

DECISION OF THE COLLEGE OF THE
EUROPEAN PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE
OF 27 MARCH 2025

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 029/2025 of 27 March 2025 on the suspension of the European Prosecutor from the Republic of Bulgaria,

Having regard to the Decision of the College of the EPPO 061/2021 of 26 May 2021 designating a European Delegated Prosecutor pursuant to Article 16(7) of the EPPO Regulation,

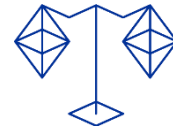
WHEREAS:

- 1. According to Decision 029/2025 of the College of the EPPO of 27 March 2025, Ms Teodora GEORGIEVA, European Prosecutor from the Republic of Bulgaria has been suspended from her office, pursuant to Article 23 of Annex IX to the Staff Regulations³**

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 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.



- . Therefore, **Ms Teodora GEORGIEVA** is unable to carry out her duties as European Prosecutor during the period of suspension.
2. By Decision 061/2021 of the College of the EPP of 26 May 2021, Mr Dimitar BELICHEV, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Bulgaria, was designated to substitute Ms Teodora GEORGIEVA in case she is unable to carry out her functions as European Prosecutor.
 3. According to Article 16(7), second sub-paragraph, of the EPP 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 Mr Dimitar BELICHEV 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

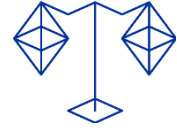
1. The College hereby acknowledges the need for substitution of Ms Teodora GEORGIEVA in her functions as European Prosecutor.
2. Mr Dimitar BELICHEV, European Delegated Prosecutor in the Republic of Bulgaria, designated, according to Decision 061/2021 of the College of the EPP, to substitute the European Prosecutor from Bulgaria, shall act as an interim European Prosecutor for the Republic of Bulgaria, for a period not exceeding 3 months, starting on 27 March 2025.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Luxembourg on 27 March 2025

On behalf of the College,



Laura Codruța KÖVESI
European Chief Prosecutor