

Hungary Joins EPPO - EPPO Regulation Now EU Acquis

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News

On 10 July 2026, the Commission adopted a decision [confirming Hungary's participation](#) in the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO). The decision was published in the [Official Journal L, 2026/1701 of 13 July 2026](#). The request to join the EPPO was submitted by the new Hungarian government under Prime Minister *Péter Magyar* in May 2026. This is a historic step as the new government reverses the steadfast refusal to join the independent EU anti-fraud body by the previous *Orbán* administration.

Hungary must now appoint three candidates for the post of European Prosecutor at the central office in Luxembourg. The Council will nominate one of them. Hungary will also need to propose candidates for the posts of European Delegated Prosecutors to the European Chief Prosecutor.

Hungary is the 25th EU Member State who joined the enhanced cooperation scheme of the EPPO. Now, only Ireland and Denmark are not participating on the basis of opt-out reservations for justice and home affairs matters included in primary EU law. Therefore, Hungary's participation in the EPPO is also historic in other respects: With the entry into force of the aforementioned Commission Decision (on 2 August 2026), the [EPPO Regulation 2017/1939](#) ceases to be an act adopted within the framework of enhanced cooperation and will become an ordinary act of Union law, and thus part of the *acquis*. This means that any new member state joining the European Union in the future will be required to join the EPPO.

President of the European Commission, [Ursula von der Leyen](#), [commented](#) on 10 July 2026: "Today brings good news for Hungary. This is a welcome step in the fight against fraud and corruption. The people of Hungary will now have a safeguard in place to ensure EU funds work in their interest. Hungary, welcome to the European Public Prosecutor's Office." Commission Vice-President *Henna Virkkunen* and Commissioner for Justice, *Michael McGrath*, also highlighted the historic day for Hungary and the EU.

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