

# DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE OF 11 DECEMBER 2024

# ON THE PROLONGATION OF THE PERIOD FOR WHICH A EUROPEAN DELEGATED PROSECUTOR SHALL ACT AS AN INTERIM **FUROPEAN 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")<sup>1</sup>, and in particular Articles 16(7) and 96 thereof,

Having regard to the Internal Rules of Procedure of the EPPO<sup>2</sup>, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to the Decision 025/2024 of the College of the EPPO of 24 April 2024 for the temporary occupation of the management post of Administrative Director of the EPPO,

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

Having regard to the Decision 048/2024 of the College of the EPPO of 4 September 2024 acknowledging the need for substitution of a European Prosecutor and on the exercise of the function of interim European Prosecutor,

#### 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OJ L 283, 31.10.2017, p. 1–71.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>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.



of the Administrative Director of the EPPO, Mr. Olivier RAMSAYER, for a duration exceeding three months;

- 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. By the Decision 048/2024 of the College of the EPPO of 4 September 2024 the College acknowledged the need for substitution of the European Prosecutor from the Republic of Estonia and designated Ms. Kati MAITSE-PÄRKNA, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Estonia to exercise the function of interim European Prosecutor for a period of three months, starting on 16 September 2024;
- 6. According to Article 16(7), second sub-paragraph, of the EPPO Regulation, the College may, upon request, prolong that period if necessary.
- 7. 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.

Considering the agreement of Ms. Kati MAITSE-PÄRKNA, upon request of Kristel SIITAM-NYIRI and upon 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 Ms. Kati MAITSE-PÄRKNA, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Estonia, shall act as an interim European Prosecutor is hereby prolonged from 16 December 2014 until the date 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 December 2024.

Done at Luxembourg on 11 December 2024

On behalf of the College,

Laura Codruța KÖVESI European Chief Prosecutor