EPPO Concludes Working Arrangement with United Arab Emirates

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On 29 October 2026, the EPPO and the Ministry of Justice of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) concluded a working arrangement to facilitate cooperation in criminal investigations and prosecutions. The arrangement aims to strengthen cooperation in protecting their respective financial interests and combating corruption, organised crime and other serious crimes.

Under the arrangement, the UAE Ministry of Justice acts as the central authority facilitating cooperation between the EPPO and the competent UAE judicial authorities. This includes gathering evidence and operational information, as well as identifying, tracing, freezing and confiscating assets. The EPPO may also respond to requests for legal assistance from the UAE concerning evidence and information in its possession. Such cooperation remains subject to applicable international agreements and legal frameworks or may take place on the basis of reciprocity. Where extradition is necessary, the European Delegated Prosecutor handling the case may ask the competent authority of the relevant Member State to issue an extradition request.

The arrangement also provides for the exchange of strategic and other non-operational information, technical meetings, training activities and the exchange of expertise. Both sides will designate contact points to facilitate cooperation. However, the arrangement itself does not authorise the transfer of personal data, which remains subject to the applicable legal frameworks.

The arrangement is not legally binding and does not create international legal obligations or affect existing rights and obligations under international treaties.

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