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**BUDGET 28** 

## **EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

Subject:

Draft amending budget No 3 to the general budget for 2024: Reinforcing the European Public Prosecutor's Office following the accession of Poland and the expected participation of Sweden: Council position of 22 April 2024

## I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

On 9 April 2024, the Commission submitted to the Council draft amending budget (DAB) No 3/2024 to the general budget for 2024 concerning the reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office (the EPPO) following the accession of Poland and the expected participation of Sweden<sup>1</sup>.

The aim of this proposal is to reinforce the EPPO by allocating additional twenty establishment plan posts for the recruitment of European Prosecutors and the necessary support functions, to take account of the additional workload stemming from the participation of two additional Member States. Consequently, the budget of the EPPO is proposed to be increased by EUR 3.6 million to cover the expenditure linked to the participation of Poland and Sweden, for the remaining part of the year 2024. This expenditure is related to the salaries of the staff to be hired, as well as operational expenditure, including salaries of additional European Delegated Prosecutors to be appointed in Poland and Sweden.

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Overall, the net impact of DAB No 3/2024 on expenditure amounts to an increase of EUR 3.6 million in commitment and in payment appropriations.

## II. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

On 22 April 2024, the Council adopted its position on DAB No 3 to the general budget for 2024 as set out in the technical annex contained in Addendum 1 to this explanatory memorandum.