

Solveig Wollstad returns as National Member for Sweden at Eurojust

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Solveig Wollstad was appointed for a second term as National Member for Sweden at Eurojust, commencing June 2017.

After receiving an LL.M. from the University of Lund in 1983, Ms Wollstad began her career as a prosecutor in 1987, when she joined the Swedish Prosecution Authority.

Ms Wollstad was promoted in 2001 to Chief Public Prosecutor and Head of the International Public Prosecution Office in Linköping, leaving to become National Member for Sweden at Eurojust from January 2004 through September 2007. She was then Eurojust's representative at the EU Police Chiefs Task Force, as well as involved with relations with Europol and third States and a member of the Trafficking Team.

From September 2007 to September 2014, Ms Wollstad returned to Sweden as Chief Public Prosecutor and Head of the International Public Prosecution Office for the south of Sweden in Malmö, dealing with serious organised national and transnational crime, mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, arrest warrants and extradition.

Ms Wollstad then served as Head of the East Public Prosecution Area (Eastern Region) of the Swedish Prosecution Service and as Head of five District Prosecution Offices from October 2014 to May 2017, before returning to Eurojust in June 2017.

In her very long and varied legal career, Ms Wollstad has served as expert in several EU projects on judicial cooperation, contact point for Sweden with the EJM, member of the National Supervisory Board of the Swedish Customs Authority, member of the National Council on Police and Judicial Cooperation, the Swedish Public Prosecution Authority's contact person for the IAP, Member of the Swedish Board of the AIDP, and Member of the Prosecutor General of Sweden's National Management Board for the Swedish Prosecution Authority.

Ms Wollstad has also served as expert on many Swedish governmental committees.

On her second appointment to Eurojust, Ms Wollstad said:

'I am very happy to return to Eurojust after 10 years, especially in this beautiful new building. I have always been a supporter of the work of Eurojust, and at this time, with the EPPU and Brexit, we have additional challenges to face.

We must use our wealth of experience to focus on practical casework, operational issues and teamwork, and how to change legal instruments.

Eurojust is fortunate in having a large administrative support staff, including a new Operational Unit, allowing the National Members to focus on their core tasks. I am optimistic that we can achieve much more by working together.'