO Regulation, the College is the appointing authority for the European Delegated Prosecutors.
- (3) Pursuant to Article 11(1) of the CEEDP, the College shall, upon a proposal by the European Chief Prosecutor, dismiss a European Delegated Prosecutor in the situations referred to in Article 12.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 283 31.10.2017, p. 1.

<sup>2</sup> Regulation No 31 (EEC), 11 (EAEC), laying down the Staff Regulations of Officials and the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Economic Community and the European Atomic Energy Community (OJ P 045 14.6.1962, p. 1385), and any subsequent amendment thereto.



- (4) Pursuant to Article 12(1) of the CEEDP, where a European Delegated Prosecutor envisages to terminate their contract before the end of their five-year term, they shall provide three (3) months' notice, which the College may shorten, and the EPPO shall immediately inform the Member State concerned to ensure a timely replacement in accordance with Article 17(5) of the EPPO Regulation.
- (5) Ms Valerie KOCHUYT, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Kingdom of Belgium, informed the EPPO on 9 March 2026 of her intention to resign from her position on 31 August 2026.

Upon proposal of the European Chief Prosecutor,

Has adopted this decision:

#### Article 1

Upon her resignation, Ms Valerie KOCHUYT is hereby dismissed as European Delegated Prosecutor in the Kingdom of Belgium as of 1 September 2026.

#### Article 2

The contract of employment as special adviser with the EPPO concluded with the person mentioned in Article 1 shall be terminated on 31 August 2026, in accordance with Article 12 of the CEEDP.

#### Article 3

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

Done at Luxembourg on 25 March 2026.

**On behalf of the College,**

**Laura Codruța KÖVESI**

**European Chief Prosecutor**