

# EPPO Signs Working Arrangement with Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina



## News

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On 21 November 2023, the EPPO and the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia and Herzegovina (POBiH) signed a working arrangement (WA). The purpose of the WA is to facilitate judicial cooperation in criminal matters and exchange of operational information between the parties. It also lays down a framework for the exchange of strategic information and institutional cooperation. The latter includes the possibility for the POBiH to second a liaison officer to the EPPO's headquarter in Luxembourg and the EPPO will have a central contact point in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Looking at the exchange of information in operational cases, the parties agreed that they will apply the relevant multilateral instruments for judicial cooperation in criminal matters, including the 1959 European Convention on mutual assistance in criminal matters and its additional protocols, the UN Convention against transnational organised crime, and the UN Convention against corruption. The parties also agreed to set up joint investigation teams in accordance with the Second Additional Protocol to the CoE's MLA Convention.

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