

**COUNCIL DECISION (EU) 2023/1549**  
**of 10 July 2023**  
**on the appointment of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/794 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 May 2016 on the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol) and replacing and repealing Council Decisions 2009/371/JHA, 2009/934/JHA, 2009/935/JHA, 2009/936/JHA and 2009/968/JHA <sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Articles 54 and 55 thereof,

Acting as the authority vested with the power to appoint the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors of Europol,

Whereas:

- (1) The term of office of one of the current Deputy Executive Directors of Europol ends on 31 July 2023. It is therefore necessary to appoint a new Deputy Executive Director of Europol.
- (2) The decision of the Management Board of Europol of 1 May 2017 establishes the rules for the selection, extension of the term of office and removal from office of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors of Europol.
- (3) One of the posts for a Deputy Executive Director of Europol has been deemed to be vacant pursuant to Article 3(1), point (b), of the decision of the Management Board of Europol of 1 May 2017 since 1 November 2022. A vacancy notice for the post of a Deputy Executive Director of Europol was published in the *Official Journal of the European Union* on 31 October 2022 <sup>(2)</sup>.
- (4) In accordance with Article 54(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/794, a shortlist of candidates has been drawn up by a selection committee set up by the Management Board (the 'Selection Committee'). The Selection Committee prepared a duly reasoned report and submitted it to the Management Board on 13 March 2023.
- (5) On the basis of the report of the Selection Committee and in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/794 and the decision of the Management Board of 1 May 2017, the Management Board issued a reasoned opinion on 22 March 2023 on the appointment of a new Deputy Executive Director of Europol, in which it proposed a shortlist of three candidates suitable for the post to the Council.
- (6) On 24 April 2023, the Council selected Mr Ștefan-Andrei LINȚĂ as the new Deputy Executive Director of Europol and informed the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee of the European Parliament ('LIBE Committee'), which is the competent committee for the purposes of Article 54(2), fourth subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) 2016/794, about that selection.
- (7) On 23 May 2023, Mr Ștefan-Andrei LINȚĂ appeared before the LIBE Committee. On 1 June 2023, the LIBE Committee gave its opinion in accordance with Article 54(2), fourth subparagraph, of Regulation (EU) 2016/794,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 135, 24.5.2016, p. 53.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 417 A, 31.10.2022, p. 1.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

Mr Ștefan-Andrei LINȚĂ is hereby appointed as Deputy Executive Director of Europol for the period from 1 August 2023 to 31 July 2027 at grade AD 14.

*Article 2*

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

Done at Brussels, 10 July 2023.

*For the Council*  
*The President*  
P. NAVARRO RÍOS

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