## Basic information

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| **2025/0803(NLE)**<br>NLE - Non-legislative enactments | Procedure completed |
| Appointment of the European Chief Prosecutor<br>**Subject**<br>7.40.04 Judicial cooperation in criminal matters<br>8.40.08 Agencies and bodies of the EU<br>8.70.04 Protecting financial interests of the EU against fraud | |

## Key players

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| European Parliament | **Committee responsible** | **Rapporteur** | **Appointed** |
| | LIBE Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs | ZARZALEJOS Javier (EPP) | 02/02/2026 |
| Council of the European Union | | | |

## Key events

| Date | Event | Reference | Summary |
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| 16/12/2025 | Legislative proposal published | N10-0079/2025 | |
| 18/12/2025 | Committee referral announced in Parliament | | |
| 23/02/2026 | Vote in committee | | |
| 25/02/2026 | Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading | A10-0027/2026 | |
| 10/03/2026 | Decision by Parliament | T10-0062/2026 | Summary |
| 10/03/2026 | Results of vote in Parliament | | |
| 25/03/2026 | Act adopted by Council after consultation of Parliament | | |
| 01/04/2026 | Final act published in Official Journal | | |

## Technical information

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| **European Parliament** | | | | |
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# Appointment of the European Chief Prosecutor

2025/0803(NLE) - 10/03/2026 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament decided by 435 votes to 112, with 46 abstentions, to appoint Andrés Ritter as the European Chief Prosecutor of the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

On 3 December 2025, after having received the opinion of its Budgetary Control Committee, its Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee voted in support of Mr Andrés Ritter as the Parliament’s preferred candidate for the position of the European Chief Prosecutor of the EPPO. Moreover, on the same day, the Committee of Permanent Representatives of the Governments of the Member States (Coreper) established a position in support of the appointment of Mr. Andrés Ritter as European Chief Prosecutor of the EPPO.

Both its Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee and Coreper supported the same candidate as their preferred candidate, and therefore a common accord on the appointment of Mr. Andrés Ritter as European Chief Prosecutor of the EPPO was reached.

# Appointment of the European Chief Prosecutor

2025/0803(NLE) - 01/04/2026 - Final act

Decision (EU) 2026/800 appoints Mr Andrés RITTER as European Chief Prosecutor of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO).

**Non-legislative act**

Decision (EU) 2026/800 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 March 2026 appointing the European Chief Prosecutor of the European Public Prosecutor's Office.

## Content

Mr Andrés RITTER is appointed European Chief Prosecutor of the EPPO, serving as a temporary agent at grade AD 15. His term of office runs from 1 November 2026 for a non-renewable period of seven years. The appointment follows the expiry on 31 October 2026 of the mandate of Ms Laura Codruța KÖVESI, who was the first European Chief Prosecutor of the EPPO.

## Procedural context

The appointment is made by common accord of the European Parliament and the Council, as required by Article 14 of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939. An open call for candidates was published on 28 April 2025. A selection panel drew up a shortlist of four candidates on 8 October 2025, ranking them by qualifications and experience, though that ranking was not binding on the two institutions. On 3 December 2025, the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, acting in association with the Budgetary Control Committee and after holding a public hearing of the four shortlisted candidates, voted in support of Mr RITTER as Parliament's preferred candidate. On the same date, the Council established its position in support of his appointment. Both institutions then assessed the respective merits of the candidates before reaching common accord.

## Entry into force

The Decision enters into force on the third day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union. It was published on 1 April 2026 and therefore entered into force on 4 April 2026.

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