

# Arrangement with Special Prosecution Service in Albania



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On 29 June 2023, the EPPO concluded a [working arrangement with the Special Anti-Corruption and Organised Crime Structure of the Republic of Albania \(SPAK\)](#). SPAK is a specialised prosecution service independent from the General Prosecutor's Office of Albania. With the latter, the EPPO signed a working arrangement in July 2022.

The arrangement covers operational and strategic cooperation as well as institutional matters and provides several rules on data protection. The parties affirm that they will closely cooperate on the basis of the relevant CoE treaties regarding the gathering of evidence, the freezing of assets, the establishment of joint investigation teams, and extradition.

SPAK may second a liaison officer to EPPO's headquarters in Luxembourg. The parties also agreed to organise both high-level meetings between the European Chief Prosecutor and SPAK's Chief Special Prosecutor and technical meetings. The parties may also cooperate in organising common training events.

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