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From: Marta Görög, Minister of Justice of Hungary
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To: Ms Thérèse BLANCHET, Secretary-General of the Council of the
European Union

Subject: Notification by Hungary of its intention to participate in the enhanced
cooperation on the establishment of EPPO

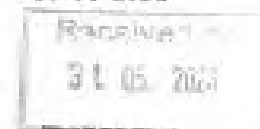
Delegations will find in annex the notification by Hungary of its intention to participate in the enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

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Ms Thérèse BLANCHET
Secretary-General Council of the European Union
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Dear Secretary-General,

In its Governmental Decision No. 1142/2026 dated 14 May 2026, the Government of Hungary concluded that the country's accession to the European Public Prosecutor's Office ("the EPPO") is warranted, and tasked the Minister of Justice with the expedited preparation of the process.


I am pleased to hereby notify the Council of the European Union of Hungary's intention to participate in the enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the EPPO, implemented by Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017.

Hungary intends to ensure that the necessary measures are taken promptly, including the adoption and implementation of the relevant national legislation. In line with this objective, while also respecting legal certainty and fundamental principles governing better lawmaking, as well as our common interests in ensuring the proper functioning of the future cooperation, Hungary envisages putting in place the institutional procedures for selecting EPPO prosecutors as a matter of priority. From among the candidates meeting the eligibility criteria set out in Article 16(1) of the EPPO Regulation, Hungary will nominate three candidates for the position of European Prosecutor. We will also nominate an adequate number of candidates for the position of European Delegated Prosecutor who meet the eligibility criteria set out in Article 17(2) of the Regulation, in line with the expected caseload.

The new government of Hungary is dedicated to promoting the rule of law and judicial cooperation within the EU. Based on its mandate from Hungarian voters, the new government wishes to send a clear signal to all other Member States that the country is breaking with the systemic corruption of the recent past. To strengthen the fight against corruption and protect the Union's financial interests more effectively, Hungary is ready to actively participate in the EPPO's work.

Please find attached, for your information, the notification sent to the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen.

Yours sincerely,


Márta Görög
Minister of Justice
Hungary



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Ms Ursula VON DER LEYEN
President of the European Commission
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1049 Brussels, Belgium

Dear President,

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I am pleased to hereby notify the European Commission of Hungary's intention to participate in the enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the EPPO, implemented by Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 of 12 October 2017.

Pursuant to Article 331(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Hungary requests that the Commission initiate the necessary procedures for its participation in the aforementioned enhanced cooperation. To demonstrate its commitment to protecting the EU's financial interests, Hungary also requests that the EPPO exercise its jurisdiction over any offence within its remit committed on or after 1 June 2021.

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It is our hope that the Commission will be able to confirm the participation of Hungary in the enhanced cooperation at the earliest opportunity, and we look forward to contributing actively to the operations of the EPPO.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,


Márta Görög
Minister of Justice
Hungary