

DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF 4 SEPTEMBER 2024

ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEED FOR SUBSTITUTION OF A EUROPEAN PROSECUTOR AND ON THE EXERCISE OF THE FUNCTION OF INTERIM EUROPEAN PROSECUTOR

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 (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 of the College of the EPPO 025/2024 of 24 April 2024 for the temporary occupation of the management post of Administrative Director of the EPPO,

Having regard to the Decision of the College of the EPPO 056/2021 of 19 May 2021 designating a European Delegated Prosecutor pursuant to Article 16(7) of the EPPO Regulation.

WHEREAS:

1. According to Decision 025/2024 of the College of the EPPO of 24 April 2024, Ms. Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI, European Prosecutor from the Republic of Estonia is temporarily occupying the post of Acting Administrative Director of the EPPO.
2. The circumstances leading to the temporarily appointment of Ms. Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI as Acting Administrative Director remain valid, considering the prolonged, justified absence of the Administrative Director of the EPPO, Mr. Olivier RAMSAYER, for a duration exceeding three months.

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.

3. Considering her duties and responsibilities as Acting Administrative Director of the EPPO, Ms. Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI is temporarily unable to carry out her duties as European Prosecutor.
4. By the Decision 056/2021 of the College of the EPPO of 19 May 2021, Ms. Kati MAITSE-PÄRKNA, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Estonia, was designated to substitute Ms. Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI in case she is unable to carry out her functions as European Prosecutor.
5. According to Article 16(7), second sub-paragraph, of the EPPO Regulation, the person designated to substitute a European Prosecutor shall act as an interim European Prosecutor, pending replacement or return of the European Prosecutor, for a period not exceeding 3 months.

Considering the agreement of Ms. Kati MAITSE-PÄRKNA and upon proposal of the European Chief Prosecutor in accordance with Article 31(2) of the Internal Rules of Procedure,

Has adopted this decision:

Article 1

1. The College hereby acknowledges the need for substitution of Ms. Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI in her functions as European Prosecutor.
2. Ms. Kati MAITSE-PÄRKNA, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Estonia, designated, according to Decision 056/2021 of the College of the EPPO, to substitute the European Prosecutor from Estonia, shall act as an interim European Prosecutor for the Republic of Estonia, for a period not exceeding 3 months, starting on 16 September 2024.
3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 2 of this Article, Ms. Kati MAITSE-PÄRKNA shall cease to act as interim European Prosecutor when Ms. Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI 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 Ms. Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI and Ms. Kati MAITSE-PÄRKNA shall take the necessary measures to ensure the efficient management of the cases handled by the Estonian 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 16 September 2024.

Done at Luxembourg on 4 September 2024

On behalf of the College,

Laura Codruța KÖVESI
European Chief Prosecutor