

## The European Public Prosecutor's Office: Cooperation with its European Partners



### **Christine Lambrecht**

Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany

Christine Lambrecht has held the office of German Federal Minister of Justice and Consumer Protection since June 2019. She completed her law degree in 1995 and has been a Member of the German Bundestag since 1998. Among other positions, she has served as Member of the Bundestag's Council of Elders and as Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Finance.



### **Dirk Mirow**

Head of Directorate Criminal Law, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

Since August 2015, Dirk Mirow is holding the position of Head of Directorate Criminal Law within the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection. He has a degree in law and, following assignments as a judge and public prosecutor, started working for the German Federal Government in November 2000. From June 2006 until November 2010 he was seconded to the Permanent Representation of Germany to the European Union where he served as Head of Unit Legal Policy. From 2010 to 2015 he was Director and Head of Association of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ).



### **Laura Codruța Kövesi**

European Chief Prosecutor

Laura Codruța Kövesi is the former chief prosecutor of Romania's National Anticorruption Directorate (DNA in Romanian), a position she held from 2013 to 9 July 2018. Prior to this, between 2006 and 2012 Laura Kövesi was the Prosecutor General of Romania, attached to the High Court of Cassation and Justice. She was the first woman and the youngest Prosecutor General in Romania's history. In October 2019, Laura Kövesi was confirmed by the European Parliament and the Council as the first European Chief Prosecutor to head the recently created European Public Prosecutor Office (EPPO), EU Regulation (EU) 2017/1939.



### **Didier Reynders**

European Commissioner for Justice and Consumers

A father of four, Didier Reynders was born in Liège on 6th August 1958. In 1981, he obtained a degree in law at the University of Liège. Guest lecturer at the universities of Liège and Louvain, he has never really left the academic life until he became on 1st December 2019 European Commissioner for Justice. After presiding the Belgian railways and the Belgian Airways Agency, he was elected Deputy Chairman of the PRL (Liberal party), before becoming a Member of Parliament in 1992. On 12th July 1999, he became Minister of Finance (until 6th December 2011) and, on 18th July 2004, (concurrently) Deputy Prime Minister (until 30th November 2019). He was Chairman of the Mouvement Réformateur (liberal party alliance) from 11th October 2004 until 14th February 2011. He was Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs from 6th December 2011 until 11th October 2014. He became Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Affairs, in charge of Beliris and Federal Cultural Institutions on 11th October 2014 (until 30th November 2019). He has also been Minister of Defense since 9 December 2018. Since 1st December 2019 he is European Commissioner for Justice, in charge of Rule of Law and Consumer Protection.



### **Alexandra Jour-Schröder**

European Commission, Director Criminal Justice, DG Justice and Consumers

Since September 2018, Alexandra Jour-Schroeder is holding the position of acting Deputy Director-General of Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers overseeing the Criminal Justice and the Consumers Directorates. She is as well Director of the Criminal Justice Directorate. Her Directorate develops European Union policies and legislation to enhance co-operation in criminal matters and to fight against crime. Ms Jour-Schroeder is a graduate in law and, following initial assignments in the German federal government, started working for the European Commission in 1996, holding several positions in Directorates-General for competition, enterprise and industry policies. From 1998 to 2007 she served as an advisor to EU Commissioners. Since 2011, she has been working in the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers.



### **Catherine De Bolle**

Executive Director of Europol

Before taking up her post as Europol's Executive Director in May 2018, Catherine De Bolle served as General Commissioner of the Belgian Federal Police from 2012. Prior to her appointment as Belgian Police Commissioner, Ms De Bolle was Chief of Police in Ninove. In January 2015, she has received the title of Public Manager of the year. From November 2015 until November 2018, she was a member of the Executive Committee of Interpol. Ms De Bolle studied law at Ghent University and then went on to graduate from the Royal Gendarmerie Academy in Belgium.

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### **Ladislav Hamran**

President of Eurojust

Ladislav Hamran has been the President of Eurojust since November 2017. In addition, Mr Hamran is National Member for the Slovak Republic at Eurojust. Mr Hamran is a prosecutor with over 20 years of experience, particularly in cases involving economic crime, corruption and asset recovery. After completing his legal studies at the Faculty of Law of Comenius University in Bratislava, Mr Hamran started working as a prosecutor in 1997. In 2003, he joined the General Prosecution Office in Bratislava, where he was mainly investigating and prosecuting cases involving economic crime and corruption until his secondment to Eurojust in September 2007. In December 2013, Mr Hamran was elected Vice-President of Eurojust. He was re-elected Vice-President in December 2016.

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### **Ville Itälä**

Director General of OLAF, European Commission

Ville Itälä has been Director-General of OLAF, the European Anti-Fraud Office since August 2018. Mr Itälä has a background in law and law enforcement. He was acting Police Commissioner and acting Town Prosecutor of Naantali, Finland from 1985 to 1988. In his nine years as Member of the Finnish Parliament, he served as Chair of the National Coalition Party and Vice-Chair of the International Democrat Union. He was appointed Minister of the Interior and Deputy Prime Minister of Finland. Mr Itälä served as a Member of the European Parliament between 2004 and 2012 and was Vice-Chair of the European People's Party and European Democrats' Group in the European Parliament for a two-year period. Mr Itälä was a Member of the European Court of Auditors from 2012 to 2018.

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### **Andrés Ritter**

Deputy European Chief Prosecutor (EPPO)

Andrés Ritter joined the Prosecution Service in Germany in 1995 and served at different Prosecution Offices before he became Deputy Prosecutor General in the Federal State of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern in 2008. From 2010 on, he headed various Public Prosecution Offices, most recently from 2013 to 2020 being Chief Prosecutor at the specialized Public Prosecution Office for Economic Crime and Cybercrime in Rostock. He is a German representative at the International Association of Judges which is committed worldwide to judicial independence and is a member of the Study Commission on Criminal Law.



### **José Luís Lopes da Mota**

Supreme Court Judge, Adviser to the Minister of Justice for the Portuguese Presidency of the Council 2021

Judge of the Portuguese Supreme Court of Justice. Adviser to the Minister of Justice for the 2021 Portuguese Presidency of the Council. Former National Member and President of Eurojust. Former Deputy Prosecutor General at the Court of Appeal and lecturer in the Portuguese training school of judges and prosecutors and abroad. Former Deputy Minister of Justice in charge of European Affairs. With more than 40 years of experience in the prosecution service and in the judiciary his activity has been focused on criminal, procedural, European and international cooperation law.



### **Pierre Beckers**

Magistrate, Ministry of Justice, France, European and international negotiations in criminal matters office

Pierre Beckers is a magistrate at the European and international negotiations in criminal matters office of the French Ministry of Justice. From 2015–2019 he worked as a judge at the sentence-enforcement court in Meaux, France. In 2019 he started working for the French Ministry of Justice and at the Criminal Code division (Special Part) and since 2019 in the field of European and international negotiations in criminal matters.



### **Peter-Jozsef Csonka**

European Commission, Head of the General Criminal Law and Judicial Training Unit, DG Justice

Specialised in international and European criminal law, Peter Csonka started his career as a prosecutor before joining the Council of Europe and later the International Monetary Fund. He now works for the European Commission as the Head of the General Criminal Law and Judicial Training Unit in DG Justice. Peter Csonka is a visiting professor at the “Europa Institute” in Saarbrücken and lectures at the University of Luxembourg.



### **Kenneth Harris**

U.S. Department of Justice Senior Counsel for European Union and International Criminal Matters, U.S. Mission to the European Union

Since 2017, Kenneth Harris has been the U.S. Department of Justice Senior Counsel for European Union and International Criminal Matters posted to the U.S. Mission to the European Union in Brussels. In addition to representing the Department in the U.S.- EU law enforcement legal and policy relationship, he previously served as the Department of Justice liaison prosecutor to Eurojust. Mr. Harris joined the Department of Justice in 1990, where he has served in the Office of International Affairs (OIA) and abroad. From 2004–2007, he was the Department of Justice’s representative in Paris, France. During his tenure, Mr. Harris has also participated in the negotiation of numerous law enforcement agreements, including the U.S.-EU Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance Agreements and the Budapest Cybercrime Convention. Mr. Harris began his career as a State of New York prosecutor in 1983. In addition to his studies in the United States, he studied in Germany from 1987–1989, where he obtained an LL.M degree in international law.



### **Emma Kunsági**

JHA Counsellor, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU

Emma Kunsági has been involved in the negotiations on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office from the very beginning, first in a capacity as an expert of the Ministry of Justice of Hungary, where she was working at the Department for International Criminal Law as a legal referent and later on as a special advisor. In 2016 she joined the Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU as a Justice and Home Affairs Counsellor where she is now responsible for criminal justice issues.



### **Juraj Novocký**

European Prosecutor (EPPO)

Juraj Novocký has over 20 years of experience as a prosecutor at various levels of the prosecution service in Slovakia. Before joining EPPO, he was a prosecutor of the Special Prosecution Office dealing with corruption, organized crime and terrorism. He has participated in several international projects and worked with international institutions as well as with European bodies in the field of criminal justice. During the Slovak Presidency of the European Union, he was responsible for the final negotiation with the European Parliament and the European Commission on the Directive on combating terrorism.



### **Anne Weyembergh**

Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles

Anne Weyembergh is Full Professor at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB) and Vice Rector for External Relations – ULB. She is former President of the Institute for European Studies of the ULB (Sept. 2014–2019). She founded and co-coordinates the European Criminal Law Academic Network (ECLAN: <http://www.eclan.eu/>) since November 2004. She is Visiting Professor at the College of Europe (Natolin campus). She is Member of the Académie Royale des Sciences, des Lettres et des Beaux-Arts de Belgique (Classe des Lettres et des Sciences morales et politiques). She has coordinated numerous research projects and is especially Lead scientist of the GEM-Stones programme (Globalisation, Europe and Multilateralism – Sophistication of the Transnational Order, Networks & European Strategies), Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (Grant Agreement No 722826) (2016–2020).



### **Amedeo Barletta**

Criminal Lawyer member of the Advisory Board of the European Criminal Bar Association

Admitted to the Italian Bar in 2007 and qualified with rights of Audience before the Corte di Cassazione (the Italian Supreme Court). Graduated in Law at University Federico II of Naples, holds a Ph.D. in Law at Scuola Europea Studi Avanzati. Lecturer in the Department of Law at LUISS University of Rome. Areas of practice: Criminal Law, Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters, Human Rights Law, Compliance Law, European Law. Has been working for the Italian Government (Legal Advisor at Ministry of European Affairs) and as Legal Secretary at Court of Justice of the European Union in the Cabinet of the Advocate General M. Poiares Maduro. The Firm, Studio Legale Barletta, is a Boutique Law Firm specialised in White Collar Crimes, Economic Crimes, Multiple Jurisdictions cases and complex corruption and Public Affairs cases with a network of counsels in all the fields of law. Amedeo Barletta is member of the Unione Camere Penali Italiane (UCPI) and of the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA). For the UCPI is member of the European and International Law Working Group. He actually serves as member of the Advisory Board of ECBA.



### **Danilo Ceccarelli**

Deputy European Chief Prosecutor (EPPO)

Danilo Ceccarelli is an Italian magistrate since 1995 and has always worked as a prosecutor specialised in Financial Crime, Tax Fraud, Corruption, Organised Crime and Money Laundering. From 2013 to 2018, he was an International Prosecutor with the EU Mission EULEX in Kosovo. From 2018 to July 2020, he was a prosecutor in Milan, in the Department for transnational financial crime and corruption, and international cooperation. He was a member of the Italian FATF working group and delegation and was a co-leader of the FATF's project on Asset Recovery. On 27 July 2020, he was appointed as a European prosecutor in the new European Public Prosecutor Office (EPPO).





### **Holger Matt**

Defence Attorney, Professor at the Goethe-University Frankfurt/Main

Prof. Dr. Holger Matt works as a defence practitioner for individuals and, as counsel and independent expert in the field of criminal law and criminal procedural law, for corporate clients throughout Europe, Canada and the US. In 2006, he was appointed Honorary Professor at Goethe-Universität in Frankfurt am Main and teaches criminal law and criminal procedural law. Since 1999, he has been a member of the Criminal Law Committee of the German Federal Bar. Since 2004: permanent guest of the Criminal Law Committee of the CCBE. 2003–2008: Vice Chairman, 2008–2018: Chairman of the European Criminal Bar Association; 2016–2018: Vice-Chairman of the European Fraud and Compliance Lawyers. Since 2011: Consultation Partner in relation to the European Parliament and Members of the European Parliament. 2012–2019: Member of the ERA Board of Trustees. Since 2018: Member of the European Commission's Expert Group on EU Criminal Law Policy.



### **Lorenzo Salazar**

Deputy Prosecutor General to the Court of Appeal of Naples (Italy)

Since March 2015, Lorenzo Salazar is holding the position of Deputy Prosecutor General in Naples where he is the coordinator for International Cooperation in Criminal Matters and also Point of contact of the European Judicial Network as well as National Correspondent for Eurojust. Mr Lorenzo Salazar is a graduate cum laude in Law and. After experiences in the Ministry of Treasury and in Military Judiciary, he entered the Italian Judiciary in 1983 and has covered positions in the Court of Busto Arsizio, in the European Court of Justice as Reférendaire of the Italian Advocate General, in the Legislative Cabinet of the Ministry of Justice, in the Italian Permanent Representation to the European Union in Brussels as Counselor for Justice and Home Affairs, in the European Commission as Member of the Cabinet of the Vice President and more recently again in the Ministry of Justice as Director for International Criminal Affairs.





### **Koen Lenaerts**

President of the Court of Justice of the European Union

Koen Lenaerts is the President of the Court of Justice of the European Union and a Professor of European Union Law at the University of Leuven. He holds a LL.M. degree from Harvard Law School, a Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and obtained a PhD in law at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. He then became a Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges. From 1989 to 2003 he was a Judge of the European Court of First Instance of the European Communities (now known as the General Court), and since 2003 he has been a Judge at the European Court of Justice, where he became Vice President in 2012. In October 2015 he became President of the Court of Justice of the European Union.



### **Dr. Margaretha Sudhof**

State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Germany

Margaretha Sudhof is a former judge at Frankfurt am Main Administrative Court and has been State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection since July 2019. Before joining the Ministry, she was State Secretary at the Berlin Senate Department for Finance (2012–2019). She has previously held the positions of Permanent Deputy to the Director-General for Crisis Management and Civil Protection at the Federal Ministry of the Interior (2010–2012) and Deputy Director-General for Interior and Legal Policy at the Federal Chancellery.



### **Hans-Holger Herrnfeld**

Head of Division “European Public Prosecutor’s Office, European criminal law policy”, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection

Dr. Hans-Holger Herrnfeld has been Head of the Division on International Criminal Law, European and Multilateral Cooperation in Criminal Matters at the German Federal Ministry of Justice from 2003 until 2010. From 2010 to 2013 he has been serving as National Member for Germany at Eurojust in The Hague. In June 2013 he returned to the Criminal Law Department of the Federal Ministry of Justice where he is now responsible for the project to establish a European Public Prosecutors Office as well as general European criminal law policy matters. Mr. Herrnfeld also is a member of the Bureau of the Council of Europe’s Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC) since 2007, has been serving as CDPC Chair in 2010/2011 and again in 2016/2017.

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