



European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO)

The selection panel

Mr Antonio Tajani, MEP
President of the European Parliament

Mr Tudorel Toader
Minister of Justice
Romanian EU Presidency

Brussels, 4 February 2019

Dear Mr Tajani, dear Mr Toader,

In accordance with Article 14(2) of the Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor's Office, the selection panel has been working intensively over recent weeks.

The selection panel is submitting to the European parliament and to the Council the shortlist in accordance with Article 14(3) of Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 and rules VI(1) and VII(1) of the operating rules of the selection panel with the following order of preference:

1. Ms Laura Codruta KÖVESI (RO)
2. Mr Jean-François BOHNERT (FR)
3. Mr Andrés RITTER (DE)

These candidates' qualifications and experience were ranked highest for the position of European Chief Prosecutor against the selection criteria set out in Article 14(2) of the Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 and in the vacancy notice for the position of European Chief Prosecutor published on 18 December 2018, taking into account the very special nature of the function for which the candidates applied.

The Panel took its decision at its meeting of 1 February 2019, following a vote as provided for in rule IV of the operating rules of the selection panel. Before that, the Panel:

- Held a meeting on 20 December 2018 to plan and organise the future work; on that occasion decided to use English as its working language and elected Ms Ulrike Haberl-Schwarz as Chair of the selection panel;
- Made a thorough comparative assessment of the qualifications and experience of all 24 eligible candidates during the Christmas holidays;
- At its meeting of 11 January 2019, decided to invite the 11 highest ranked candidates for an interview;
- Held these interviews in Brussels on 30 and 31 January 2019 'in camera', with all panel members and all interviewed candidates being physically present.

I remain available should you wish to receive further clarifications on this selection procedure.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Ulrike Haberl-Schwarz
Präsidentin des Landesgerichtes

Chair of the Selection Panel