# Member State application to host the Anti-Money Laundering/Countering

# the Financing of Terrorism Authority (AMLA)

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# **Applicant Member State**

### \* Member State

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'When selecting the location, the co-legislators have agreed that they will ensure that, given the nature of AMLA, the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers, to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff, to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant, to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies, and in order to avoid reputation risks, to consider how ML/FT risks are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF reports.'

### Description

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Ireland's application to host the seat of the new anti-money laundering authority, AMLA, marks an important step in our journey as part of the European project. As a modern multicultural city, Dublin is the ideal location for this important new institution with everything that AMLA will need to be a success from the start on the global stage.

AMLA is of course more than just an institution, its purpose is to prevent criminal gangs from inflicting more damage on families and make communities across all Member States and the financial system safer for everyone.

Hosting AMLA in our capital city is a perfect way for Ireland to bring our contribution to the continued success of the European Union to the next level as we head into our 51st year as a proud member of Europe. Our position as an island on the edge of the continent provides a global perspective that can inform the culture of AMLA as it looks to project and protect the values of Europe on the world stage.

As a union of shared values, it is important that our European institutions are evenly spread across Member States. Dublin is ready to welcome the staff and families of AMLA to build out the new authority and we have set out details on a small sample of what the city has to offer in this application. The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions is the only decentralised European agency to be hosted in Ireland since 1975 and it has provided vital support to the EU institutions, governments, employers and trade unions from Dublin. AMLA will be a more significant organisation and operation, and our capital city is ready for this step change in the scale of our membership and contribution to the EU.

Ireland and our people have played critical roles in building the institutions across Europe for many decades and because of the unique strengths that Dublin offers, now is the ideal time for us to host AMLA. The capacity of our capital city to make AMLA a relevant and reliable regulator from day one has been made possible by our membership of Europe.

The endorsement of our application by the Council and the European Parliament would make a powerful statement about the capacity of small countries on the periphery to play a central role in building the future of Europe. As the EU once more looks to enlargement, Ireland is a case study in how membership of Europe can transform an economy and a society overtime to being a valuable contributor and a visible expression of values and aspirations that we all share.

Ireland is serious about making AMLA a success for Europe and on the world stage from Dublin and the Irish Government is committed to fully supporting this application with details of how significant that is regarding the property choices is also set out in detail here. We are delighted to put Dublin forward as the perfect place for the headquarters of AMLA. Our capital city is already home to a large globally interconnected European financial centre and is recognised as a technology powerhouse that combine with our rich cultural heritage to create the ideal conditions to build this important new EU institution.

Dublin has been transformed over recent decades into the modern multicultural city thanks to the success of the Single Market and the opportunities it has created for people from Ireland and around the world. That success has made Dublin a focal point for where Europe and the world interact and engage and the city is the global base and regional hub for many important organisations.

As the centrepiece of Europe's anti-money laundering policy, AMLA in Dublin will have access to all the people and skills and meets all of the criteria that the Council and the European Parliament have identified to achieve our collective policy goals. Our capital offers Europe a range of new buildings to host AMLA and all of them are centrally located with everything the staff and their families need to thrive.

We look forward to working with the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to share our global vision for AMLA in Dublin and why we believe this is the time for Ireland to support this vital new keystone in regulatory architecture of the European project. The Irish Government and the Department of Finance are 100% committed to making AMLA in Dublin a success for all Member States by protecting their people at home and projecting the values of Europe in a more fractious and divided world.

Our ambition for AMLA in Dublin is not rooted in aspiration of what might be possible but a realisation of what we know is achievable from our capital city and its dynamic and inclusive financial and technology ecosystem. AMLA is an exciting policy initiative that has the potential to shape the future of the European financial system in a positive way and Dublin has the credibility to make that happen.

At the same time it offers the staff and families of the people who will work in AMLA, a unique set of rich lifestyle choices in an urban setting where nothing is ever far away. Dublin is a city that was founded by Europe many centuries ago and it is still a place that draws people to it as a place to create and build lasting memories and friendships.

With everything that Dublin can provide for AMLA we believe it is the most credible location for what Europe wants for this institution and you will find more of why this is the case in more detail in our application. Dublin is ready for AMLA and the Irish Government is ready to support colleagues across all the Member States in making this a reality.

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#### Ireland and AML/CFT

The quality of Ireland's AML/CFT framework is internationally recognised and our system of supervision in particular is recognised by FATF as one of the two best in the EU. Ireland's first National Risk Assessment in 2016 identified as its areas of highest risk retail banking, bureaux de change and money remittance services. Businesses in these sectors are supervised for AML/CFT purposes by the Central Bank of Ireland. Subsequent sectoral risk assessments identified certain sub-sectors of the gambling sector and virtual assets as holding a medium-high risk level. Those gambling service providers assessed as such were subsequently designated by the Minister for Justice as obliged entities. Virtual asset service providers were also placed in this category as part of amendments to the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010 which were introduced in 2021. In doing so, Ireland went beyond the requirements of the EU AML Directive and ensured that all service providers falling into the FATF definition of VASPs were made subject to AML/CFT obligations.

Accordingly, Ireland's AML/CFT supervisor of credit and financial institutions, the Central Bank of Ireland, which is also the AML/CFT supervisor of VASPS, is a key actor in the framework. The Department of Justice, in addition to having responsibilities for policy and legislation, also acts as a supervisor for certain designated non-financial businesses and professions (DNFBPs) including designated gambling service providers (pending the establishment of a new dedicated gambling regulator which is intended to have AML responsibilities). They and other supervisors, such as designated accountancy bodies, the Law Society of Ireland and the Property Services Regulatory Authority, are all members of Ireland's AML Steering Committee, which facilitates close cooperation, coordination and the sharing of understanding of risks. Ireland has been a member of FATF sinc

e 1991 and remains a very active contributor both in terms of participation in working groups and in the provision of experts, in excess of requirements, to participate in mutual evaluations and other work such as follow up reports.

In 2017, Ireland underwent the FATF's rigorous mutual evaluation process, which concluded that "Ireland has a generally sound legislative and institutional AML/CFT framework" and that "national coordination and cooperation is a strong point of the Irish AML/CFT system." In addition to evaluating Ireland's system of supervision as one of the two best in the EU, FATF also found Ireland to have a substantial level of effectiveness in key areas such as international cooperation and the use of financial intelligence. Since that report was published, Ireland has taken a number of steps to further enhance and strengthen our AML/CFT framework. These improvements have been recognised by the FATF, firstly by upgrading our ratings in a number of areas of technical compliance with the FATF standards, including in relation to new technologies, transparency and beneficial ownership of legal arrangements and powers of law enforcement and investigative authorities, and subsequently when the follow up process to our mutual evaluation was deemed to be concluded in October 2022.

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In the area of supervision, Ireland is one of only two EU Member States currently rated by FATF as having a substantial level of effectiveness, which is a testament to the strong systems in place, particularly in relation to Ireland's significant financial sector where the AML/CFT supervisor is the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI). In this regard, the FATF has said "there is good cooperation between financial institutions and DNFBPs and the supervisors which are well-respected. The CBI has generally robust controls in place at market entry for financial institutions, including background checks. The CBI also proactively targets unauthorised financial services providers. "

The use of financial intelligence is another area where Ireland was rated by FATF as having a substantial level of effectiveness. FIU Ireland, a part of the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau, is viewed as one of the most robust in the EU and is a strong contributor at the EGMONT Group, a global organisation that facilitates and prompts the exchange of information, knowledge, and cooperation amongst member FIUs. In the area of confiscation, the Criminal Assets Bureau (CAB) is a statutory body established under the Criminal Assets Bureau Act (1996). It is a multi-agency body with the responsibility of enforcing civil forfeiture legislation in Ireland, with input from An Garda Síochána, Revenue officials, Social Welfare staff, and staff such as forensic accountants and legal officers. The CAB targets the proceeds of criminal activity of both high and mid-level criminals, by engaging in the confiscation of criminal assets. The Bureau thereby serves as a critical component of Ireland's asset recovery framework. The CAB also represents Ireland at the Camden Asset Recovery Inter-Agency Network (CARIN).

As an EU Member State, Ireland has transposed and given effect to the 4th and 5th AML Directives and in fact, has gone beyond what was required in some respects, notably in the case of VASPs where our risk assessment from 2019 had concluded that virtual assets hold a medium-high risk rating. Accordingly, we legislated to introduce a registration regime which applies to the full range of service providers as defined by FATF and not just the more limited range defined in the Directive.

The European Banking Authority's (EBA) recent opinion on money-laundering and terrorist financing risks affecting the EU's financial sector highlighted several cross-sectoral risks. One such risk highlighted by the EBA is a deficiency in the identification of ultimate beneficial ownership. Ireland has established three registers of beneficial ownership information, for companies, trusts and certain financial vehicles. In this regard we have addressed risks identified in our 2019 assessment of legal persons and arrangements and again gone beyond EU requirements by imposing the same disclosure obligations on additional investment vehicles which are not covered by the Directive. This means that we have created a comprehensive framework for transparency of ownership, regardless of legal form.

There were several other risks highlighted by the EBA in which Ireland has implemented appropriate measures to mitigate their effect on the country's AML Framework. One such risk was a lack of harmonisation amongst Member States in enforcing compliance with restrictive measures. Ireland has demonstrated that it is capable of contributing towards the goal of harmonisation in this area, as evidenced by its continued adherence to the latest EU obligations regarding sanctions on Russia and Belarus.

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### **CRITERION 1**

# 'The date on which AMLA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation'

### **Building 1**

Should there be more premises proposed, please see at the end of the survey.

### 1) Description of the proposed premises 1 (Address and general description)

5000 character(s) maximum

Coopers Cross, Mayor Street Upper, North Dock, Dublin 1

Coopers Cross is a world-class mixed-use, future-focused campus located on a six acre site in Dublin's North Docks. AMLA in Dublin would be at the heart of the financial and technology district of Dublin beside the Central Bank of Ireland and our National Treasury Management Agency. The dockland area of Dublin is a vibrant business district that has undergone significant regeneration over the past 2 decades and is home to many of the world's top financial and technology companies. The campus is served by a multitude of public transport links including the Luas (city tram), Dublin Bus, Dublin Bikes, Dockland Overground rail line and the port tunnel to Dublin Airport. When fully complete, the Coopers Cross campus will offer 100,000m2 of mixed use accommodation, consisting of 471 high quality apartments plus 35,000m2 of commercial space across two buildings, complemented by amenities, retail, restaurants, leisure and wellness offerings. The one-acre public realm includes the largest park in the north docklands which will be a vibrant, animated space designed to provide an ideal venue for outdoor cultural and community events. There will be on-site estate staff located within the campus including 24 hour security guarding, patrols and CCTV cover.

The office accommodation at the Coopers Cross campus is split between two flexible and efficient commercial buildings; Building One measuring approximately 8,650m2(Net Internal Area / 11,796m2 Gross Internal Area) and has been identified as a suitable building to meet the long term requirements of AMLA, and Building Two measuring a further 26,756m2 NIA of Grade A office space. In addition to local amenities that will be incorporated into the fit out of Building One, all occupiers will have access to the Town Hall and co-working space along with a café located in Building Two off the garden level, creating an environment for impromptu gatherings or planned events.

Building One at Coopers Cross is an 8,650m2 (NIA) state of the art, A rated office building. The building reaches high standards in both technological facilities management processes and environmentally sustainable construction and building methods and has achieved LEED Platinum and BREAM Outstanding sustainability accreditation and WiredScore and SmartScore technology accreditation. Building One at Coopers Cross is a fully future proofed building that has wellness, placemaking, flexibility and innovation as part of its design principles. The building is stand alone with naming and signage rights.

Building One at Coopers Cross meets the increasing demand from employees seeking to cycle or run to work. Coopers Cross delivers a high ratio of showers and bicycle spaces which are further complemented by generous changing areas, lockers and drying rooms. There will also be a crèche facility on the campus enabling employees with children to avail of this service.

Environment & Social Governance is a central theme of the development with the aforementioned world leading sustainability accreditation in addition to features like greywater recycling and demand response thermal control. The fully automated cores will provide employees with a safe, contactless door to desk experience. The intelligent building infrastructure uses technology to optimise the building operations

through the collection and use of data. This centralised, open protocol platform can integrate with occupiers' operating systems lowering energy consumption and operational carbon levels. This technology will provide an exceptional user experience via a multifunctional campus app. The building has secured both Platinum WiredScore and SmartScore Platinum accreditation, the first scheme in Ireland to do so. This will ensure best-in-class internet connectivity.

The docklands district of Dublin is also the location for many thousands of residential apartments within walking distance of the offices and workplaces in the area and Coopers Cross itself is a mixed used campus with a large cohort of residential dwellings. It is a five minute walk from the DART(coastal train) and LUAS (city tram) rapid transit services plus all major city centre bus routes providing the staff of AMLA in Dublin with a range of choices their commuting options

### Availability of the premises

1) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works) as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Regulation

*5000 character(s) maximum* Date or estimated period.

Coopers Cross is currently available to be fitted out to AMLA's specification. The guideline for a full fit-out of the size of operations set out by the Council and the European Parliament would indicate a timeline in the order of twelve months (the answer to question two below). However there may an option to fit-out the building on a phased basis to better match the planned ramp up in AMLA activities as referenced in the technical specifications.

There will be an opportunity for AMLA in Dublin to work with the Irish Government and a dedicated team of property professionals to determine the optimal path for making Coopers Cross operational. The premises itself is ready to go now.

2) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)

Please introduce only numbers.

12

### Organisation of the premises

Indicatively, and depending on the final number of staff (between 250 and 400 staff members), the size of the AMLA's premises should be between 6.000 to 10.000 square meters gross floor area above ground.

### 1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m<sup>2</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

8647

## 2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)

Please introduce only numbers.

500

3) Availability of one large meeting room (including for the meetings of the General Board) (approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>)

Yes

No

### 4) Number of meeting rooms for more than 40 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

2

### 5) Number of meeting rooms for 25-35 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

4

### 6) Number of meeting rooms for 13-15 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

6

- 7) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering
  - Yes

No

- 8) Availability of a dedicated area for FIU (around 30 individual offices)
  - Yes
  - No
- 9) Internal archives capacity of the premises
  - Yes
  - No

### 9.1) Archives volume (expressed in m<sup>3</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

1221

10) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for AMLA

Please introduce only numbers.



# 11) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area

- Yes
- No

### 11.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m<sup>2</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

### 12) Are the premises EMAS verified?

The EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (<u>EMAS</u>) is a premium management instrument developed by the European Commission for companies and other organisations to evaluate, report, and improve their environmental performance.



# 13) Description of the general compliance with the <u>Manual of Standard Building</u> <u>Specifications</u> of the premises including for environment performance standards

5000 character(s) maximum

Building One at Coopers Cross has attained a Building Energy Rating (BER) of A3 and has achieved the required Net Zero Energy Buildings (NZEB) standard plus the internationally recognised accreditations of BREEM Outstanding and LEED Platinum.

The building will be delivered to meet and exceed the requirements of AMLA in accordance with the specifications outlined in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications, and all of the indicative requirements as set out in this application process. A dedicated design team will be readily available to work with AMLA in Dublin to develop and finalise the fit-out so that will be it operational as soon as is possible and in keeping with the specification set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications.

# 14) Description of the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure

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In particular, access to high-speed internet (5G or fiber).

Building One at Coopers Cross has been awarded a SmartScore Platinum rating making it one of the smartest places to work in the world. SmartScore is the globally recognised smart building certification developed by WiredScore. The building demonstrates cutting edge innovation with the use of market-leading technology, processes, and automation to deliver data-driven outcomes to AMLA in Dublin – helping to create a suite of highly sustainable, cost efficient and future-proof work and social spaces. AMLA in Dublin will have access to high speed, secure internet.

The fully automated buildings will provide employees with a safe, contactless door to desk experience. The intelligent building infrastructure uses technology to optimise the building operations through the collection and use of data. This centralised, open protocol platform can seamlessly integrate with occupiers' operating systems lowering energy consumption and operational carbon levels. This technology is also a key enabler of the campus sustainability and wellness agenda, and will provide an exceptional user experience via a multifunctional campus app.

The intelligent system currently exists within the landlord managed spaces and the system has the ability to expand into the preferred size that suits AMLA in Dublin. The landlord will assist tenants with the integration process and the dedicated team of property professionals from the Irish Government will also be on hand to assist and advise AMLA in Dublin.

### **Building Security**

• Building One at Coopers Cross is a standalone building with access to secure on-site digital storage which gives occupants confidence in relation to the security of their digital footprint.

• To address security concerns in real-time, the landlord or tenant will be able to track the utilisation of all external access points, allowing the tenant to receive notifications of unexpected or unauthorised access attempts.

• Occupancy sensors will allow for real-time reporting on the number of people within the building at any one time. The access control system allows tenants to see if those people are operational staff, occupier staff, or visitors.

• Automatic number plate recognition - As an employee drives up to the building, the security system automatically detects a car's number plate and provides access to the car park if the vehicle is authorised. Vehicles that are not authorised will not be granted access.

• Employees will receive automatic notifications when a visitor arrives, reducing preparation effort and allowing staff to host with seamless efficiency.

• Upon arrival, employees will able to check into the building via the in-building app. This reduces the requirement for access cards and lengthy check-in times; app-based technology makes building access smooth and hassle free.

• Touchless Door to Floor - Hands-free mobile phone access control systems allow employees to travel from the front door to each floor without touching unnecessary surfaces. Destination-controlled lifts are automatically called as you enter the building – reducing wait time and congestion in lobbies.

In relation to question 11.1 the figures included in our answer refer to Building Two at Coopers Cross which is on the same campus and is adjacent this proposed building for AMLA in Dublin. Building Two consists of 26,731m2 of commercial office space which maybe available for use if required in the future.

Also within the docklands area there is a wealth of options for AMLA to grow into over time with a series of strong case studies of organisations that have scaled up successfully in the area. A recent example of this is the expansion by the Central Bank of Ireland who used a number of buildings close to their headquarters before consolidating into one campus in collaboration with the developers in the area. Other examples include Google, Meta and Salesforce who have grown across significant campuses in the area. With the design and property support team available to AMLA in Dublin there will be ample opportunity to explore all of the positive options that are available in and around Coopers Cross.

The answers to the availability of meeting space as included for questions four, five and six above are indicative. The floor plates available in Coopers Cross are very generous and in consultation with AMLA present flexibility for a more generous configuration of meeting rooms. As a brand new building it is a blank canvas for AMLA in Dublin to create a new workspace perfectly tailored to their needs. An important consideration for the design team will be to maximise the meeting spaces that are available to allow for close cooperation with the wider family of EU institutions bodies and agencies. AMLA in Dublin located at Coopers Cross can be a welcoming place for representatives from all Member States and is very close to the airport, providing even more flexibility for scheduling meetings.

#### Cultural & Social

The Coopers Cross Campus is located in Dublin's central business district. It is close to public amenities, Irish Financial Services Centre, the National Convention Centre, and all public transport links. Dublin's North Docks is a hub of social life, creativity and culture. The 3Arena entertainment venue is a five minute walk and hosts many of the high-profile artists who visit Ireland. The EPIC Museum, local restaurants and bars and ODEON Point Square cinema offer staff a local outlet for culture and hospitality. All the city's main cultural and social hubs are within walking distance, and there are a number of three and four star hotels within a five minute walking distance.

Coopers Cross is dedicating approximately 1,000m2 of space for cultural use in the campus. The area is located at basement level of Building Two and will be entered via a separate external entrance on the Garden Street level. The developer has appointed a Head of Culture and an international cultural strategy consultant to work with the local community and campus occupiers to co-ordinate events in both this space and the wider campus. The Head of Culture will partner with AMLA on developing the wider cultural strategy to provide exciting on-site programming that employees will enjoy as an occupier at Coopers Cross.

There will also be an on-site crèche facility on the campus enabling employees with children to avail of this service.

The overall design of the Coopers Cross campus has been optimised to ensure employee wellbeing with plenty of bike parking and electric car charging ports as well as a clean air circulation system, tenant welfare facilities and dedicated social and cultural spaces. This is epitomised by a thoughtfully landscaped public park as the centerpiece of the campus, which is the perfect place for employees to relax and come together with friends and colleagues.

Residential.

The residential element of Coopers Cross consists of 471 newly constructed residential units with corporate lettings available. The developer for Coopers Cross is willing to provide a right of first refusal on new rental apartments at the campus. Additional residential accommodation could also be provided by the same developer if required, at their wider portfolio of developments in Dublin at Grange, Sandyford and Cornerstone. All of these other developments are all in south Dublin and all within easy reach of Coopers Cross.

### **Financial terms**

### 1) Description of the financial terms

5000 character(s) maximum

FIXED COST (Excluding VAT) €€ PER ANNUM RENT €5,352457 CAR/BICYCLE SPACE €111,000 ESTATE SERVICE CHARGE €163,106 TOTAL €5,626,563

- The quoting rent is €619/ m2 (€57.50 / ft2) which amounts to €5,352,457 per annum excluding VAT
- There is also a cost of €111,000 per annum for 21 car spaces and 270 bicycle spaces.
- There will be an estate charge for contribution to the maintenance and upkeep of the campus. This is a total for service charges of €163,106 per annum.
- This is an annual total for fixed costs of €5,626,563 exclusive.
- There will be a rent review every 5 years which will be subject to an upwards / downwards review which may impact on this figure.
- Commercial negotiations have been undertaken which are sensitive, but will reduce the total fixed price costs as quoted above

## 2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)

Please introduce only numbers.

468880

- 3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?
  - Yes
  - No
- 3.1) Will the applicant Member State cover the rent
  - Indefinitely
  - For a given period of time

### 3.2) If for a given period of time, for how many years?

Please introduce only numbers.

9

### 4) Monthly maintenance costs (expressed in EUR/m<sup>2</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

2.22

- 5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?
  - Yes

No

### 6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m<sup>2</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

3500

- 7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?
  - Yes
  - No

# 8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the future upgrade and extension?

- Yes
- No
- Depends

### 9) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions

5000 character(s) maximum

Ireland is serious about bringing AMLA to Dublin for the benefit of all Member States and to develop and grow the Single Market while protecting the integrity and resilience of the European financial system. To support this application Ireland is proposing significant financial support for the establishment of AMLA in Dublin and we are flexible in how best that support can be delivered to maximise the success of the new authority and in a way that will best help it to achieve its goals on behalf of all Member States.

With that in mind, what is outlined above is an indication of how the costs of running, maintaining AMLA in Dublin may be supported by the Irish Government. In consultation with the dedicated team of property professionals from the Irish Government, AMLA in Dublin can discuss how best to proceed in the case of Coopers Cross.

# 10) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)

Please introduce only numbers.

### 11) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease

#### 5000 character(s) maximum

No deed of renunciation is required which means the tenant will have rights of renewal at the end of this term subject to negotiation and market conditions.

# 12) Description of any special conditions with regard to the costs and dedicated infrastructure

5000 character(s) maximum

This questions does not relate to benefits additional to Protocol 7.

### 13) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

At this point in the seat selection process, the Irish Government is proposing to make €80 million available to AMLA in Dublin. The proposal here set out here for Coopers Cross is indicative of what an estimate of the costs of establishing AMLA here would be if the full cost of the estimated fit out was provided for with the remainder going towards rental. It is important to understand this is indicative and as the process develops it maybe that a different combination of support might be preferred but we are setting this out as and indication. In the case of premises 2, Four Park Place, the same support is available but for illustrative purposes we have applied it to the rental only.

### **CRITERION 2**

### 'Accessibility of the location'

### Public transportation

# 1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals

#### 5000 character(s) maximum

Dublin Airport is the primary access point linking Ireland to the capitals of Europe and the wider world. Located north of the city, Dublin is the largest airport in Ireland and handles up to 30 million passengers a year that can fly non-stop to over 190 destinations with 44 different airline partners. Dublin is one of the largest European airports and has nearly 1,400 flights per week to Europe offering excellent direct flight access for Member States. This provides convenient access to the major hubs across Europe, offering superb options for AMLA to conduct its business while allowing families of staff to travel to the Member States and beyond.

As of the time of this application the weekly flight options for Member States are ;

AT – Austria – 21	FR – France – 130	NL – Netherlands – 88
BE – Belgium – 35	DE – Germany - `134	PL – Poland – 61
BG – Bulgaria – 9	EL – Greece – 5	PT – Portugal – 59
HR – Croatia – 6	HU – Hungary – 21	RO – Romania – 30
CY – Cyprus – 3	IT – Italy- 92	SK – Slovakia - 5
CZ – Czechia – 15	LV – Latvia- 9	SI – Slovenia -*
DK – Denmark – 13	LT – Lithuania – 6	ES – Spain – 227
EE – Estonia - 2	LU – Luxembourg – 10	SE - Sweden - 17
FI – Finland – 13	MT – Malta – 5	

In addition, Dublin has over 800 flights per week to the UK including 320 to London. Dublin has access to further flight connectivity to Europe with five other international airports less than three hours drive from the city.

An important point in favour of Dublin as a location for AMLA is the connectivity it offers beyond Europe, particularly as a transatlantic hub.

As of the time of this application the weekly flight options for North America, Asia and the Middle East North Africa are;

Weekly flights								
145								
11								
35								
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Ireland has a unique position in Europe as the only Member State to have United States customs and border protection preclearance at both Dublin and Shannon airports. Executives working in AMLA or visiting their office in Dublin have the option to clear US immigration before boarding the plane in Ireland. This makes direct access and connections to important policy and financial centres for AMLA, like Washington, New York and Chicago more streamlined.

This is another feature that AMLA in Dublin can benefit from and one that compliments the access to Asia and Africa that is available through the established continental hubs. Together they make realising a global vision for AMLA more achievable. This unrivalled access is a critical factor that makes Dublin a global city and why so many international decision makers make it the base for their operations and why people choose to advance their careers from here.

Dublin has one of the fastest average transit times from plane disembarkation to the city centre, with travel time to the city centre just 20 minutes by car or taxi, 30 minutes by express bus and 40 minutes by standard public bus. Passengers of departing flights can also pre-book a Fast Track facility up to one hour in advance of their flight, which saves waiting time through security in Terminals 1 and 2.

Dublin Airport is well-served by a fleet of licensed taxis which operate 24 hours a day (at a cost of

approximately €22 from the airport to the city centre). The average waiting time for a taxi is six minutes as of May 2023, following the approval of an additional 300 permits for taxis servicing the airport. There are approximately 19,500 taxis in operation in Ireland, with 10,337 of those operating in the Dublin area.

Dublin Airport is served by both domestic and international car hire firms with desks located in both Terminals 1 and 2 with connections provided to pick up locations around the airport. There are currently six main operators in Dublin airport providing this service, with a current fleet of approximately 24,000 vehicles operated across these six firms.

Dublin is a relatively compact city, making the travel time from Dublin Airport to Coopers Cross approximately twenty minutes by car via the port tunnel.

Public and private bus transport options are both frequent and reasonably priced with fares starting from approximately €7 to travel to the city centre. Over 1,000 bus and coach services daily provide direct access to Dublin City Centre (including express transfers to Heuston and Connolly train stations), Greater Dublin and to cities and towns across Ireland.

As a compliment to the speed of the air travel options, Dublin has ferry access to northern France and Spain through both Dublin Port and nearby Rosslare and Cork. Ferry travel offers staff and families a different experience, particularly when relocating to Ireland with personal belongings in addition to making other options possible for holiday travel. There is also a comprehensive ferry service to the United Kingdom from Ireland including the port of Belfast which is well served by motorway access.

# 2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest airport

### to the premises

between 1 and 4 choices

Train

Metro

Tram

Bus

### Frequency of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

20

Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes)

35

### 3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest

### international/national train station to the premises

between 1 and 4 choices

Local train

- Metro
- Tram



### Frequency of tram connections (expressed in minutes)

6

Duration of tram connections (expressed in minutes)

15

Frequency of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

30

Duration of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

20

### 4) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

All of the property solutions that Dublin has for AMLA provide excellent access to the bus, rail and cycling infrastructure of the city. There are a choice of different public transport options that can help the staff of AMLA, their families and the stakeholders they interact with to easily connect with the headquarters.

The main transport options, all of which are directly accessible or close to the AMLA property solutions, are summarised here ;

 Dublin Bus: Dublin Bus is the primary provider of bus services in the city. It operates an extensive network of routes that cover the entire Dublin metropolitan area, including suburbs and neighboring counties.
 Buses are a popular mode of transport for daily commuting and connecting to various parts of the city.

2. Luas: The Luas is Dublin's light rail system, consisting of two main lines: the Red Line and the Green Line. It provides quick and efficient transportation within the city, connecting suburbs and key destinations. The Luas lines are well-integrated with other public transport options, making transfers between modes seamless.

3. DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit): The DART is a suburban rail network that runs along the coast, connecting locations within Dublin and the surrounding counties. It's a popular choice for those traveling to coastal areas, and it offers scenic views of Dublin Bay.

4. Dublin Bikes: Dublin Bikes is a public bicycle rental system that allows users to rent bicycles for short journeys. It's a convenient way to explore the city and access locations not easily reached by other forms of public transport.

5. Irish Rail: Irish Rail operates longer-distance rail services connecting Dublin to other major cities in Ireland, such as Cork, Galway, and Belfast. Heuston and Connolly train stations are the primary rail hubs in Dublin.

6. Taxi Services: Taxis are widely available and well regulated in Dublin and can be hailed on the street or booked in advance. They are a convenient compliment to the bus and tram services and familiar ride-sharing services like Uber are also available.

It is also worth highlighting the plans for MetroLink, a transformative addition to the Dublin transport infrastructure, which are at an advanced stage of development. The National Transport Authority, in conjunction with Transport Infrastructure Ireland, is currently in the planning process for construction of MetroLink, a transformative piece of new public transport infrastructure, the first of its kind in Ireland. MetroLink is expected to be fully operational by 2035, subject to planning. It will comprise a high-capacity, high-frequency, modern and efficient metro railway, with 16 new stations running from North County Dublin to the South City Centre. The alignment will link Dublin Airport, Irish Rail, the DART rail system, Dublin Bus and Luas (tram) services and thereby create a fully integrated public transport network for the Greater Dublin Area.

Metrolink, is a key element alongside an expansion of the DART and Dublin Bus routes as part of Ireland's National Development Plan. These are all part of a coordinated Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy that will deliver sustainable transport options for the city and a more inclusive system that offers more choice for people living and working in Dublin.

When considering Dublin as the home for AMLA, colleagues in Europe can be confident that all the property solutions are well supported by public transport and there are plans in place to enhance the options for staff, families and stakeholders in the future.

Transport, and sustainable mobility, is a key element in our Climate Action Plan for how Dublin will play its role in reducing our carbon emissions by 51% by 2030.

Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises

### 1) Number of 3 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

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By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.
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15

### 2) Number of 4 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.

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### 3) Number of 5 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

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By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.
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2

4) Number of 3 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

130

5) Number of 4 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

65

6) Number of 5 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

14

7) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside AMLA

### premises

5000 character(s) maximum

Dublin, thanks to its cultural vibrancy, rich history and literary heritage, is a leading destination for international events and conferences. Coupled with the dynamic public and private sector organisations based in Dublin, the city has excellent infrastructure to host the type of gatherings, large and small, that AMLA will require. Dublin is one of only four UNESCO Cities of Literature in the world and many of the large sports stadiums come with conference and events facilities. That mix of commerce and culture makes Dublin an attractive destination for hosting international events.

There are a host of venues open to AMLA in Dublin to cater for the events that it will be running itself, and specialist conferences that will want to be collocated with this important new EU institution. These range from the iconic purpose built Convention Centre Dublin on the quays, to the intimate rooms available in some of the city's most historic buildings. In between there are more than 120 dedicated event spaces in the city that can cater to the needs of AMLA in Dublin. The largest plenary capacity in a single venue is 6,500 people and exhibition spaces go up to 20,000m2.

That is before you include those spaces in the suburbs that cater to the conference needs of large organisations. Plus there is a rich hinterland of former country estates with conference facilities within a short distance of our capital that complement the list of potential locations for offsite AMLA events.

Infrastructure is more than the physical event spaces and Dublin has a thriving events management industry with dedicated professionals available to cater to AMLA's needs. Tourism is an important pillar of the Irish economy and business tourism including conferences and events is supported by the Irish Government through Bord Fáilte. The Irish State supports investment in skills development in the industry and the development of infrastructure for events across the city.

As technology is changing the events industry, with a new reliance on platforms and livestreaming, Dublin has more than kept pace with the evolution of infrastructure requirements. Newer venues offer inbuilt audio visual requirements to cater to both in person and hybrid events. As a compliment to the traditional hospitality that Dublin is renowned for, the city also has a talent pool of the best technical support staffs that have become central to producing successful conferences.

### 8) Other

### 5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

The popularity of Dublin as a destination for music, sport and culture makes the city a leading location for conferences and events. As the home to many leading multinationals the city is well used to accommodating corporate travellers and international events. Underpinning the events and conference capacity of Dublin is the ever growing stock of rooms with a further 1,300 hotel beds due for completion in the second half of 2023 on top of the 26,000 existing stock. There are more than 150 hotels in Dublin and the choice for visitors ranges from the international brands to boutiques and everything in between.

Part of the attraction of Dublin is the ease of access it offers to all that Ireland has to show international visitors including world class golf and equestrian facilities. Dublin is unique as a thriving financial centre located between the sea with its stunning coastline and the backdrop of accessible mountains. This offers people a distinctive blend of the most modern facilities alongside historical attractions within easy reach of immersive nature.

# **CRITERION 3**

### 'Existence of adequate education facilities for the children of AMLA's staff'

### 1) Number of nurseries

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	457			
2)	Language o	ptions offered	by the nurser	ries
	Bulgarian	🗖 Estonian	Irish	Portuguese
	Croatian	Finnish	Italian	Romanian
	Czech	French	Latvian	Slovak
	Danish	German	Lithuanian	Slovenian
	Dutch	Greek	Maltese	Spanish
	English	Hungarian	🗹 Polish	Swedish

# 3) Additional information concerning nurseries (names, location, language options offered, etc.)

5000 character(s) maximum

In Ireland, the primary or first level school system starts for children aged 4 years old but usually when they are 5. Prior to entering the school system childcare is predominantly provided to nursery age children through pre-schools, play groups, day nurseries, crèches and childminders.

The provision of pre-school childcare services is regulated by Tusla, a dedicated State agency that is responsible for wellbeing of children in Ireland. The pre-school childcare options for Dublin are well developed and are a mix of purpose built facilities and in home services. These allow working parents to raise a family in Dublin, and are key supports for the strong labour market participation in Ireland. At the core of pre-school childcare services is the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE). This scheme provides early childhood care and education for children of pre-school age.

Children can start ECCE when they are 2 years and 8 months of age and continue until they transfer to primary school. The State pays participating playschools and daycare services a set amount per child for the ECCE service. In return, participating centres and playschools provide a pre-school service free of charge to all children within the qualifying age range. The service is for a set number of hours over a set period of weeks. ECCE is usually a compliment to full or part time day care for children.

### 4) Availability of European Schools or accredited European Schools

More information available here https://www.eursc.eu/en

Yes

No

4.1) Language options offered by the European Schools or accredited European Schools



# 4.2) Additional information concerning European Schools or accredited European Schools (names, location, language options offered, etc.)

5000 character(s) maximum

The Centre for European Schooling is located just 28 minutes from Dublin city centre in Dunshaughlin. St. Seachnall's National School is a European accredited school which meets the pedagogical requirements laid down for the European Schools, within the framework of the national school networks of the Member States. The school offers mother tongue classes from year 1 to 5 in primary level education. These classes are available in Czech, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak and Spanish in accordance with Mother Tongue (LI) provision. All other mainstream classes are taught through English.

The Centre for European Schooling was originally opened to cater for the educational needs of the family members of European Union staff at the EU Food and Veterinary Office. The school is well versed in meeting the educational needs of children from multiple backgrounds with different language requirements from across the EU. The school currently has three mainstream classes for each year group, which accommodates over six hundred students.

The following are the languages currently being taught at primary and secondary level in the Centre for European Schooling:

Nursery Level: Czech L1 is taught at Nursery 2 level (Senior Infants).

Primary Level:

L1 classes are taking place in: Czech, Polish, German, French, Spanish, Hungarian, Greek and Italian L2 classes are taking place in: French, German

Second level:

L1 classes are taking place in: Polish, Hungarian, Greek, Spanish, French, German and Slovak

L2 classes are taking place in: French, German

L3 classes are taking place in: Spanish, Portuguese and German

English Language Support Classes are also taking place at secondary level. Non-denominational Ethics Classes and European Hours classes are taking place at primary level.

### 5) Number of international schools providing primary and secondary education

Please introduce only numbers.

An international school is an institution that promotes education in an international environment or framework. Although there is no uniform definition or criteria, international schools are usually characterized by a multinational student body and staff, multilingual instruction, curricula oriented towards global perspectives and subjects and taught in more than one langue.

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### 6) Language options offered by the international schools

Bulgariar	n 🗏 Estonian	Irish		Portuguese
Croatian	Finnish	Italian		Romanian
Czech	French	Latvian		Slovak
Danish	German	Lithuania	n 🗖	Slovenian
Dutch	Greek	Maltese		Spanish
English	Hungaria	n <sup>III</sup> Polish		Swedish

# 7) Additional information concerning international schools (names, location, language options offered, etc.)

5000 character(s) maximum

Dublin has a growing number of international schools that complement the Irish education system which is divided into two distinct stages. Primary level education is for students aged 5-12 and secondary level education is for students aged 12-18.

The vast majority of schools in Dublin are non fee-paying public schools that facilitate the State curriculum which culminates in a final examination called the Leaving Certificate. The Leaving Certificate allows students to access further and higher education through a merit-based system.

In addition to the State curriculum, Ireland has four International Baccalaureate World Schools authorised to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma which is accepted by higher education institutions in Ireland. There are also a number of different options for students to study for the exams in their home country while their parents are working or seconded to Ireland with programs for Polish and Japanese classes as an example.

International School of Dublin

Located in Synge Street in the middle of Dublin city, this school is easily accessible from the preferred location of AMLA in Dublin. Various options for school after hours care are also available. The International School of Dublin operates the International Baccalaureate curriculum for primary age students only. Student must transfer to other schools to complete the IB diploma. The curriculum is provided through English. Options to study English as a second language are also available.

St. Andrew's College

St Andrew's is a private, fee-paying school located in Blackrock, a suburb of Dublin. Rail connections allow commuters to reach the city centre in 35 minutes. St Andrew offers the International Baccalaureate curriculum through English.

SEK (San Estanislao de Kostka)- Dublin International School

SEK Dublin is a private, fee-paying school. The campus is located 30 km from Dublin city centre and is within walking distance of a Dublin Area Rapid Transport (DART) station, allowing reasonable access to Dublin city centre. The school provides its curriculum through English. SEK provides both day learning and boarding options for its students.

### Nord Anglia

Nord Anglia provides the International Baccalaureate, taught through English. Nord Anglia International School Dublin is located in Leopardstown, which is just 8km from Dublin city centre and is easily accessible by both public and private transport.

### St. Kilian's

St. Kilian's School located in the suburb of Clonskeagh, just 7km from Dublin city centre. The school allows students to be educated in a limited number of subjects through the German language. The school also allows students to take Deutsche Sprachdiplom - First Level (DSD I). The DSD is seen as sufficient proof that a student has the appropriate German language skills to enter a Studienkolleg. A Studienkolleg is a specialised one-year school that acclimatises students to the German education system and allows students to progress into German universities.

Lycée Français International (LFI)

The Lycée Français International Samuel Beckett is the only school in Ireland to offer the entire French curriculum from Petite Section to Terminale combined with the Irish diploma up to Junior Certification/Brevet.

It is accredited by the AEFE (Agence pour l'Enseignement Français à l'Etranger), the French Ministry of Education and the Irish Department of Education and Skills. The option is then available to continue with the French Senior Cycle in the Europcampus jointly run by St. Kilians and LFI.

Eurocampus

St. Kilians is also home to the Europcampus, jointly operated by St. Killians and LFI in order to provide a European-style education in Ireland.

### 8) Number of higher education facilities (university level or equal)

Please introduce only numbers.

14

- 9) Language options offered by the higher education facilities
  - Bulgarian Estonian Irish
    Portuguese

- 🖉 Italian 👘 Romanian Croatian Finnish
- Czech 🛛 French Latvian Slovak
- Danish German Lithuanian Slovenian
- Maltese Dutch Greek Spanish
- 🗹 English 🛛 🗏 Hungarian 🗖 Polish Swedish

10) Description of higher education facilities (Universities and academic disciplines)

5000 character(s) maximum

In Dublin and across Ireland there are a wide range of higher education facilities that provide international students and the families of visitors to Ireland with a rich cultural experience and a world class education. The third-level education in Ireland features a broad array of academic programs at undergraduate and post graduate level that are internationally recognised. There are currently nearly 260,000 students in full time study with 13.7% of these being international. Irish universities are ranked in the top 3% of institutions worldwide with many research fields in the top 1% in the world.

Universities also play a significant role in Irish social and cultural life, and this is particularly true in Dublin where they are deeply embedded in the city and all of the communities where they are located. In addition to the socio-cultural activities spanning tourism, sport, music and entertainment, arts and culture that they contribute to, these institutions have been central to the advancement of Dublin and Ireland as a high skill economy.

The third-level education sector in Ireland consists of universities, institutes of technology, and colleges of education – and all are State funded. These higher education institutions offer qualifications in a National Framework of Qualifications that allow for national and international educational qualifications to be compared.

The universities in Ireland are:

• The National University of Ireland which is the umbrella university covering University College Dublin (UCD), University of Galway, University College Cork, and National University of Ireland, Maynooth.

- The University of Dublin, which is generally known as Trinity College Dublin (TCD).
- The University of Limerick.
- Dublin City University or DCU.
- RCSI University of Medicine and Health Science.

### Technological sector

Ireland also has a technological sector that includes technological universities (TUs) and institutes of technology (ITs).

TUs and ITs provide programmes of education and training at third-level in areas such as business, science, engineering, linguistics and music to certificate, diploma and degree levels.

Ireland has 5 technological universities:

- Technological University Dublin or TU Dublin.
- Munster Technological University MTU.
- Technological University of the Shannon: Midlands Midwest TUS.
- Atlantic Technological University ATU.
- South East Technological University SETU.

And 2 institutes of technology:

- Institute of Art, Design and Technology (IADT), Dun Laoghaire.
- Dundalk Institute of Technology.

### Private colleges

In addition to the State-funded colleges, there are a number of fee-paying third-level educational institutions offering courses, mainly in professional training and business. Some of these colleges are linked to universities or professional associations and their qualifications have international accreditations.

# 11) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

Ireland is a leading destination for international learners, researchers and innovators.

International education and research also play a key role in developing Ireland's global footprint, in supporting national priorities and in helping build strategic international relationships which are aligned with Ireland's values.

International learners, researchers and innovators, and their families, make a substantial investment to pursue their ambitions in Ireland.

Through work permission arrangements, including the subsequent stay-back options as appropriate, they contribute to economic life in Ireland.

They help shape the value system of Irish learners and wider society and contribute to the multi-cultural workforce of many Irish workplaces.

International education sector is estimated to be worth over €2 billion to the Irish economy and there are over 25,000 international learners enrolled in higher education and research programmes, representing an increase of over 90% since 2008. Non-EU students make up the biggest proportion of international students in Ireland.

There are currently 23,043 learners enrolled on English Language Education (ELE) programmes. Over the past decade, Irish institutions have consistently demonstrated their ability to attract high quality international students.

A new International Education Strategy has been approved by the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science. It will aim to increase the number of international students studying in Ireland by 10%.

# **CRITERION 4**

# 'Appropriate access to the labour market, social security and medical care for both children and spouses'

1) Number of hospitals available in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

14

2) Description of access to medical care (access to hospitals and other medical facilities, doctors, spoken languages, etc.)

5000 character(s) maximum

Dublin offers an extensive range of healthcare services ranging from easy access to General Practitioner (GP) services to high quality hospital services, both private and public services, and fulltime access to emergency services. Eligibility for health services in Ireland is primarily based on residency and means. The Health Service Executive (HSE) regards a person as "ordinarily resident" in Ireland if they satisfy the HSE that they have been living in Ireland for at least a year or, that it is their intention to remain in Ireland for a minimum period of one year. Any person, who is accepted by the HSE as being ordinarily resident in Ireland, is entitled to either full or limited eligibility for health services, in public hospitals. For persons seeking information on the healthcare options available to them, the HSE offers several language options for online users, ten of which are official EU languages.

Ireland has 48 public hospitals, 36 general hospitals and 10 specialist hospitals (including maternity, paediatric, and orthopaedic hospitals). Dublin itself has five major university hospitals, three dedicated maternity hospitals and three children's hospitals. A wide range of emergency, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation services are provided in Ireland's public hospitals. The world-class specialist services based in Dublin include heart, lung and liver transplants, bone marrow transplants, spinal injuries, paediatric cardiac services and medical genetics. The HSE also operates two injury units in the Dublin area where conditions that do not necessitate admission to hospital can be treated, such as broken bones, dislocations, sprains, wounds and burns.

All persons ordinarily resident in Ireland are eligible for public hospital services. Acute public in-patient services are now provided without charge, following the abolition of public in-patient charges (€80 per day) with effect from 17 April 2023. In-patient refers to a patient who requires an overnight stay in healthcare facility, such as a hospital. Out-patient refers to a patient who does not require an overnight stay. Charges apply for services provided in an Emergency Department (€100 charge) and a Minor Injury Unit (€75 charge), subject to certain exemptions, such as medical card holders. Patients can choose to be treated as private patients for both inpatient and outpatient services in public hospitals.

There is an extensive private hospital network consisting of 19 private hospitals in Ireland offering consultantdelivered care. Medical consultants are trained in providing specialist treatment in specific areas of medicine. Nine of these private hospitals are in the Dublin area including high-technology hospitals offering specialist care. Private hospitals provide a range of acute medical and mental health services, including inpatient procedures, diagnostic tests, elective surgery and inpatient mental health care. They employ over 8,000 staff and provide over one million bed nights to patients, and 10% of Ireland's in-patient mental health care annually. Half of the private hospitals in Ireland operate Emergency Departments and/or Medical Assessment Units, including patient admissions on an emergency basis each year.

Many private primary care centres offer additional services including minor injury assessment, general medical examinations, management of acute and chronic illnesses, health screening, minor surgery, ophthalmology services.

# 3) Description of access to medical care and social security for AMLA children and spouses not covered by the EU Staff Regulations (benefits, conditions, assistance, etc.)

5000 character(s) maximum

### Children's Healthcare

Ireland's child health programme is similar to international child health programme models - covering child health reviews, vaccinations and screening. The totality of the programme is provided from antenatal stage

to the first year in second level school by a number of health services across a range of settings, from homes to hospitals. Children aged under eight are automatically entitled to a GP (General Practitioner) Visit Card which allows access to a GP free of charge. GPs provide a broad service to their patients on all health issues and may refer patients to see specialists or hospital consultants if more specific investigation is required.

The HSE provides dental services free of charge to children under sixteen. It provides pain-free emergency treatment to all children under sixteen years of age and routine dental examinations and care for school children at key stages of development. Children are offered one appointment at approximately seven years of age, and another at approximately twelve years of age, to attend the HSE Public Dental Service for a screening which includes oral health examination and provision of fissure sealants.

The HSE also provides orthodontic treatment to those who have the greatest level of need and have been assessed and referred for treatment before their sixteenth birthday. Children are assessed under the modified Index of Orthodontic Treatment Need.

#### Social Security

As guaranteed under European Union law, the spouses and children of AMLA staff who take up residence in Ireland will automatically become entitled to avail of the Irish social welfare system on the same basis as an Irish national and will be treated in an identical manner. The social security system in Ireland is managed and administered by the Department of Social Protection. During the initial establishment of the AMLA in Dublin, the Department will make special arrangements to provide a dedicated service to all AMLA staff and dependents who relocate to Ireland in order to ensure the provision of Public Service Cards and Personal Public Service (PPS) numbers. PPS numbers are required to access public services, information and financial supports and to register with public services such as the Revenue Commissioners (the Irish tax authority.)EU/EEA citizens can apply for a PPSN using their passport or national identity card.

Everyone resident in Ireland caring for a child aged fifteen and younger (seventeen and younger if still in education) is entitled to receive a child benefit payment. This payment is usually made to the child's mother /stepmother or father/stepfather. If a child is under the care of another individual such as a grandparent or assigned guardian, that person is then entitled to collect the payment on the child's behalf. Child benefit payments are not taxable under Irish law but the payment can only be collected if the parent/guardian is habitually resident in Ireland. The current payment is €140 a month for each child but if multiple children are born at the same time (twins, triplets, etc.) the rate can be higher.

The Early Childhood Care and Education Programme (ECCE) is a universal two-year pre-school programme available to all children within the eligible age range. The programme provides children with three free hours per day, five days per week over 38 weeks per year and the programme year runs from September to June each year.

There is one point of entry at the beginning of the programme year. The programme is available to all children who have turned two years and eight months of age before 31 August as long they do not turn 5 years and 6 months of age on or before 30 June of the programme year. The programme rules require a child's Personal Public Service Number (PPSN) to access the scheme (once they meet the age criteria);

The Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) provides a range of both universal and targeted measures, to support children with disabilities to take part in the ECCE pre-school programme in mainstream settings, and to help make pre-school services more accessible and inclusive – benefitting all children in those services.

Universal supports empower pre-school providers to create a more inclusive culture in their settings. This is achieved through; Continuous Professional Development (CPD), an inclusion charter and guidelines for pre-

schools, and a Level 6 qualification in Inclusion (LINC). Targeted supports cater to a wide range of abilities and are focused on the needs of the child and do not need a diagnosis of disability. These might take the form of specialist advice and support, specialist equipment or appliances, minor building alterations, therapeutic intervention or, in some cases, extra assistance in the pre-school room.

# 4) Situation of the national labour market and its capacity to offer international job opportunities (number and capacity of international companies acting in the region) for children and spouses of AMLA staff

### 5000 character(s) maximum

Ireland's economy is growing at a healthy pace with sustained job creation which offers good employment opportunities for the spouses and partners of AMLA staff. Dublin provides a wide variety of high value employment opportunities both with both foreign direct investment companies, some of which are highlighted below, and in Ireland's strong portfolio of indigenous companies. For the past five years, the Irish economy has demonstrated robust and sustainable growth and it has been the fastest growing economy in the Eurozone for the last three years. The European Commission is forecasting that Ireland's Real GDP, which is a measure of goods and services without consideration of inflation, will grow by 4.4% in 2023.

### Employment figures

The Irish Government has put a number of policies in place which have proven successful in creating the right environment for continued job growth throughout the country. The strong economic expansion has helped reduce the unemployment rate to one of the lowest rates in the EU27, and well below the EU27 average of 5.9%. The continued growth of both indigenous and foreign direct investment (FDI) companies has created large numbers of employment opportunities.

The number of people in employment has also risen significantly. Employment in Ireland reached record highs in 2023, with over 2.6 million people employed, from a total population of 5.1 million. Net inward migration is estimated at 190,333 people between 2016 and 2022. Ireland and Dublin continue to welcome people from a wide range of countries.

### Global presence and international rankings

Ireland is home to a broad and diverse range of industry sectors creating large numbers of high-value jobs in fields such as ICT, pharmaceuticals, medical technology, financial services and agri-food. Dublin is ranked 1st for economic potential in the latest FDI Magazine (Financial Times Intelligence Division) European City of the Future 2023 and 3rd overall. In the same awards, it won top place in the 'small region of the future' category. It assessed as many as 370 European cities divided by population size into five groups across five different categories: economic potential; business friendliness; connectivity; human capital and lifestyle; and cost effectiveness, as well as an additional 'FDI Strategy' category which used surveys from European investment promotion agencies for analysis.

### Ireland is home to:

- 16 of the top 20 global technology companies
- 20 of the top 25 financial services companies
- All of the top 10 global pharmaceutical players
- 14 of the top 15 Medical Technology companies
- The top 8industrial automation companies
- Two thirds of the world's aviation leasing business is managed from Ireland

Some of the leading international names are behind these figures and are the type of firms that AMLA in Dublin will be located alongside. The continued investment by these global firms such as Google, Meta, Citi, Salesforce and others are a powerful endorsement of Dublin.

The concentration of world-leading organisations in Ireland has positioned the country as a major European business centre and, coupled with the quality of life in Ireland and Dublin, this has attracted talented people from many other European countries and further afield. The 2023 World Competitiveness Ranking, published by the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), places Ireland as the second most competitive economy in the world, behind only Denmark. Ireland ranks 1st in the world for Attitudes towards Globalisation, Flexibility and Adaptability of the Workforce, and Attracting and Retaining Talent in this same publication, making Ireland an established top tier investment location for multinationals.

### International workforce

This is demonstrated by year on year investment from foreign multinational companies. FDI companies now directly employ over 300,000 people in Ireland, equating to approximately 12% of the workforce. Ireland has built a reputation within the FDI sector as a proven location to hire those with multilingual skills. This proven ability to attract and retain international staff is demonstrated by, for example, Google's central offices in Dublin which house approximately 5,000 fulltime staff (more than 9,000 when temporary staff and contractors are taken into account). This includes its sales and marketing division which works in 45 different languages.

The Irish workplace is a dynamic and multicultural environment with multiple EU languages spoken across the Irish workforce. Ireland has welcomed record numbers of people from across the world to meet the demand for skills. Foreign language ability is an important skill for the Irish job market, with many companies both domestic and multinational hosting international-focused centres of operation in Ireland, requiring employees with foreign language skills.

### 5) Availability of services assisting expatriates and foreign nationals in seeking jobs

### 5000 character(s) maximum

There are a number of organisations across Ireland providing supports for foreign nationals seeking employment, including national and local governments and non-profits. Intreo, the public employment services, is the national government point of contact for all employment and income supports and services. For job seekers, they can provide assistance with developing a CV, gaining local work experience, training and upskilling, job hunting or starting a business in Ireland.

Citizens Information is an excellent resource for information about moving to and working in Ireland, both online and in person at local Citizens Information Centres. In addition to the above, there are also a number of options for foreign nationals to access training and upskilling in Ireland, such as through SOLAS (the state agency for Further Education & Training) or Skillnet Ireland (a business support agency focusing on workforce development).

For AMLA in Dublin there will be a dedicated supports available for the children, spouses and partners of the staff to assist them in seeking jobs here.

### 6) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

As a modern multicultural city, Dublin is well placed to meet all of the needs of the families of the staff of AMLA. With a growing economy and a broad range of different international businesses in our capital city, Dublin offers the spouses, partners and older children of staff a rich set of career choices. Given the broad range of European and global names with existing operations in Dublin, and the potential for hybrid and remote working it may be the case that many spouses and partners will be able to stay with their existing employers from Ireland. The labour market in Dublin has been transformed in recent years and has the capacity to create opportunities for the families that move here. People coming to Dublin with language skills have an added advantage as they are a valuable addition to the export oriented employers based across the city.

With a focus on skills attraction and developing entrepreneurs there are also considerable supports available for reskilling and upskilling of AMLA staff. Equally the automatic entitlement to the social security system provides further comfort to partners and spouses. As the capital city, Dublin offers the broadest range of healthcare supports in Ireland and access to national experts within easy reach across the city.

# **CRITERION 5**

### 'Geographical balance'

### Description

5000 character(s) maximum

The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound), was set up in 1975 and moved to Dublin in 1977. It is the only EU agency with its headquarters in Ireland an over 100 staff of whom 25% are Irish nationals.

Ireland does host the former European Food and Veterinary Office in Co. Meath but this is not an independent agency. It is an integral part of the European Commission as Directorate F for Health and Food Audits and Analysis of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANCO).

The opportunity to locate AMLA in Dublin provides an opportunity for Europe to reorient the architecture of the regulatory authorities away from the existing centres which exhibit an overconcentration of financial institutions. Dublin is the largest of the developed financial centres that does not have a large EU financial institution.

As a country on the periphery of Europe, locating AMLA in Ireland makes a powerful statement of the capacity for all Member States to participate fully in creating the future of the Union. As set out earlier in this form, Ireland's vision for AMLA is global and our geographic position coupled with the transatlantic links make Dublin uniquely well positioned to host the seat of this important authority.

### Any benefits granted in addition to Protocol 7

1) Does the applicant Member State offer additional privileges?

Yes

### 1.1) If yes, which ones?

#### 5000 character(s) maximum

Additional privileges have been granted to Eurofound beyond Protocol 7 under Statutory Instrument No. 428 /2016 - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2016. There is also a Memorandum of Understanding between Ireland and this agency, which covers further privileges not outlined in the bilateral agreement. Ireland is willing to offer AMLA the same opportunity afforded to Eurofound, which is to negotiate any further privileges that the agency will require to operate in Ireland and will discuss how best to make the authority operational as early as possible.

The privileges offered previously offered to Eurofound can be replicated for AMLA and its staff. These measures already in place for Eurofound include:

• The premises, buildings and archives of Eurofound, including all documents, data centres and data belonging to Eurofound shall be exempt from search, requisition, confiscation or expropriation;

• the property and assets of Eurofound shall not be the subject of any administrative or legal measure of constraint without the authorisation of the Court of Justice of the European Union;

• The EU agency, for its official communications and the transmission of all its documents, enjoys the same treatment accorded to diplomatic missions in Ireland;

• Documents and articles for official use of Eurofound may be imported, exported or transferred in line with the established procedures for diplomatic bags of diplomatic missions in Ireland;

• The competent authorities in Ireland will take all appropriate steps to protect the premises used by Eurofound against any intrusion or damage and to prevent any disturbance of the peace of the premises or impairment of its dignity;

• Regarding representatives of Member States and other EU Institutions, their advisers and experts and any other persons invited by Eurofound to contribute to, or participate in, its activities, the authorities in Ireland shall take appropriate measures to facilitate their entry into its territory, their stay and their departure, in accordance with the treatment accorded in respect of visitors to diplomatic missions in Ireland;

• Representatives of Member States and other EU Institutions taking part in the work of Eurofound, their advisers and technical experts, as well as the members of the bodies of the Agency shall, in the performance of their duties and during their travel to and from the place of meeting, enjoy privileges, immunities and facilities as applicable under Protocol 7 of the TFEU and similar to the terms of the agreement that established Eurofound;

• Vehicles intended for personal use of a member of the statutory staff of the agency who transfers his or her residence to Ireland to take up a position there with the Authority or vehicles utilised for official use by the agency will be exempt from any payments when registering such a vehicle. These fee exempt vehicles must be approved by the Government of Ireland.

### Headquarters Agreement

Applicant Member State's commitment to confirming the conditions included in the application in a future headquarters agreement with AMLA

- Yes
- No

### Do you propose other premises (2)?

Please fill in the survey concerning premises 2 - only for criteria 1 and 2.

- Yes
- No

## **CRITERION 1**

'The date on which AMLA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation'

# **Building 2**

Should there be more premises proposed, please see at the end of the survey.

### 1) Description of the proposed premises 2 (Address and general description)

5000 character(s) maximum

Ireland is in a position to offer a choice of brand new sustainable locations for AMLA in Dublin and for the purposes of this application we are including a second premises on the south side of the city. This highlights the positive choices that will be available to AMLA in Dublin and provides a contrasting location which is equally suitable.

Four Park Place, Adelaide Road, Dublin 2

Located in the south of Dublin city, Four Park Place is part the landmark Park Place campus overlooking the National Concert Hall and the beautiful Iveagh Gardens. Four Park Place is ready for fitout for AMLA in Dublin and continues the high standards that are clearly visible elsewhere in the campus with a fabulous working environment and the space to meet the needs of AMLA in Dublin. In total, Four Park Place provides premium quality HQ office buildings extending to 11,525m2 offering plenty of options for considering how to configure the optimal fit out for AMLA in Dublin.

The building is split between two flexible and efficient commercial buildings and Number four measuring approximately 11,525m2(Net Internal Area / 13,820m2 Gross Internal Area) has been identified as a suitable building to meet the long term requirements of AMLA,. Number five measuring a further 6,900 m2 NIA of Grade A office space. Both office buildings benefit from double height reception areas. In addition all occupiers will have to access to the wider Park Place development which includes retail, leisure and culinary outlets in the campus itself and a vibrant restaurant and shopping area on the doorstep.

Four Park Place is an 11,525m2 (NIA) state of the art, A rated office building. The building has the ability to provide the AMLA in Dublin with an own door, fully independent HQ office building that has been designed to provide exceptional office space, with leading environmental credentials. The building has achieved LEED Platinum accreditation and a Building Energy Rating of A3. The office HQ sets the benchmark for sustainability. Designed by leading architects BKD, the building can comfortably accommodate the occupational needs of AMLA in Dublin now and in the future. In addition, given the self-contained nature of the building, Four Park Place also offers AMLA valuable signage and naming/branding opportunities, an important point when considering the culture of the new authority. The building has dedicated car parking (with EV charging points), bicycle parking and club-house standard end-of-trip facilities, including showers, changing facilities, and a drying room. The development also offers future expansion if needed. The adjoining Five Park Place for example, is nearing final completion and provides approximately 6,900m2 of interconnecting office space.

The wider campus also provides an additional 46,000m2 of office space too. Occupiers in One, Two and Three Park Place include IDA Ireland, SEAI which is the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland, Deloitte, Scotiabank, CNP Santander, Bank of America, Pepper, EY, KPMG, LinkedIn, 2K Games, Gartner and Dropbox. The Park Place campus is exceptionally well located adjacent to all major transport nodes and has a wealth of amenities and retail outlets, both within the development and within a short walk.

The central business district of Dublin 2 is also the location for many thousands of residential apartments within walking distance to the offices and workplaces. It is a two minute walk from the LUAS rapid transit service plus all major city centre bus routes providing the staff of AMLA a wide choice for their own commute options.

# 1) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works) as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Regulation

5000 character(s) maximum Date or estimated period.

Four Park Place is currently available to be fitted out to AMLAs specification. As is the case for premises 1, the guideline for a full fit out of the size of operations set out by the Council and the European Parliament indicates a timeline in the order of twelve months (the answer to question two below). And as in the case of premises 1 there may an option to fit out the building on a phased basis to better match the planned ramp up in AMLA activities as referenced in the technical specifications.

There will be an opportunity for AMLA in Dublin to work with the Irish Government and a dedicated team of property professionals to determine the optimal path for making Four Park Place fully operational. The premises itself is ready to go now.

2) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)

Please introduce only numbers.

12

### Organisation of the premises

# Indicatively, and depending on the final number of staff (between 250 and 400 staff members), the size of the AMLA's premises should be between 6.000 to 10.000 square meters gross floor area above ground.

1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m<sup>2</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

11525

### 2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)

Please introduce only numbers.

600

3) Availability of one large meeting room (including for the meetings of the General Board) (approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>)

Yes

No

### 4) Number of meeting rooms for more than 40 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

### 5) Number of meeting rooms for 25-35 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

5

6) Number of meeting rooms for 13-15 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

10

- 7) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering
  - Yes
  - No
- 8) Availability of a dedicated area for FIU (around 30 individual offices)
  - Yes
  - No
- 9) Internal archives capacity of the premises
  - Yes
  - No
- 9.1) Archives volume (expressed in m<sup>3</sup>)

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Please introduce only numbers.
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1055

10) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for AMLA

Please introduce only numbers.

30

11) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby

area

Yes

No

### 11.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m<sup>2</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

46000

12) Are the premises EMAS verified?

The EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (<u>EMAS</u>) is a premium management instrument developed by the European Commission for companies and other organisations to evaluate, report, and improve their environmental performance.



# 13) Description of the general compliance with the <u>Manual of Standard Building</u> <u>Specifications</u> of the premises including for environment performance standards

#### 5000 character(s) maximum

Four Park Place has attained a Building Energy Rating (BER) of A3 and has achieved the required Net Zero Environmental Energy Buildings (NZEB) standard plus the internationally recognised accreditation of LEED Platinum. As mentioned above the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland is located in same campus and is a strong endorsement of the development.

The building will be delivered to meet and exceed the requirements of AMLA in accordance with the specifications outlined in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications, and all of the indicative of requirements as set out in this application process. A dedicated design team will be readily available to work with AMLA in Dublin to develop and finalise the fit-out that will be it operational as soon as is possible and in keeping with the specification set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications.

# 14) Description of the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure

5000 character(s) maximum In particular, access to high-speed internet (5G or fiber). Four Park Place has been awarded a WiredScore Platinum rating making it one of the smartest places to work in the world. Achieving this accreditation proves that a building meets exceptional standards for the quality of its wired infrastructure, resilience, and wireless network. All tenants will have access to high speed, secure internet.

Advanced digital security facilities will be provided on-site including the following:

• Intruder alarm system complying with IS199 will be provided. This will include magnetic read door contacts on all external doors at ground floor level, basement car park and roof access areas.

- Glass break detectors will be provided to all areas on the ground floor.
- Digital IP based CCTV cameras are being provided to the building, entrance lobbies and reception area to provide general view of traffic movement to the basement car park
- Facilities for remote monitoring will be provided.
- An access control system will be provided to contro entry to the building from the basement car park.
- Access control will be provided to the main building entrance. Egress will be by push button to open switches with emergency green break glass units.
- The access control equipment will be located in the reception with monitoring facilities

• Conduit drops with draw wires will be provided on doors to open plan office areas from the main core circulation space on each floor. These will be provided to facilitate the installation of tenant access control systems. Conduits will terminate in walls in flush single gang boxes equipped with cover plates.

• The access control system CCTV system and intruder alarm system will all be linked together to provide a comprehensive security system.

### 15) Other

5000 character(s) maximum For any other relevant information related to this topic.

#### Location

Park Place is situated in the Dublin 2, south city district of Dublin which is a proven location for state bodies, regulatory agencies, professional services and financial companies. Park Place tenants include a line-up of well known international names such as EY, LinkedIn, Bank of America, KPMG, IDA Ireland, Allianz and the previously mentioned SEAI.

### Cultural & Social

The Park Place campus is located on the south side of the city in Dublin's central business district. It is close to public amenities, the Dail (Irish Parliament), Department of Finance and all public transport links. Dublin 2 is the centre of social life, creativity and culture in the city. The National Concert Hall is a 3 minute walk and is the main venue for classical music in Ireland. The National Museum, local restaurants and bars and National Gallery offer staff a local outlet for culture and hospitality. All the city's main cultural and social hubs are within walking distance, and there are a number of three and four star hotels within a five minute walking distance. The vibrant Camden Quarter, with its array of bars, restaurants and live music venues is within a 5 minute walk from Park Place. Two of Dublin city's finest parks, Iveagh Gardens and St Stephen's Green within a short walk from the building and the building overlooks Iveagh Gardens from the rear.

### Facilities

No. 4 Park Place has attained a Building Energy Rating (BER) of A3 and has achieved the required Net Zero Environmental Energy Buildings (NZEB) standard plus the internationally recognised accreditation of LEED Platinum.

Park Place can provide an excellent car parking provision, equivalent to 1 car parking space per 380m2. NIA (i.e. 30 spaces for Four Park Place) and additional car parking spaces may be available, if required. The car parking spaces are provided in a secure basement, under the development and 50% of car parking spaces have e-charging points. The building also has dedicated bicycle parking and club-house standard end of trip facilities, including showers, changing facilities, and drying room.

The upper floors have extensive garden terraces with panoramic views of Dublin city and beyond. Childcare

There are a total of 10 childcare facilities within a 1.5km radius of Park Place offering employees access to crèche facilities near their workplace.

### **Financial terms**

### 1) Description of the financial terms

5000 character(s) maximum

FIXED COST €€ PER ANNUM RENT €7,750,000 CAR/BICYCLE SPACE €135,000 ESTATE SERVICE CHARGE €620,000 TOTAL €8,505,000

- The quoting rent is €672.75/ m2 (€62.50/ ft2) which amounts to € 7,750,000 per annum excluding VAT.
- There is also a cost of €135,000 per annum for 30 car spaces.
- There will be an estate charge for contribution to the maintenance and upkeep of the campus.
- This is an annual total for fixed costs of €8,505,000 .
- There will be a rent review every 5 years which will be subject to an upwards / downwards review which may impact on this figure.
- Commercial negotiations have been undertaken which are sensitive, but will reduce the total fixed price costs as quoted above.

### 2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)

Please introduce only numbers.

708750

- 3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?
  - Yes
  - No
- 3.1) Will the applicant Member State cover the rent
  - Indefinitely
  - For a given period of time

### 3.2) If yes, for how many years?

Please introduce only numbers.

9

### 4) Monthly maintenance costs (expressed in EUR/m<sup>2</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

2.21

- 5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?
  - Yes
  - No

### 6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m<sup>2</sup>)

Please introduce only numbers.

7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?

Yes

No

8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the future upgrade and extension?

- Yes
- No
- Depends

### 9) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions

5000 character(s) maximum

### 10) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)

Please introduce only numbers.

25

### 11) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease

5000 character(s) maximum

No deed of renunciation is required which means the tenant will have rights of renewal at the end of this term subject to negotiation and market conditions.

# 12) Description of any special conditions with regard to the costs and dedicated infrastructure

5000 character(s) maximum

This questions does not relate to benefits additional to Protocol 7.

## 13) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

At this point in the seat selection process, the Irish Government is proposing to make €80 million available to AMLA in Dublin. The proposal here set out here for Four Park Place is indicative of what an estimate of the costs of establishing AMLA here would be if the full cost of the estimated fit out was provided for with the remainder going towards rental. It is important to understand this is indicative and as the process develops it maybe that a different combination of support might be preferred but we are setting this out as and indication. In the case of Coopers Cross, the same support is available but for illustrative purposes there we apportioned the support to both fit out and the rental.

# **CRITERION 2**

### 'Accessibility of the location'

### Public transportation

# 1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals

5000 character(s) maximum

Dublin airport is the primary access point linking Ireland to the capitals of Europe the wider world. Located north of the city, Dublin is the largest airport in Ireland and handles up to 30 million passengers a year that can fly non-stop to over 190 destinations with 44 different airline partners.

Dublin is one of the largest European airports and has nearly 1,400 flights per week to Europe offering excellent direct flight access for Member States. This provides convenient access to the major hubs across Europe offering superb options for AMLA to conduct its business while allowing families of staff to travel to the Member States and beyond.

As of the time of this application the weekly flight options for Member States are ;

AT – Austria – 21	FR – France – 130	NL – Netherlands – 88
BE – Belgium – 35	DE – Germany - `134	PL – Poland – 61
BG – Bulgaria – 9	EL – Greece – 5	PT – Portugal – 59
HR – Croatia – 6	HU – Hungary – 21	RO – Romania – 30
CY – Cyprus – 3	IT – Italy- 92	SK – Slovakia - 5
CZ – Czechia – 15	LV – Latvia- 9	SI – Slovenia -*
DK – Denmark – 13	LT – Lithuania – 6	ES – Spain – 227
EE – Estonia - 2	LU – Luxembourg – 10	SE - Sweden - 17
FI – Finland – 13	MT – Malta – 5	

In addition, Dublin has over 800 flights per week to the UK including 320 to London. Dublin has access to further flight connectivity to Europe with five other international airports less than three hours drive from the city.

An important point in favour of Dublin as a location for AMLA is the connectivity it offers beyond Europe,

particularly as a transatlantic hub.

As of the time of this application the weekly flight options for North America, Asia and the Middle East North Africa are:

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Destination	Weekly flights									
United States	145									
Canada	11									
Middle East	35									
North Africa	12									

Ireland has a unique position in Europe as the only Member State to have United States customs and border protection preclearance at both Dublin and Shannon airports. Executives working in AMLA or visiting their office in Dublin have the option to clear US immigration before boarding the plane in Ireland. This makes direct access and connections to important policy and financial centres for AMLA, like Washington, New York and Chicago more streamlined.

This is another feature that AMLA in Dublin can benefit from and one that compliments the access to Asia and Africa that is available through the established continental hubs. Together they make realising a global vision for AMLA more achievable. This unrivalled access is a critical factor that makes Dublin a global city and why so many international decision makers make it the base for their operations and why people advance their careers here.

Dublin has one of the fastest average transit times from plane disembarkation to the city centre, with travel time to the city centre just 20 minutes by car or taxi, 30 minutes by express bus and 40 minutes by standard public bus. Passengers of departing flights can also pre-book a Fast Track facility up to one hour in advance of their flight, which saves waiting time through security in Terminals 1 and 2.

Dublin Airport is well-served by a fleet of licensed taxis which operate 24 hours a day (at a cost of approximately €22 from the airport to the city centre). The average waiting time for a taxi is six minutes as of May 2023, following the approval of an additional 300 permits for taxis servicing the airport. There are approximately 19,500 taxis in operation in Ireland, with 10,337 of those operating in the Dublin area.

Dublin Airport is served by both domestic and international car hire firms with desks located in both Terminals 1 and 2 with connections provided to pick up locations around the airport. There are currently six main operators in Dublin airport providing this service, with a current fleet of approximately 24,000 vehicles operated across these six firms.

Dublin is a relatively compact city, making the travel time from Dublin Airport to Coopers Cross of approximately thirty five minutes by car via the port tunnel.

Public and private bus transport options are both frequent and reasonably priced with fares starting from approximately €7 to travel to the city centre. Over 1,000 bus and coach services daily provide direct access to Dublin City Centre (including express transfers to Heuston and Connolly train stations), Greater Dublin and to cities and towns across Ireland.

As a compliment to the speed of the air travel options, Dublin has ferry access to northern France and Spain through both Dublin Port and nearby Rosslare and Cork. Ferry travel offers staff and families a different experience, particularly when relocating to Ireland with personal belongings in addition to making other options possible for holiday travel. There is also a comprehensive ferry service to the United Kingdom from Ireland including the port of Belfast which is well served by motorway access.

2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest airport

### to the premises

between 1 and 4 choices

- Train
- Metro
- Tram
- Bus

Frequency of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

30

Duration of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

45

3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises

between 1 and 4 choices

- Local train
- Metro
- Tram
- Bus

Frequency of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

15

Duration of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

25

## 4) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises

### 1) Number of 3 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

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By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.
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25
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### 2) Number of 4 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.

25

### 3) Number of 5 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

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By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.
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11

4) Number of 3 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

130

5) Number of 4 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

65

6) Number of 5 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

14

### 7) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside AMLA

### premises

5000 character(s) maximum

The material described earlier in the application covers the same detail for this premises

### 8) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

The material described earlier in the application covers the same detail for this premises

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# Do you propose other premises (3)?

Please fill in the survey concerning premises 3 - only for criteria 1 and 2.

Yes

No

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