

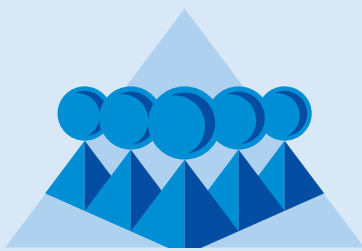


# ACTIVITY OF THE EUROPEAN DELEGATED PROSECUTORS

**The European Delegated Prosecutors form the front line of the EPPO, working on the decentralised level in 24 different EU Member States.** It is their key responsibility to investigate, prosecute and bring to judgment crimes affecting the financial interests of the EU – including taking timely and legally correct decisions, fulfilling the reporting obligation to the Permanent Chambers and cooperating with other European Delegated Prosecutors in cross-border cases. Additionally, they are responsible for the establishment of contacts and cooperation with national law enforcement agencies, controlling agencies and other relevant partners, and for promoting and introducing the work of the EPPO at the national level.

**In 2024, the offices of the European Delegated Prosecutors were located in 44 cities in 22 Member States.** As a rule, the European Delegated Prosecutors have jurisdiction in the whole territory of their respective Member State. While they carry out investigations according to the national rules of criminal procedure, they operate with complete independence from their national authorities.

As of 31 December 2024, the EPPO had **166 appointed European Delegated Prosecutors**. Ten European Delegated Prosecutors from Sweden and Poland were appointed in December 2024 but only started operational activities in January 2025.



## THE EUROPEAN DELEGATED PROSECUTORS' ASSOCIATION

**The European Delegated Prosecutors' Association (EDPA) has 123 members.** During 2024, it held regular meetings with the European Chief Prosecutor, and one meeting with the College of the EPPO.

As representative of the European Delegated Prosecutors, the EDPA was invited by the EPPO to provide its opinion on various documents relating to the EPPO's activity, including those of an operational nature.

Moreover, the EDPA relied not only on its board but also on the collaboration of the European Delegated Prosecutors, both through the Permanent Commissions and through the establishment of ad hoc working groups.



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## TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

In 2024, the EPPO continued its efforts to strengthen the professional development and spirit of belonging of the European Delegated Prosecutors who worked in 22 different Member States.

Three workshops were organised at the Central Office on the following topics:

**New strategies and techniques for the investigation and prosecution of MTIC Fraud – the perspective of the National EUROFISC Liaison Officials;**

**Investigations involving EU funding, with a focus on the EPPO competence on NextGenEU and agricultural funds;**

**Infiltration of organised crime groups in the regular economy and their involvement in financial offenses.**



All workshops also facilitated cooperation on cross-border cases, based on the complex mechanism of Article 31 of the EPPO Regulation.

In addition to the workshops, 14 professional training courses were organised, coordinated and delivered by the consortium of the Academy of European Law and European Judicial Training Network (ERA-EJTN), which included the following topics:

**EU legal framework relevant to EPPO's mandate;**

**Overcoming technical challenges in investigations;**

**Electronic evidence collection;**

**Financial investigations;**

**PIF crimes;**

**English legal terminology;**

**Judicial cooperation in cross-border cases.**