

EPPO College Partial Renewal in 2026

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News

On 11 February 2026, the Council appointed two new European Prosecutors to the EPPO: *Jennifer Vanderputten* for Belgium and *Pavel Zeman* for the Czech Republic. *Jennifer Vanderputten* has been European Delegated Prosecutor and EPPO's coordinator for the Brussels office. She is also a specialised lawyer in commercial law. *Pavel Zeman* was national member for the Czech Republic at Eurojust from 2004 to 2011 and again from 2025 to 2026. He also served as a public prosecutor at the international department of the Supreme Public Prosecutor's Office. The two new prosecutors are appointed for a non-renewable term of six years, from July 2026.

At the end of July 2026, the mandates of five other European Prosecutors (from Bulgaria, France, Malta, Slovenia, and Slovakia) will end. The nomination process is part of the rotation system of European Prosecutors at the EPPO's central office in Luxembourg: one third of European Prosecutors are renewed every three years. To ensure continuity, the mandates of seven prosecutors (from Germany, Estonia, Croatia, Latvia, Luxembourg, Romania, and Finland) were extended until 30 June 2029, following a draw in April 2024.

Regarding the partial renewal of now seven European Prosecutors, each participating Member State concerned nominates three candidates for the respective replacement of the country's European Prosecutor. A selection panel composed of 12 members, including former EU judges, auditors, senior prosecutors, and lawyers (one of whom is proposed by the European Parliament), assesses the candidates, issues reasoned opinions, and ranks those who meet the selection criteria. The Council then appoints one candidate per Member State.

European prosecutors supervise investigations and prosecutions. Together with the European Chief Prosecutor, they form the EPPO College.

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