

Working Arrangement Between EPPO and Prosecutor-General of Hungary



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European Chief Prosecutor *Laura Kövesi* and Hungary's Prosecutor General *Péter Polt* signed a working arrangement. It entered into force on 6 April 2021. Hungary is one of the EU countries that does not participate in the enhanced cooperation scheme of the EPPO. The working arrangement aims to facilitate the practical application of the existing legal framework for judicial cooperation in criminal matters between the EPPO and Hungary. It will allow the exchange of strategic information and establish the framework for operational and institutional cooperation. The arrangement ensures that the EPPO can cooperate directly with the Prosecutor General's office in Hungary. The Hungarian Prosecutor General's office will provide an EPPO contact point. In addition, Hungary may second a liaison officer to the EPPO's headquarters in Luxembourg.

It is also foreseen that high-level and technical meetings will take place on a regular basis, and both parties will cooperate on training, conferences and workshops. The arrangement emphasises that the relevant Union acts apply as regards the gathering of evidence and data protection, e.g. the European Investigation Order.

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