

EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY RELOCATION INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY: AMSTERDAM METROPOLITAN AREA



PREMISES

- The offer indicates one proposed building, the *Vivaldi Building* (31,855 m²), which according to the offer, will be built to meet EMA's requirements, providing general information on offices and workstations, meeting rooms, lounges, an auditorium and a reception area, off-site archiving, telecommunications and back up data centres.
- The offer does not provide information on on-site archive, physical security and IT systems. The offer indicates a planned delivery of the conference centre as well as some of the workplaces by 1 April 2019, with consecutive office floors becoming available up to 6 months later.
- The offer also indicates temporary back up premises to be used as of 1st January 2019 until all EMA staff has moved to the Vivaldi Building, with a detailed layout to be agreed with the Agency.



ACCESSIBILITY

- The offer indicates direct flights between Amsterdam and all EU capitals, except Bratislava, with a frequency ranging from 1 to 13 flights per day and a duration ranging from 50 min. to 4h35min.
- The offer indicates the availability of public transportation connections between the proposed location and the airport, with a duration of 10 minutes, without providing specific information on the frequency of these connections.
- The offer also indicates the availability of 41,000 hotel rooms of different quality.



EDUCATION FACILITIES

- The offer indicates the existence of English-speaking nurseries and pre-school nurseries in the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area, without providing specific information on the availability of places.
- The offer indicates the existence of two European Schools that now have a capacity for 600 extra pupils and will expand their capacity by 500 extra places in 2018, without specifying the linguistic offer.
- The offer also indicates the existence of bilingual schools, including a primary bilingual in Dutch/English school, and international schools offering the British, French and German curriculum, together with their capacity for 2016-2021.
- The offer indicates a general commitment to expand the current capacity of international schools before the beginning of the school year 2017/18, creating an extra 1,150 available places.
- The offer indicates the existence of universities and higher level educational facilities in the Netherlands, with an indication of programmes in English.



LABOUR MARKET,
SOCIAL SECURITY,
MEDICAL CARE

- The offer indicates that children and spouses of EMA staff have access to social security and medical care.
- The offer indicates a Dutch governmental programme for attracting 'highly skilled migrants' to companies and organisations located in the Netherlands and a job portal for non-Dutch speaking jobs in and around Amsterdam, with new opportunities added all the time. The offer provides general information on the presence of numerous international companies in the Amsterdam Metropolitan Area.



BUSINESS
CONTINUITY

- The offer indicates a relocation plan of EMA building and staff, which would allow the fulfilment of criteria to host the agency, starting in Q3/2017 and ending in Q3/2019.
- The offer indicates the intention of the Dutch authorities to allow EMA to maintain and attract staff, by referring respectively to services to be provided to current staff and the Dutch Life Sciences & Health sector from which EMA can recruit.
- The offer also indicates a transition plan that would allow for the Agency to remain operational and which includes the availability of a temporary backup building in addition to permanent premises and reinforcement of the Dutch Medicines Board in order to assist EMA.
- The offer indicates the availability of pre and post relocation services to EMA staff, spouses and children.



GEOGRAPHICAL
SPREAD

The Netherlands hosts 2 EU decentralised agencies, namely the European Police Office (EUROPOL) and the European Union's Judicial Cooperation Unit (EUROJUST), both in The Hague.



A) RELOCATION PLAN

- The offer indicates a relocation plan spread over Q3/2017 - Q3/2019 with Q1/2019 as EMA relocation deadline.
- The offer provides information on a dedicated team of experts to cover all aspects of the relocation.
- The offer indicates the availability of a temporary office backup facility as of 1 January 2019.

B) PREMISES AND THE AGENCY'S NEEDS

- The offer indicates the *Vivaldi Building* as the proposed premises, to be built according to EMA specific requirements and providing general information on individual technical requirements.
- The offer also indicates two temporary back up premises [*confidential*], the layout of which, according to the offer, is to be agreed with the Agency.

C) TERMS FOR PREMISES

- The offer indicates the financial terms for EMA's use of the proposed building, with a lease duration of 20 years, monthly rent for offices of EUR 300-320 m², notwithstanding any additional fitting-out of the building. The offer indicates the Dutch government's intention to provide a one-off financial transition incentive, to be determined in the lease agreement.
- The offer indicates that the cost of the temporary offices will be borne by the Dutch government.

D) TERMS FOR MAINTENANCE, UPGRADING AND EXTENSION

- The offer provides information concerning the maintenance of the offered premises and indicates certain terms, to be finalised in a service-level agreement. The offer does not provide information about the terms concerning the maintenance of the temporary back up premises. The offer does not provide information on the terms for upgrading or conducting future extensions of the *Vivaldi Building*.

E) SPECIAL CONDITIONS

- The offer indicates the Dutch government's intention to provide a one-off financial transition incentive of EUR 18 million, to be determined in the lease agreement.

F) BENEFITS

- The offer provides indication of a special tax regime for expatriates.