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# EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY RELOCATION INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY: HELSINKI

PREMISES	<ul> <li>The offer indicates the proposed premises, <i>Fredriksberg</i> (27,000 m<sup>2</sup>), which, according to the offer, will fulfil EMA requirements covering the offices/ workstations, meeting rooms with conference facilities (without providing information on meeting rooms with up to 24 seats), lounges, auditorium, reception area with security (without specifying disability access), physical security standards and IT systems. The offer does not mention the availability of archives, telecommunications, data storage network and back up data centres that are accessible by EMA.</li> <li>The offer indicates that the proposed premises will be available in stages from May 2018 to end March 2019.</li> </ul>
ACCESSIBILITY	<ul> <li>The offer provides general information about flights between Helsinki and EU capitals, without providing detailed information on the availability, frequency or duration of these flights.</li> <li>The offer does not provide information about the availability, frequency or duration of public transportation connections between the airport and the proposed location.</li> <li>The offer indicates the availability of 15,000 rooms per day, ranging from first-class hotels to hostels.</li> </ul>
EDUCATION FACILITIES	<ul> <li>The offer indicates the existence of daycare in Finnish and Swedish, with some facilities also providing instruction in English, Estonian, French and Spanish, without specifying the number of available places.</li> <li>The offer indicates the existence of pre-primary schooling in English, French and German and Spanish, without specifying the linguistic offer or availability of places.</li> <li>The offer also indicates the existence of secondary schooling in English, French and German, without specifying the capacity of linguistic offer or the availability of places.</li> </ul>

EDUCATION FACILITIES	<ul> <li>The offer indicates the existence of a European school offering education in English, French and Finnish, without indicating capacity in linguistic offer or the availability of places. The offer indicates the City of Helsinki's readiness to expand municipal education services in English to satisfy the needs of children of EMA staff.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The offer provides additional information on public education being free of charge for EU nationals.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The offer provides general information on the existence universities and higher level education, including the availability of programmes in English.</li> </ul>
LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICAL CARE	<ul> <li>The offer indicates that spouses and children of EMA staff have access to social security. The offer indicates that spouses and children of EMA staff have access to medical care and provides general information on the availability of healthcare facilities in Finland.</li> </ul>
	- The offer indicates that English-speaking vacancies can be found in almost any industry in Finland.
BUSINESS CONTINUITY	<ul> <li>The offer indicates the timeframe required to ensure that the agency can be set up on site and take up its functions: From May 2018 - March 2019.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The offer indicates the services and benefits that Finland intends to provide to EMA staff and their families in order to retain the current staff and on the possibility for EMA to recruit relevant staff from Finland's talent pool and on Finland's readiness to assist EMA in that regard.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The offer argues for possible synergies between EMA and ECHA by creating a centre of excellence in the protection of human health, by pooling staff and expertise which would also contribute to EMA's employee retention and attractiveness to new candidates, and by exploiting communalities in technical and organisational issues.</li> </ul>
	- The offer indicates the readiness of the Finnish Medicines Agency (FIMEA) to assist EMA in the transitional period.
	<ul> <li>The offer indicates Finland's general commitment to provide a tailored packages to spouses and children of EMA staff to help them integrate into Finland.</li> </ul>
GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD	Finland hosts one EU decentralised agency, namely the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) in Helsinki.



## A) RELOCATION PLAN

The offer provides specific information on a relocation plan in relation to EMA governance, EMA personnel and procurement procedure, according to which relocation would be in three stages with the first move of staff in July 2018, a second in December 2018 and a third in early 2019, with the new premises being fully in use in March 2019 and with EMA being in full operation in Helsinki in April 2019.

The offer indicates the availability of the Finnish Medicines Agency (FIMEA) to help EMA remain operational.

### **B) PREMISES AND THE AGENCY'S NEEDS**

The offer indicates the proposed premises, *Fredriksberg*, and indicates in a detailed way how these premises fulfil EMA requirements, without providing information on some technical aspects.

## D) TERMS FOR MAINTENANCE, UPGRADING AND EXTENSION

The offer does not provide information on the terms concerning the maintenance, upgrading and future extensions of the building.

## **E) SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

The offer indicates reduced rental fees, but does not provide information on special conditions with regard to other costs.

### F) BENEFITS

The offer indicates Finland's intention to offer to EMA staff a one year public transportation pass, coverage of estate transmission expenses, and the same benefits provided to ECHA staff.

### **C) TERMS FOR PREMISES**

The offer does not provide detailed information on the financial terms for the agency's use of the premises, except for the premises being subject to VAT exemption and Finland's readiness to cover all rental costs from August 2018 until 31 March 2019.