

## Belgium (Brussels)

### **[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application refers to the central location of Brussels within the European Union and indicates that there is nothing that would prevent AMLA from fully executing its tasks and powers if it would join the EU institutions and international organisations present in Brussels. It points to Brussel's experience in setting up international organisations and agencies and refers to various elements in relation to Brussels that are also covered under the criteria below, including availability of premises, accessibility and accommodation.

### **[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application indicates that Brussels offers an extensive pool of highly qualified and specialised staff. It indicates that expats make up more than 10% of the workforce and that more than 140,000 European foreigners are currently working in Brussels.

### **[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]**

The application indicates that on the one hand, Brussels offers a wide range of conference venues where AMLA could organise AML/CFT training and activities and on the other hand it mentions the presence of organisations that offer AML/CFT training in three different languages English, French and Dutch.

### **[to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies]**

The application indicates that Brussels is the seat of the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the Commission. It further indicates that the presence of EU institutions and other EU bodies such as the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in Brussels would enable AMLA to work closely with these on AML/CFT issues. In addition, the application indicates the need for very close cooperation with the Commission and the European Banking Authority in Paris as well as with other EU bodies, which according to the application can be reached by train in a few hours: the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the Court of Justice of the EU in Luxembourg, Europol and Eurojust in the Hague, and the European Central Bank in Frankfurt. In addition, the application indicates the presence of NATO and related agencies and centers, United Nations programmes and agencies and other intergovernmental organisations, as well as international associations in Brussels.

The application also indicates that a location in Brussels would lead to reductions in travel and accommodation costs due to the proximity to other institutions.

### **[to avoid reputational risks, to consider how Money Laundering/Terrorist Financing risks are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF reports]**

The application indicates the central role played by the Belgian FIU, CTIF, in ensuring the coordination of the ML/TF risk assessment and the AML/CFT policy and also in the creation of the Egmont Group with the US Financial Crimes enforcement network (FinCEN) back in 1995. The Secretary-General of the CTIF performs a role of chair in the Advisory Group of FIU.net.

The application mentions that Belgium has transposed the 4th and the 5th AML Directive and some national legislative elements go beyond FATF standards or EU Directive, as for example the subjection as obliged entities of some entities of diamond and football sector and the restriction of cash payments to EUR 3 000.

The application refers to Belgium's results of its last MER which concluded that Belgium at that time already had the core elements of a sound AML/CFT-regime, but some elements were not yet fully in line with the FATF Recommendations and its third follow-up report of 2018, the results of which led to the reassessment of 15 recommendations of the technical compliance part (37 out of 40 recommendations are assessed as 'largely compliant' or 'compliant' with the FATF recommendation). The application also mentions that, since the publication of the MER, Belgium made 'improvement of the AML supervision on the obliged entities, the strengthening of the cooperation and exchange of information between competent authorities and with the private sector, and the establishment of a beneficial ownership register that is seen as an example for others'.

## Germany (Frankfurt)

### **[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application provides information on the features of the location of Frankfurt, including living and working conditions. It in particular addresses elements related to the availability of buildings, accessibility in terms of transport, educational opportunities, and international dimension, which elements are covered in more detail under the respective criteria below. The application indicates that Germany has experience in hosting international authorities and institutions and that the location would ease on-site inspections of the supervised entities located in Western Europe, including in Frankfurt itself. The application confirms that the application is jointly supported by the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt.

### **[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application indicates that the Frankfurt region is a financial hub integrated into a fintech network with over 100 firms, many of them with a focus on aspects of AML. It indicates that this is also a hub for cybersecurity research, and provides an ecosystem for Artificial Intelligence research, education and practice. The application indicates that Frankfurt's region hosts numerous students, IT-technicians, bankers and lawyers as well as more than 40 research institutions and universities, thus providing a talent pool to choose from.

### **[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]**

The application indicates that multiple education and training opportunities in the area of AML/CFT are currently available for staff from both the financial and non-financial sectors, which are offered by BaFin (the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority), several chambers of industry and commerce and private institutions. Furthermore, the application indicates that the education and training landscape will be expanded with the new Centre of Excellence (CE) that will open in 2024 once the 'Bundesamt zur Bekämpfung von Finanzkriminalität' (the new 'Federal Financial Crime Agency' or 'BBF') will be established and which will be directly affiliated to it. According to the application, there will be the possibility for CE courses to be customised to AMLA staff and to be offered in English and other languages. It also mentions that the CE courses will focus on complex money laundering cases, sanctions evasion and related financial flows, and involve training opportunities in cooperation with national and international education and training institutions in the AML/CFT field, research collaboration at national and international level, and a 'hub' for knowledge- and information-sharing on AML/CFT matters.

The application concludes that future AMLA staff will have access to educational and training opportunities in and around Frankfurt.

### **[to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies]**

The application indicates that the location of AMLA in Frankfurt would facilitate close cooperation with Union institutions, bodies and agencies and national authorities, such as scientific institutions and authorities carrying out criminal investigations. It indicates that the proximity of AMLA to the European Central Bank (ECB) would create a one-stop shop for supervision, which would contribute to strengthening the European financial system.

### **[to avoid reputational 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]**

The application indicates that the fight against money laundering is a top priority for Germany, which has been adopting a wide range of measures recently and has been launching a national initiative to ramp up the fight against financial crime.

The application mentions Germany's results as part of the 4th FATF evaluation cycle and in particular the results of its 2022 MER. The application indicates, on the one hand, some of the positive elements of the FATF's assessment – in particular the 'heightened' risk awareness, the improved cooperation between German AML/CFT authorities, and the 'effective legal and operational framework' in place for mutual assistance, extradition and asset recovery in the area of international cooperation, and, on the other hand, the areas where further progress is expected, in particular due to the decentralised structure of Germany's AML system.

To address these weaknesses, the application refers to the new legislative proposal on the fight against financial crime approved in October 2023, which in particular establishes a new federal authority, the 'Bundesamt zur Bekämpfung von Finanzkriminalität' (the new 'Federal Financial Crime Agency' or 'BBF') that will pool analysis, investigations and supervision under a single roof. The application indicates that the BBF is expected to take up operations in 2024 and will establish a strong focus on targeting the money laundering activity itself, instead of predicate offences only. In more details, the application describes BBF's future priorities, in particular the investigation of significant international money laundering cases by applying the 'follow the money' approach, the more efficient supervision of the non-financial sector and the reinforced register regime in relation to legal entities and real estate transactions.

**Ireland (Dublin)****[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application provides information in relation to Ireland's readiness and commitment to host AMLA, referring to the experience Ireland has gained from hosting the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) since 1975. It indicates various capacities of Dublin in relation to hosting AMLA that are also covered under the criteria below, including the availability of new buildings for the headquarters of AMLA.

**[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application indicates that AMLA will have access to the people and skills needed in Dublin.

**[to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies]**

The application refers to Dublin as a European financial centre and a regional hub for many organisations. It further indicates Ireland's intention to work with the European Parliament, the Council and the Commission to share its vision for AMLA in Dublin.

**[to avoid reputational 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]**

The application mentions the results of the FATF Mutual Evaluation Review (MER) on Ireland of 2017 and its follow-up report of 2022, as part of the FATF on-going evaluation cycle. It includes statements from the MER according to which 'Ireland has a generally sound legislative and institutional AML/CFT framework' and 'national coordination and cooperation is a strong point of the Irish AML/CFT system'. The application also recalls conclusions of the report whereby (i) there is good cooperation between supervised entities and the supervisors which are well-respected, (ii) the Central Bank of Ireland (CBI) – AML/CFT supervisor of credit and financial institutions – has robust controls in place at market entry for financial institutions, and (iii) the CBI proactively targets unauthorised financial services providers. Based on the MER, the application highlights the substantial level of effectiveness reached in relation to international cooperation (Immediate Outcome 2), supervision (Immediate Outcome 3), as well as the use of financial intelligence (Immediate Outcome 6). Based on Immediate Outcome 3, the application states that 'in the area of supervision, Ireland is one of the two EU Member states currently rated by FATF as having a substantial level of effectiveness'.

The application also mentions the steps taken by Ireland to enhance the national AML/CFT following the MER, as well as, based on the follow-up report of 2022, the upgrades of technical compliance ratings in a number of areas, including (i) new technologies, (ii) transparency and beneficial ownership of legal arrangements, and (iii) powers of law enforcement and investigative authorities.

The application mentions that as part of the transposition of the 4th and the 5th AML Directives Ireland went beyond EU Directive requirements, with for example subjecting all Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs) falling into the FATF definition to registration and AML obligations, as well as disclosing beneficial ownership information on investment vehicles not covered by the Directives.

**Spain (Madrid)****[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application refers to Spain's reputation and indicates that Spain's candidacy is fully supported at the political and social level, by the three public administrations (State, Region and City Council), as well as all its political parties.

**[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application indicates the availability of highly qualified and specialised staff.

**[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]**

Spain's application lists the training provided by authorities such as Civil Guard and National Police, Police and Civil Guard official academy, SEPBLAC (Spain's FIU) and the judicial police to their staff. The application mentions that training including case studies and practical examples is also provided to obliged entities by SEPBLAC, judicial police and private associations. The application also indicates that Bachelor and Master's degrees in AML/CFT are available through the collaboration of several Spanish universities with state authorities such as Civil Guard and National Police.

**[to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies]**

The application indicates that Spain closely works with Europol in asset tracing and recovery within the European Union via the ORA (the Asset Recovery Office of Europol). It further provides information on Spain's contributions to Europol's counter-terrorism department giving examples of the close level of cooperation between the Spanish authorities and the EU.

**[to avoid reputational risks, to consider how ML/TF risks are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF reports]**

The application describes Spain's AML/CFT competent authorities and their duties in the AML/CFT framework. It indicates that Spain has a centralised coordination mechanism for AML/CFT policies, the Commission for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Monetary Offences, involving the main AML/CFT authorities and focused on development and implementation of AML/CFT policies. The application also indicates that there are several interagency working groups for operational coordination.

The application also indicates that Spain has an institutional design similar to the one proposed for AMLA, with Spain's FIU (SEPBLAC) acting as both supervisor and FIU. The application indicates that Spain's FIU was reported by the latest MER's Key Findings as having 'high quality operational and strategic analyses'. The application indicates that Spain's FIU has direct access to several sources of information, such as registries, tax information, criminal records etc. The application also provides information on the public private cooperation.

The application indicates that the FATF has assessed Spain with fully compliant or largely compliant ratings on 38 out of 40 recommendations, no ratings of low effectiveness and only one moderate rating on the FATF 11 Immediate Outcomes.

**France (Paris)****[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application provides information on the capacity offered to AMLA in Paris to work with relevant partners and on the existing international eco-system dedicated to AML/CFT in Paris, with notably the presence of the Secretariat of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF). The application addresses elements related to the premises, digital security and connectivity, accessibility in terms of transport and accommodation, the labour market and medical care as well as France's financial contribution, which are covered in more detail under the respective criteria below.

**[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application refers to available human capital for AMLA with more than 362,000 professionals working in the financial sector in the Paris region. It also indicates the availability of a talent pool for AMLA in Paris due to the availability of master courses and university diplomas related to the fight against financial crime.

**[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]**

The application indicates the availability to AMLA staff of Master's degrees related to the fight against financial crime, most of them with an apprenticeship with companies or institutions, at numerous universities including the University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne and the University of Paris Dauphine PSL.

Furthermore, the application states that AMLA staff can participate in the annual conferences organised by French Supervisory Authorities and in trainings on AML/CFT topics organised by the International Banking and Finance Institute of Banque de France.

The application also indicates the possibility of using the geographical proximity of the FATF Secretariat to set up exchange and/or secondment programmes between AMLA staff and those of the FATF.

**[to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies]**

The application refers to the presence of the European Banking Authority (EBA) and the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) in Paris. In addition, it indicates the presence of the Secretariat of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and the OECD in Paris and the Council of Europe and Moneyval in Strasbourg.

**[to avoid reputational 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]**

The application indicates that the FATF Mutual Evaluation Report on France (2022) assesses France's legal framework to be compliant or largely compliant with 37 of the FATF's 40 recommendations. The application also refers to the MER effectiveness ratings on the 11 Immediate Outcomes: high level of effectiveness in IOs 2, 8 and 9, substantial level of effectiveness in IOs 1, 5, 6, 7, 10 and 11 and moderate level of effectiveness in IOs 3 and 4. The application finally indicates that the 2022 MER describes France's AML/CFT legal framework as robust and sophisticated.

The application indicates that France has put in place the AML/CFT Advisory Board (COLB), a forum for coordination and consultation between the public and private stakeholders, which is mentioned by the FATF as having allowed rapid reactions to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The application indicates that France published in January 2023 an updated version of its AML/CFT National Risk Assessment (NRA), that goes beyond the legal obligations and that has a new risk matrix corresponding to the FATF methodology.

The application indicates that France is well placed in the ranking established by the Basel AML index, where the number of EU countries preceding France is limited.

In its application France also indicates that it is an active member of FATF and that it has initiated several international high-profile events (e.g. No Money for Terror) that have set milestones in terms of AML/CFT.

In its application France indicates that French FIU (Tracfin) has tested with its Luxembourgish counterpart how joint analyses between FIUs of Member States could be conducted (Art 33 of draft Regulation of Authority of Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism).

**Italy (Rome)****[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application indicates that AMLA will be able to fully execute its powers and tasks in Rome benefiting from the availability and location of the temporary and permanent premises. It provides information on these premises and on accessibility, described in more detail under the respective criteria below.

**[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application indicates the presence of a pool of highly qualified and specialised resources in Rome.

**[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]**

The application indicates the availability of internationally recognised training and experience-sharing activities. It mentions specifically the Academy of the Guardia di Finanza, which provides training courses on the prevention and investigation of financial crime and hosts inter alia the OECD's International Academy for Tax Crime Investigation. The application also refers to the availability of a range of specialised AML/CFT training activities at the Bank of Italy and the Italian FIU.

**[to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies]**

The application indicates the possibility to closely cooperate with all relevant EU institutions, bodies and agencies, via a network of direct flights to and from Rome's airports and via high-speed trains or motorways. In addition, it indicates the presence of all relevant national authorities in the AML/CFT field in Rome.

**[to avoid reputational 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]**

The application indicates the FATF Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) on Italy of 2016 and related follow-up report of 2019, in the context of the on-going evaluation cycle, and includes statements from the MER according to which 'Italy has a mature and sophisticated AML/CFT regime, with a correspondingly well-developed legal and institutional framework' and 'All the main authorities have a good understanding of the ML and terrorist financing (TF) risks'.

The application also refers to the conclusions of the MER according to which (i) the Italian FIU (UIF) is a well-functioning financial intelligence unit, which produces good operational and high-quality strategic analyses that add value to the Suspicious Transactions Reports (STRs); (ii) Italian Law Enforcement Authorities and prosecutors are able to successfully undertake large and complex financial investigation; and (iii) Italy has a strong framework for cooperation and provides constructive and timely assistance when requested by other countries.

The application mentions that based on the FATF follow-up report of 2019, Italy is compliant or largely compliant with 38 out of the 40 FATF Recommendations. The application also recalls that Italy was one of the founding members of the FATF in 1989 and held the Presidency of the FATF in the years 2011/2012.

Reference is also made in the application to the 'Award of Excellence 2018' received by the UIF (Italian FIU) from the World Bank for one of the best cases of international cooperation between FIUs, as well as the position of finalist reached in the international Best Egmont Anti-Money Laundering Case Award competition in 2022. More generally, the application indicates that Italy has an intense and centralized coordination mechanism between all national authorities involved (Ministries, public authorities, supervisors, FIU, Law Enforcement Agencies, prosecutors), under the guidance of a Financial Security Committee. It also refers to the country's AML methods, tools and practices, and the results and outcomes of that system. In addition, it states Italy has been a forerunner in the AML-CFT field with the approach known as 'follow-the-money' mentioned among several examples, including with the involvement of the private sector.

Linked indirectly to AML/CFT, the application quotes the 2017 Peer report on Italy by the Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes (OECD), according to which 'Italy has in place robust regulation requiring availability of all relevant information including on beneficial owners of all relevant entities and arrangements'.

## Latvia (Riga)

### **[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application provides information on the features of the location of Riga. It in particular addresses elements related to the premises and their accessibility in terms of transport elements which are covered in more detail under the respective criteria below.

### **[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application indicates the importance of the financial sector in the Latvian economy and its knowledge about AML processes. It indicates the availability of a local workforce in the financial domain, which is young, certified and experienced in implementing various innovations to drive the sector forward. The application indicates that half of all ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering) certified specialists in Baltics are located in Latvia (389 out of 800) and that 1 in 3 financial sector employees are ACAMS or ICA certified.

### **[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]**

The application mentions the efforts at national level to strengthen the knowledge capacity in AML and financial technologies, and the role played in this ongoing project by Riga Business school (RBS), which proposes ACAMS (Association of Certified Anti-Money Laundering) accredited trainings, including as part of non-academic courses for professionals. Reference is also made to the programme on 'Prevention of Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism' offered (to professionals) outside the regular academic curriculum by the University of Latvia.

### **[to avoid reputational risks, to consider how ML/TF are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF reports]**

The application mentions that since the Mutual Evaluation Report (MER) of Latvia, approved by Moneyval in 2018, the country has implemented fundamental reforms of its AML/CFT system, which resulted in upgrades in the technical compliance with the 40 FATF recommendations; in the follow-up report of 2019, Latvia was considered 'compliant' with 7 of them, 'largely compliant' with the other 33. Reference is made to Latvia's subsequent National ML/TF Risk Assessments and the Government approved AML/CFT Action Plan which address the ML/TF risks and mitigation measures. Regarding specifically FIU Latvia, the application mentions the international Best Egmont Anti-Money Laundering Case Award (BECA) received in 2022, as well as the establishment of an AML Innovation Hub (AMLIH) to support innovation in the financial intelligence process, with a recent focus on knowledge building and transfer.

Reference is also made to Latvia's Cooperation Coordination Group (CCG), a public - private partnership launched in 2018 in the framework of preventing and fighting ML/TF.

## Lithuania (Vilnius)

### **[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application refers to Lithuania's financial sector ecosystem and effective public-private collaboration.

### **[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application indicates the presence of over 10,200 experts in the field of compliance, of which more than 7,700 specialise in financial services, banking, and related sectors within the financial domain as existing talent pool. It also indicates that 85% of young professionals are fluent in English (see below under Criterion 4, 4). It indicates that there is a Fintech sector in Lithuania with over 250 Fintech companies.

### **[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]**

The application indicates that a Centre of Excellence in Anti-Money Laundering was established in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, the Bank of Lithuania, and key players in the banking system. Together with Mykolas Riomeris University, this Centre has prepared the Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing Prevention Certification Program, which includes courses and internship opportunities. The application indicates that, in 2022, this Centre has organised 16 complementary training sessions for financial market participants attracting nearly 4,500 participants.

Private training opportunities for newcomers to the labour market or ML/TF prevention are available, as well as qualification improvement courses, including on AML matters.

### **[to avoid reputational risks, to consider how ML/TF risks are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF report]**

The application indicates that Lithuania offers a deeply rooted culture of excellence in AML/CFT compliance combining efforts by all key public institutions as well as private market participants, with extensive experience covering Fintech business models.

The application states that the Lithuanian regulator is innovative and actively promoting RegTech and SupTech solutions.

The application underlines that Lithuania is fully compliant on 3 important FATF recommendations and has no 'non-compliant' technical requirements in the last available FATF report, and that all 11 Immediate Outcomes on effectiveness vary from moderate to high. The application also mentions that a dedicated inter-institutional working group has been established - under the steering of a political level committee - with consistently implementing the recommendations provided by Moneyval/FATF.

The application indicates that, in the Basel AML 2022 index, Lithuania is ranked as one of the TOP 5 European Union Member States and is in the global TOP 10 countries with the lowest ML/TF risks.

The application also indicates that the Lithuanian FIU has agreements with all Lithuanian institutions responsible for the implementation of the preventive measures of ML/TF and has close cooperation with foreign and international institutions active on ML/TF.

## Austria (Vienna)

### **[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]**

The application refers to the proposed location, close to the main transport, as well as the characteristics of the building, which are covered in more detail in the respective criteria below. The application indicates Austria's experience as host for international and quasi-international organisations and that it will support AMLA by providing premises for an indefinite period of time and free of rent or fit-out costs.

### **[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]**

The application mentions the quality of life, expat services and the health system, usually free of charge for those holding a European Health Insurance Card, which according to the application will help with attracting the highly skilled workforce that AMLA requires.

### **[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]**

The application mentions that AMLA staff would be granted access to a part-time Professional Master programme offered by the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. This programme, which employees of the Austrian financial supervisory authorities are required to complete, is called 'Financial Supervision' and allows for several specialisations. Financial support by the Government for AMLA's participation in this programme is also mentioned (under criterion 1(financial terms)).

The application also references AML/CFT training activities organised by international organisations such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

### **[to allow for close cooperation with Union institution bodies and agencies]**

The application indicates that Vienna is a regional banking and financial centre for the CESEE region and the presence in Vienna of international organisations such as the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, that carries out AML/CFT projects, and the International Anti-Corruption Academy.

### **[to avoid reputational risks, to consider how ML/TF risks are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF reports]**

The application indicates that Austria is providing guidance to other countries on subjects like the beneficial ownership register. The application indicates that the evaluations in the FATF follow-up reports which came after the last Mutual Evaluation Report (MER), were very positive.

The application also mentions that there are currently no open EU infringement proceedings against Austria in AML/CFT matters.



**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/  
ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

Belgium (Brussels)

The application provides information on the proposed premises The Precedent at Avenue Louise 104/106, 1000 Brussels, with a total surface area of 8,340 m<sup>2</sup> spread over 9 floors. It indicates that the building has a hosting capacity of 400 staff, and indicates the availability of meetings rooms (1 for 40 persons, 5 per 13-15 persons and 1 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives (70.62 m<sup>3</sup>) and 58 parking spaces for AMLA. The premises are EMAS verified and in accordance with imposed regulations. Lastly, it indicates the possibility for installing fibre and ID access as well as for possible future extensions (10,000 m<sup>2</sup>).

The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is of EUR 40 189 which Belgium intends to cover indefinitely, together with maintenance and fit-out costs and possible future upgrades and extensions. It further indicates that the duration of the lease contract is of 9 years with the conditions for termination still to be negotiated and the fit-out and maintenance costs yet to be calculated.

The application indicates the presence of the Brussels airport at 14 km from the city centre which has more than 135 connections to European cities as well as the availability of high-speed trains to some European cities (London, Paris, Amsterdam, Frankfurt).

The application indicates the availability of train (frequency 12 minutes, duration 29 minutes) and bus (frequency 15 minutes, duration 39 minutes) connections from the premises to the closest airport. It indicates the availability of metro, tram and bus connections (frequency 5, 6 and 15 minutes), (duration 13, 25 and 23 minutes) respectively from the closest international/national train station to the premises. In addition, the application indicates the availability of shared mobility options in the city.

The application indicates the presence of 15 three star, 15 four star and 4 five star hotels at a walking distance from the premises. It indicates the presence of 15 three star, 30 four star and 6 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises. It also indicates the availability of more than 200 venues for events and conferences in Brussels.

The application indicates the availability of 117 nurseries, 7 European schools, 28 international schools offering primary and secondary education, 9 universities and 25 colleges. It indicates that education in the 24 EU official languages is offered by the European schools and the international schools and that Dutch, English and French are offered for the other education facilities.

The application indicates the availability of 23 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises. It also indicates that Brussels has almost 5 doctors per 1,000 inhabitants, speaking Dutch, English or French. In addition, it provides information on the Belgian social security system and on the mutual and compulsory health insurance.

The application indicates the presence of over 140,000 European nationals working in Brussels. It provides information on employment opportunities for AMLA family members and lists public/private bodies available for assisting (in Dutch and French) expatriates and foreign nationals in seeking jobs.

The application indicates the presence of the Single Resolution Board in Brussels. The application refers to paragraph 6 of the 2012 Joint Statement of the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission on decentralised agencies.



**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/ ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

Germany (Frankfurt)

The application indicates the availability of TOWER 185, completed in 2011, in the central business district as premises 1. The application indicates that the premises comply with safety, energy, environmental, sustainability standards, are designed as a sustainable building, equipped with technologies and connectivity, flexible common spaces and customised office layouts. The application indicates that the premises are situated in a multi-tenant property combined with a range of services and hospitality options and offers physically self-contained spaces on contiguous floors accessible to AMLA only. The application indicates that the premises are available immediately, that fit-out and adaptation works would require 7 months and that, should more time be needed until the premises are fit out, short-term interim accommodations with flexible lease conditions could be easily available. The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>, and that the premises can host 400 people and are equipped with a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons is, 1 for 13-15 persons and 2 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, an internal archives capacity of 200 m<sup>3</sup> and 48 parking spaces. The application indicates that the premises can be extended up to 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>, are EMAS verified, satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications and are certified by national and international building certification systems. The application indicates that the premises provide for a technological infrastructure that ensures digital security and connectivity with access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G).

The application indicates that rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs, that the monthly rental cost is 36.5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, that the monthly maintenance cost is 6.5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated of EUR 10 million that would be paid out over a five-year period and that Germany may cover the future upgrade and extension. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding if the founding act of AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs. The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 5 years and that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. The application indicates that lease agreements can be negotiated for an indefinite or fixed period and that usually commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning 5-10 years.

The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has an average flight time of 2.5 hours or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia (168 daily flights), and that there are 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates the availability of train and metro connections (10 minutes frequency and 15 minutes duration both) from the premises to the closest airport. The application indicates the availability of metro (10 minutes frequency, 2 minutes duration) and tram (10 minutes frequency, 5 minutes duration) connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises. In addition, the application provides some information on the accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking. The application indicates the presence of 10 three star hotels, 20 four star hotels, 2 five star hotels at walking distance from the premises, of 7 three star hotels, 11 four star hotels, 10 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises. The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in proximity of the premises in a variety of locations that can host from 2,000-15,000 participants to smaller locations. The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent with a wide range of services.

The application indicates the presence of 870 nurseries, providing Bulgarian, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish languages. The application indicates that there are numerous bilingual and multilingual childcare services providing other additional EU and foreign languages. The application indicates that the 2 European Schools in the Frankfurt metropolitan area offer pre-primary schooling in the languages offered in the early learning programme, similar to other European Schools. The application indicates that the 2 European Schools or accredited European Schools provide education in Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Irish, Latvia, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovenian, Slovak, Spanish, and Swedish. The application indicates the presence of 39 international schools, which provide primary and secondary education in Bulgarian, Croatian, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian and Spanish languages and which are prepared to expand their capacities to integrate children of AMLA's staff. The application indicates the presence of 40 higher education facilities (university level or equal), that offer education in English and German. The application indicates that there are 15 state institutions of higher education (comprising 6 universities, 4 art academies and 5 universities of applied sciences), a number of state-recognised institutions of higher education run by non-state bodies, leading to the internationally recognised BA, BSc, MA degrees and PhDs. The application provides information on a series of study programmes delivered in English by universities, finance and management schools, and indicates that Frankfurt offers 102 study programmes. The application indicates that there is a wide range of other education and training options, notably adult education centres, offering classes in 30 foreign languages, as well as dual vocational training.

The application indicates the presence of 13 hospitals including a university hospital, in the vicinity of the premises. The application indicates that some hospitals have concluded special arrangements for patients from other countries. One clinic provides its services in over 50 languages, others use a translation app for foreign-language support for patients and video-based translation assistance. The application indicates that many doctors of all specialties speak English and other 18 EU languages. The application indicates that AMLA staff, their spouses and children will not have to pay social security contributions and have the possibility to join Germany's statutory health insurance scheme which provides full coverage of costs and long-term care insurance. The application indicates that persons with statutory health insurance can arrange for their spouses, registered partners and/or children to be co-insured at no cost, if the latter have little or no income. The application indicates that insured persons are free to choose their own doctors, receive a chip card and do not have to pay in advance. The application indicates that AMLA staff with their spouses, partners and children above a certain age will have an unrestricted right to work, regardless of their nationality. It indicates that the Frankfurt Rhine-Main region is home to 5,000 international companies. The application provides information on bodies available to assist expatriates and foreign nationals. The application provides information on the number of international lawyers and tax consultants seeking foreign languages skills and on law firms where German language is not a prerequisite for recruitment. It provides information on Frankfurt's cultural diversity, international dimension, quality of life and cost of living, and on its cultural offers.

The application indicates that Germany considers that all institutions and bodies as well as interinstitutional service and executive agencies in addition to decentralised EU agencies should be taken into account in relation to geographical balance.

Information on premises 2 and 3 and related public transportation/accommodation. For other criteria see previous page.



**PREMISES 2**

The application indicates the availability of FLOW, located at Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. 11, Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. 13, Rita-Maiburg-Str. 20, 60549 Frankfurt am Main, as premises 2. The application indicates that premises 2 comply with standards in energy efficiency, are suitable for both single-tenant and house-in-house solutions with exclusive and individually entrances, provides office spaces which can be personalised and configured with reception areas, conference rooms, team zones, collaborative offices and lounges. The application indicates that premises 2 are equipped with car and bicycle parkings, showers and lockers and electric charging stations application. The application indicates that premises 2 have been awarded for their environmental performance standards and situated in a building offering a range of catering, entertainment and leisure options. The application indicates that premises 2 will be available in September 2024. The application indicates that 9 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works. The application indicates that total surface of the premises is 22,600 m<sup>2</sup> with an hosting capacity of 400 people and that the premises will offer a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 1 meeting room for 13-15 persons and 2 meeting rooms for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, an internal archives capacity of 200 m<sup>3</sup>, 180 parking spaces and that there is the possibility for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area by 22,600 m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that the premises are EMAS verified, meet legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards, which reflect the requirements set out in EU legislation and as a result satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. In addition, the application indicates that the premises are certified by national and international building certification systems. The application indicates that the premises meet the digital security and connectivity standards.

The application indicates that rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs, that the monthly rental cost is 26 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, that the monthly maintenance cost is 4,5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated of EUR 10 million that would be paid out over a five-year period and that Germany will possibly cover the future upgrade and extension. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding if the founding act of AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs. The application indicates that the duration of the lease is 5 years and that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. The application indicates that lease agreements can be negotiated for an indefinite or fixed period and that usually commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning 5-10 years.

**PREMISES 3**

The application indicates the availability of Messeturm, Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 49, 60308 Frankfurt am Main as premises 3 which is situated in direct proximity to Frankfurt's city centre in the banking district. The application indicates that premises 3 offer flexible office spaces and include a series of amenities. The application indicates that premises 3 have parking places with e-charging stations and provide direct pedestrian access to the entrance hall. The application indicates that premises 3 are engaged in a certification process and can be equipped with lifts exclusively available for AMLA. The application indicates that premises 3 are available immediately and that 12 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works. The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 12,800 m<sup>2</sup>, that the premises have an hosting capacity of 400 people and offer a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 1 meeting room for 13-15 persons and 2 meeting rooms for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, an internal archives volume of 200 m<sup>3</sup>, 150 parking spaces and the possibility for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area by 12,800 m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that new and existing buildings in Germany must meet legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards, which reflect the requirements of the EU legislation. It indicates that as a result the premises satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. In addition, the application indicates that the premises are certified by national and international building certification systems. The application indicates that premises 3 provide for a technological infrastructure that ensures digital security and connectivity, in particular the access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G) and corresponding access restrictions.

The application indicates that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totaling an estimated of EUR 10 million to AMLA that would be paid out over a five-year period and be used to cover for example rent costs and incidental expenses. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding if the founding act of AMLA gives raise to additional financial needs. The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is 33 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, that the rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs, that the monthly maintenance costs are 8.5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 5 years and that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. The application indicates that lease agreements can be negotiated for an indefinite or fixed period and that usually commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning 5-10 years.



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 2**

The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has an average flight time of 2.5 hours or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia (168 daily flights) and that there are 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates the availability of train (15 minutes frequency, 2 minutes duration) and bus (7 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) connections from the closest airport to the premises. The application indicates the availability of a local train (15 minutes frequency, 2 minutes duration) and bus (3 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) from the closest international/national train station to the premises. In addition, the application provides some information on the accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking.

The application indicates the presence of 3 three star hotels and 8 four star hotels at walking distance from the premises, of 3 three star hotels, 25 four star hotels, 12 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.

The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in close proximity of the premises in a variety of locations. The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent with a wide range of services.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 3**

The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has an average flight time of 2.5 h or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia (168 daily flights), and that there are 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates that from the airport to the premises the frequency of the train connection is 10 minutes and the train connection lasts 15 minutes. The application indicates the frequency (metro 5 minutes, tram 6 minutes) and the duration (metro 2 minutes, tram 5 minutes) from the closest international/national train station to the premises. In addition, the application provides some information on the accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking.

The application indicates the presence of 10 three star hotels, 20 four star hotels, 2 five star hotels at walking distance from the premises, of 7 three star hotels, 11 four star hotels, 10 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises. The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in close proximity of the premises in a variety of locations that can host from 2,000-15,000 participants to smaller location. The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent with a wide range of services.



**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/  
ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

Ireland (Dublin)

The application indicates that Ireland proposes as premises 1 Coopers Cross located at Mayor Street Upper, North Dock, Dublin 1. The premises are split between Building 1 (8,650 m<sup>2</sup>) and Building 2 (26,756 m<sup>2</sup>). The buildings offer amenities such as showers, bicycle spaces, changing areas, lockers, drying rooms, and a crèche facility. The premises have sustainability accreditations and features like greywater recycling, demand response thermal control, and contactless work environment. The estimated time for fit-out and adaptation works is 12 months. The AMLA premises will have a total surface of 8,647 m<sup>2</sup>, accommodating 500 staff. The premises have a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (2 for over 40 persons, 6 for 13-15 persons and 4 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area, a dedicated FIU area, internal archives capacity of 1,221 m<sup>3</sup>, and 21 parking spaces. The application indicates the possibility for extension of the office space by 26,731 m<sup>2</sup>. The premises are EMAS verified. The application indicates that Building 1 will meet AMLA's requirements in accordance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications and that AMLA will have access to high-speed internet. It provides information on the security of the premises.

The application indicates that the fixed costs amount to EUR 5 626 563 per year, covering rent, car/bicycle spaces, charges and estate service charges and that Ireland intends to cover the rent for 9 years as well as the fit-out costs of 3 500 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that Ireland proposes an estimated financial support of EUR 80 million for the establishment of AMLA in Dublin. The lease contract will have a duration of 25 years with no deed of renunciation and renewal rights.

The application indicates that Ireland's airport offers 1,400 weekly flight options for Europe. It provides information on the transport and travel times from the airport to the city centre by bus (30-40 minutes) or taxi (20 minutes). Moreover, it indicates the availability of a ferry access to northern France and Spain. The application indicates the availability of bus connections from the airport to the premises (frequency of 20 minutes and duration of 35 minutes) and the availability of tram connections (frequency of 6 minutes and duration of 15 minutes) and bus connections (frequency of 30 minutes and duration of 20 minutes) from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application indicates the presence of 15 three star hotels, 7 four star hotels, 2 five star hotels at a walking distance from the premises, and the presence of 145 three star, 72 four star, 16 five star hotels in the vicinity of the premises. It indicates that Dublin has over 120 dedicated event spaces, including the Convention Centre Dublin and historic buildings, for international events and conferences.

The application indicates that Ireland's primary school system includes 457 nurseries offering English, French, German, Irish, Polish and Spanish languages. It indicates that pre-school childcare is provided through various providers, including pre-schools, play groups, day nurseries, crèches, and childminders and that the core of the pre-school childcare offered, the Early Childhood Care and Education, starts at 2 years and 8 months and runs until primary school. It also indicates the presence of the Centre for European Schooling in Dunshaughlin, Dublin, an accredited European School accommodating 600 students and offering mother tongue classes in Czech, English, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Irish, Polish, Slovak and Spanish for primary level education. It also provides information on 5 international schools providing primary and secondary education in English, French and German, including 4 International Baccalaureate World Schools, offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma. The application also provides information on the presence of 14 higher education facilities offering education in English, French, German, Italian, Irish, Spanish and Portuguese. It finally indicates that over 25,000 international learners are enrolled in higher education and research programs.

The application indicates the presence of 14 hospitals in Dublin and healthcare services ranging from General Practitioner services to hospital emergency services. Ireland has 48 public hospitals, 36 general hospitals and 10 specialist hospitals, including five major university hospitals, three dedicated maternity hospitals and three children's hospitals. The Health Service Executive operates two minor injury units in Dublin. The Department of Social Protection manages the Social Security System and will offer a dedicated service for AMLA staff and family members.

The application indicates that Dublin offers employment through foreign direct investment and indigenous companies. Ireland is home to global technology companies, financial services companies, global pharmaceutical players, medical technology companies, industrial automation companies and aviation leasing business. It further indicates that many companies host international-focused centres. Lastly it provides information on public/private bodies offering assistance for expatriates and foreign nationals seeking jobs.

The application indicates that the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound) and one Directorate of the European Commission's Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety are hosted in Ireland. It also refers to Ireland's peripheric location.



Information on premises 2 and related public transportation/accommodation. For other criteria see previous page.



**PREMISES 2**

The application indicates that premises 2 are located at Four Park Place at Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, in the south of Dublin. The application indicates that premises 2 have a total surface split between two commercial buildings: number 4 with 11,525 m<sup>2</sup> and number 5 with 6,900 m<sup>2</sup>. It indicates that premises 2 have a hosting capacity of 600 staff and indicates the availability of meeting rooms (4 for more than 40 persons, 10 for 13-15 persons and 5 for 25-35 persons), a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, 1,005 m<sup>3</sup> of internal archives capacity and 30 parking spaces. It indicates the possibility to extend the office space by 46,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The application also indicates that premises 2 are EMAS verified and that they will comply with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. Lastly, it provides information on the security and connectivity of premises 2.

The application indicates that the fixed costs for premises 2 amount to EUR 8 505 000 per year, covering rent, costs of car spaces and estate service charge and that Ireland intends to cover the rent for 9 years as well as the monthly maintenance costs of 2.21 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and the fit-out costs of 3,500 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that Ireland proposes an estimated financial support of EUR 80 million for the establishment of AMLA in Dublin. The lease contract will have a duration of 25 years with no deed of renunciation and renewal rights.



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 2**

The application indicates that Ireland's airport offers 1,400 weekly flight options for Europe. It provides information on the transport and travel times from the airport to the city centre by bus (30-40 minutes) or taxi (20 minutes). Moreover, it indicates the availability of a ferry access to northern France and Spain. The application indicates the availability of bus connections from the airport to the premises (frequency of 30 minutes and duration of 45 minutes) and the availability of bus connections (frequency of 15 minutes and duration of 25 minutes) from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application indicates the presence of 25 three star, 25 four star, 11 five star hotels at a walking distance from the premises as well as of 130 three star hotels, 65 four star hotels and 14 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.

The application refers to information provided on available facilities for events and conferences outside AMLA premises under premises 1.



**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/  
ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

Spain (Madrid)

The application indicates that Spain proposes as AMLA's headquarters the Torre de Cristal located at Paseo Castellana n. 259c in Madrid. The tower has 46 floors, 60,000 m<sup>2</sup> of office space and 500 m<sup>2</sup> of restaurant area.

It indicates that the premises have a total surface of 9,500 m<sup>2</sup> and a hosting capacity of 400 staff. It also indicates the availability of a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (2 for 40 persons, 1 per 13-15 persons and 2 per 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives capacity of 25 m<sup>3</sup> and 26 parkings for AMLA. It also indicates the possibility for extension by 8,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The application does not provide information on the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications but provides information on a number of certificates which meet the EMAS criteria through other schemes. The application provides information on internal and external security as well as on the premises' connectivity.

The application indicates that the agreement concluded between Madrid and the premises' owner (valid until November 2024) will allow AMLA to start operating immediately, with a capacity of 160 people, including 30 FIU staff. The initial space reservation includes two floors, between 2,565 and 2,821 m<sup>2</sup> net office space, and 23 to 26 underground parking spaces, 30 individual offices, three FIU operations rooms, one meeting room for up to 50 people, two meeting rooms for up to 30 people and 130 desks.

The application indicates that Madrid intends to cover the rent and certain costs (shared expenses, electricity, fit-out and property damage insurance) for a period of 5 years for the start-up phase of AMLA. Other expenses, including future extensions, will be at AMLA's expense. It also indicates that the monthly rental cost is EUR 112 138, the maintenance costs are 8.58 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and the fit-out costs are 1 000 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>.

In addition, it indicates that the duration of the lease is of 10 years with a possibility of a termination at no cost passed 5 years during which the Madrid City Council will be the contract partner. Lastly, it indicates that all costs given are exclusive of VAT.

The application provides information on Madrid's airport: an average of 2,600 flights to and from 83 different EU cities. It also indicates that Madrid's high speed rail network connects some EU cities.

In addition, it indicates the availability of train (15 minutes frequency, 15 minutes duration), metro (5 minutes frequency, 36 minutes duration) and bus (15 minutes frequency, 60 minutes duration) connections from the airport to the premises. It indicates the availability of metro (5 minutes frequency, 5 minutes duration) and bus (10 minutes frequency, 12 minutes duration) connections from the closest train station to the premises.

The application also provides information on the average monthly season ticket cost for public transportation, on electric bikes, on taxis, on car-sharing and on discount schemes for AMLA's staff.

The application indicates the availability of 4 four star hotels and 2 five stars hotels at a walking distance from the premises, and 12 three star hotels, 18 four stars hotels and 2 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.

The application indicates the presence of 38 hotels ranging from 3 to 5 stars in the vicinity of the premises (1-4 km). In addition, it indicates the availability of 262 hotels in the city ranging from 3 to 5 stars offering 70,600 beds in Madrid.

As regards facilities for events and conferences, the application indicates that Madrid Trade Fair Institution offers 200,000 m<sup>2</sup> of flexible space for trade fairs and congresses, 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> in a congress centre on the same site, 13 halls, 85 rooms, two convention centres and outdoor areas, and on the City Council's Madrid Convention Bureau which offers advisory service to organisers of events.

The application indicates the availability of 1,212 nurseries in Madrid offering education in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish. It also indicates that the first accredited European School in Spain will open in Madrid for the 2024-2025 school year and will offer education in English and Spanish. Furthermore, it indicates the presence of 67 international schools providing primary and secondary education offering education in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish. Lastly, the application indicates the presence of 21 universities, 6 business schools and 4 authorised overseas centres offering over 400 degrees and 937 master's degrees covering all disciplines.

The application indicates the availability of 8 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises and a total of 22,198 pharmacies, 90 hospitals and 430 public primary healthcare centres in the Madrid region. It gives information on the number of doctors and nurses and the languages spoken in addition to Spanish (mostly English) as well as on an interpreting service available and on the emergency healthcare system.

The application provides information on the Spanish healthcare system which gives complete and unlimited health treatment for AMLA staff and their family.

The application indicates the presence of over 9,943 foreign-ownership companies in Madrid. It also provides information on a 'soft landing' service offered by Spain/Madrid which will facilitate the job seeking process for AMLA's employees and their families.

The application indicates that Madrid does not host an agency.



**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/  
ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

France (Paris)

The application indicates 3 proposed premises, which are presented as examples of the type of premises currently under development or available in the Paris Region, and indicates that none of the premises have been pre-booked. The application indicates that the French authorities are committed to ensuring that an appropriate building will be available on the date set out in the AMLA Regulation and that they are able to support AMLA with intermediate and/or temporary solutions if necessary, including being hosted in the EBA or ESMA premises.

The application indicates the HEKLA Tower at 52 Avenue du Général de Gaulle - 92800 Puteaux as proposed premises 1. It indicates that the HEKLA Tower has been completed in late 2022, comprises 49 floors, each floor of approximately 1,700 m<sup>2</sup>, and 76,000 m<sup>2</sup> in total and consists of 39 office levels and 4 service levels. It complies with a number of French and international building standards and is located close to La Défense Grande Arche and EBA. The application indicates the immediate availability of premises 1 with a possibility of settling progressively, with an estimated 6 months for fit-out and adaptation works. The total surface of the premises 1 is 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> with a capacity of hosting 400 staff. The application indicates the availability of a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (2 for 40 persons, 5 per 13-15 persons and 2 per 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives capacity (250 m<sup>3</sup>) and 223 parking spaces. It also indicates the possibility for possible future extension (1,700 m<sup>2</sup> per floorplate), with the cost of an additional floorplate being 41,67 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>/month.

The application indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified. It does not indicate compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications but provides information on several of the elements covered in the Manual and compliance with several national and international standards. The application indicates information on digital security, referring available certification.

The application indicates that the lease would be a 9 year firm lease. The monthly rental costs are 41.67 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, the monthly costs of charges are 4.84 EUR per m<sup>2</sup> and the fit-out costs are 500 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>.

The application indicates that for all 3 premises, France is offering a EUR 15 million grant to host AMLA during the first 9 years to be used as AMLA sees fit to cover part of the rental, maintenance and fit-out costs of the building selected.

The application indicates the existence of 3 international airports and a transport network with a metro system, suburban trains and 7 high-speed train stations. The application indicates that Paris is a 2-hour flight away from a number of capitals. It indicates that a high-speed train (TGV) links Paris Region to other European capitals within 3 hours. Direct rail links exist particularly with Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, as well as with the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

The application indicates the availability of train connections (5 minutes frequency, 39 minutes duration) from the premises to the closest airport. It indicates the availability of metro connections (3 minutes frequency, 10 minutes duration) from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application indicates the presence of 2 three star, 6 four star and 1 five star hotels at a walking distance from the premises. It indicates the presence of 18 three star, 7 four star and 2 five star hotels in the vicinity of the premises. The application indicates that Paris has 17 congress and exhibition centres, a hundred-odd meeting rooms and a thousand venues with capacity to accommodate from 10 to 10,000 people.

More specifically as regards the La Défense district area the application indicates the availability of 21 event spaces that can accommodate thousands of people and modular reception capacities according to needs.

The application indicates the presence of 850 nurseries, offering English and French language options, and provides information on a variety of childcare options for children from 3 months to 3 years old.

The application indicates the presence of the accredited European School Paris La Défense, offering English and French language options and multilingual and multicultural education from kindergarten to the baccalaureate. The school is located in the city of Courbevoie, next to Paris.

The application indicates the presence of 256 international schools providing primary and secondary education with Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish and other languages offered. Out of these, around 40 are international private schools in the Paris Region. There are also 216 international public state-funded or private state-licensed schools located all over the Paris Region (i.e. 47 elementary schools, 82 middle schools and 87 high schools). In addition, the application indicates that the French school system includes international sections and binational sections.

The application indicates the presence of 91 higher education facilities (university level or equal), offering English and French languages. It indicates that there are more than 600 English-speaking programmes in Paris for bachelor's and master's degrees. In addition, it indicates the presence of Campus France, a one-stop shop for students seeking to study in France.

The application indicates that support and practical assistance in relation to children's education will be provided to AMLA's HR team and staff's families.

The application indicates the presence of 38 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises, as well as a wide range of medical facilities, several providing services in multiple languages. It indicates that out of the 44,000 Paris Region health professionals registered on an online medical appointment website 74.5% speak English or another language. The application indicates that AMLA staff members and their family members, including spouses and dependent children, will have access to medical care in France.

The application indicates that the Paris Region offers a range of employment opportunities across various sectors, including international startups (+ 8,000) and international companies with an interest in expat profiles, as well as Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises. The application indicates several public and private services that spouses can resort to whilst searching for a job as well as to facilitate their integration into the Paris Region.

The application indicates that spouses of AMLA staff members in France will have access to the French labour market and provides information on the process depending on the nationality and status of the spouse.

The application indicates that France hosts the European Parliament Headquarters in Strasbourg and hosts the following Union agencies:

- The Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO) – Angers
- The European Railway Agency (ERA) – Valenciennes
- The European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) – Paris
- The European Banking Authority (EBA) – Courbevoie
- The European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) – Paris

Information on premises 2 and 3 and related public transportation/accommodation. For other criteria see previous page.



**PREMISES 2**

The application indicates CCEUR DEFENSE, 100-110 Esplanade du Général de Gaulle, Paris - La Défense as premises 2. The application indicates that the complex has 2 twin towers of 39 floors and 3 buildings of 9 floors, with more than 173,000m<sup>2</sup> of offices. It indicates that the building complies with a number of French and international building standards and is 10 minutes away by foot from the European Banking Authority.

The application indicates the immediate availability of premises 2, with an estimated 6 months for fit-out and adaptation works. The total surface of premises 2 is 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> with a capacity of hosting 400 staff. The application indicates the availability of meeting rooms (2 for 40 persons, 5 per 13-15 persons and 2 per 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives capacity (250 m<sup>3</sup>) and parking spaces (300). It also indicates the possibility for future extension (1,600m<sup>2</sup> per floorplate), with the cost of an additional floorplate being 45,84 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>/month.

The application indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified. It does not explicitly indicate compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specification but provides information on several elements of the Manual and compliance with several national and international standards. The application provides information on the digital security, referring to available certification.

The application indicates that the lease would be a 9 year firm lease. The monthly rental costs are 45.84 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, the monthly costs of charges are 6.38 EUR per m<sup>2</sup> and the fit-out costs are 500 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>.

The application indicates that for all 3 premises, France is offering a EUR 15 million grant to host the AMLA during the first 9 years to be used as AMLA sees fit to cover part of the rental, maintenance and fit-out costs of the building selected.

**PREMISES 3**

The application indicates the MESSENGER as premises 3, located at 65 rue du Charolais and rue Charles Bossut in the 12th arrondissement of Paris in the Gare de Lyon – Bercy tertiary hub. The premises are located in walking distance from ESMA.

The application indicates the availability of the premises in March 2026 and that fit-out and adaptation works will be made before the delivery of the building. The total surface of the premises 3 is 9,500 m<sup>2</sup> with a capacity of hosting 400 staff. The application indicates the availability of meeting rooms (2 for 40 persons, 5 per 13-15 persons and 2 per 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives capacity (250 m<sup>3</sup>) and parking spaces (250). It also indicates the possibility for possible future extension by 1,500 m<sup>2</sup>.

The application indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified. It does not indicate compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications but provides information on several elements covered in the Manual and aspects of the building and indicates that it offers connectivity access and IT infrastructure (fiber optic) and can be audited.

The application indicates that the lease would be a 9 year firm lease. The monthly rental costs are 50 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, the monthly costs of charges is not yet known and the fit-out costs are 500 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>.

The application indicates that for all 3 premises, France is offering a EUR 15 million grant to host the AMLA during the first 9 years to be used as AMLA sees fit to cover part of the rental, maintenance and fit-out costs of the building selected.



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 2**

The application indicates the existence of 3 international airports and a transport network with a metro system, suburban trains and 7 high-speed train stations. The application indicates that Paris is a 2-hour flight away from Barcelona, Rome and Berlin and in addition Geneva and London. It indicates that high-speed train (TGV) links Paris Region to other European capitals within 3 hours. Direct rail links exist particularly with Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, as well as with the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

The application indicates the availability of train connections (5 minutes frequency, 39 minutes duration) from the premises to the closest airport. It indicates the availability of metro connections (3 minutes frequency, 10 minutes duration) from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application indicates the presence of 2 three star, 6 four star and 1 five star hotels at a walking distance from the premises. It indicates the presence of 18 three star, 7 four star and 2 five star hotels in the vicinity of the premises. The application indicates that Paris has 17 congress and exhibition centres, a hundred-odd meeting rooms and a thousand venues with capacity to accommodate from 10 to 10,000 people.

More specifically as regards the La Défense district area the application indicates the availability of 21 event spaces that can accommodate thousands of people and modular reception capacities according to needs.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 3**

The application indicates the existence of 3 international airports and a transport network with a metro system, suburban trains and 7 high-speed train stations. The application indicates that Paris is a 2-hour flight away from a number of capitals. It indicates that high-speed train (TGV) links Paris Region to other European capitals within 3 hours. Direct rail links exist particularly with Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Luxembourg, as well as with the United Kingdom and Switzerland.

The application indicates the availability of metro connections (3 minutes frequency, 24 minutes duration) from the premises to the closest airport. It indicates the availability of metro connections (3 minutes frequency, 2 minutes duration) from the closest international/national train station to the premises. In addition, the application indicates ongoing work on a new transport network and cycling infrastructures.

The application indicates the presence of 25 three star, and 7 four star hotels at a walking distance from the premises. It indicates the presence of 34 three star, 10 four star and 4 five star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.

The application indicates that Paris has 17 congress and exhibition centres, a hundred-odd meeting rooms and a thousand venues with capacity to accommodate from 10 to 10,000 people.



**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/  
ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

Italy (Rome)

The application indicates the availability of the proposed permanent premises (premises 1), in the Torri EUR complex, located on Viale America, in the EUR district in the southern area of Rome. It indicates that the premises would be available from April 2026 onwards and consist of 17 352 m<sup>2</sup> and would be able to host 524 staff members without possibility for further extensions.

The application indicates the availability on the premises of a large conference room, meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 2 for 25-35 persons, 2 for 13-15 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or diner catering, a dedicated area for FIU and internal archives capacity of 938 m<sup>3</sup>. The application also indicates the availability of 243 parking spaces for cars, motorbikes and bikes.

The application indicates that the works aimed at occupying the spaces by AMLA will be guided by the Manual of Standard Building Specifications.

The application includes a detailed description on the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure.

The application indicates that Italy will partially cover the rent for 8 years, that Italy's contribution will be EUR 3 million per year for years 1, 2, 3 and 4 and EUR 2 million per year for years 5, 6, 7 and 8, and that the overall contribution to the rent over 8 years will be EUR 20 million. The application indicates that Italy will cover all fit-out costs, estimated at EUR 6.8 million. It also indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are 3.4 EUR/ m<sup>2</sup> which will be covered by AMLA.

The application indicates the presence of two international airports in Rome which have direct flights to all EU capitals (except Ljubljana) and of three railway stations.

It also indicates the availability of train (15 minutes frequency, 50 minutes duration) and bus (30 minutes frequency, 50 minutes duration) connections from the closest airport to the premises. It further indicates the availability of metro (5 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) and bus (10 minutes frequency, 30 minutes duration) connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application indicates the availability of 1 three star hotel and 3 four star hotels within walking distance from the premises and of 29 three star hotels, 55 four star hotels and 4 five star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises.

The application indicates the presence in the neighbourhood of the premises of 5 national events and conference venues.

The application indicates the presence of 833 nurseries offering English, French, German, Italian and Spanish languages. It indicates that there are no European Schools or accredited European Schools in Rome and that there are 23 international schools providing primary and secondary education in English, French, German, Italian and Spanish. The application indicates the existence in Rome of 24 higher education facilities, with courses offered in English and Italian. The application provides further information about universities in Rome, including about the courses and academic specialisations offered by these.

The application also indicates the presence of public, private and Catholic higher education facilities, including 17 universities and 7 pontifical universities accredited by the Holy See, and the availability of conservatories and music schools, theatre and cinema schools as well as culinary schools in Rome.

The application indicates the presence of 46 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises and provides information about the Italian healthcare system, including that the latter is publicly funded, mainly financed through national taxation, and ensures comprehensive and free-of-charge healthcare services to all Italian citizens and residents, broadly available in English and Italian. It also indicates that Rome has 2,063 general practitioners (8.3 GPs per 10,000 residents) and that Rome's hospitals have a total of 16 041 hospital beds.

The application indicates that Rome hosts a range of governmental and public entities as well as international organisations, multinational companies and businesses offering employment opportunities for families of AMLA's staff. The application indicates the presence of bodies offering services for job placement and vocational training, which would be available for relatives of AMLA's staff.

The application indicates that the Municipality of Rome has signed a formal agreement with the Campus Bio-medico and the local association of private healthcare providers – represented by Unindustria – in view of establishing future protocols for favourable health treatments for AMLA's staff and their families across the various affiliated healthcare facilities in the city of Rome.

The application indicates that Italy currently hosts two decentralised agencies, the European Training Foundation (ETF) in Turin and the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) in Parma.

Information on premises 2 and related public transportation/accommodation. For other criteria see previous page.



**PREMISES 2**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 2**

Italy (Rome)

The application indicates the availability of the proposed temporary premises 2, located on Via Benedetto Croce, in the EUR district in the southern area of Rome, which would be available from the start, subject to fit-out and adaptation works for a duration of 6 months, and until the transfer of AMLA's staff to the permanent premises (premises 1) in April 2026.

The application indicates that premises 2 consist of 3,829 m<sup>2</sup> and would be able to host 236 staff members without possibility for further extensions. The application indicates the availability, on premises 2, of a large conference room, meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 1 for 13-15 persons and 2 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or diner catering, and a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives capacity of 250 m<sup>3</sup> and 30 parking spaces.

It also indicates that the buildings largely comply with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications and that they are EMAS verified. The application includes detailed descriptions of the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure.

The application indicates that Italy will cover the rent for the period during which premises 2 will be used as AMLA's temporary headquarters, as well as all fit-out costs for the premises, estimated at EUR 2 372 000, and the furnishing costs, estimated at EUR 250 000. It further indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are 3.92 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>.

The application indicates the presence of two international airports in Rome which have direct flights to all EU capitals (except Ljubljana) as well as three railway stations.

It also indicates the availability of a train (15 minutes frequency, 65 minutes duration) and bus (30 minutes frequency, 65 minutes duration) from the closest airport to the premises.

It further indicates the availability of metro (5 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) and bus (10 minutes frequency, 30 minutes duration) connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application indicates the availability of 1 four star hotel within walking distance from the premises and of 31 three star hotels, 59 four star hotels and 4 five star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises.

The application indicates the presence in the neighbourhood of the premises of 5 national events and conference venues.



**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/  
ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

Latvia (Riga)

The application indicates the availability of 'Valters', located in the business centre 'Jaunā Teika' of 70,000 m<sup>2</sup> in Riga (Gustava Zemgala gatve 74, Riga, Latvia, LV-1039) as premises 1, which offers 7,740 m<sup>2</sup> within 5 floors with possible extension in the same building that can host 750 people. The application indicates that the total leasable area of office building is approximately 15,400 m<sup>2</sup>, that additional premises in the same office building or others could be envisaged up to 3,500 m<sup>2</sup> and that the area intended for parking covers 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that the premises are available from June 2024 with an estimated time of 4 months for fit-out and adaptation works. The application indicates the availability of a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (6 for more than 40 persons, 10 for 13-15 persons and 6 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, 600 m<sup>3</sup> of internal archives capacity, 193 parking spaces. It indicates that the premises are EMAS verified and are certified and meet all standards of class B1 building, are equipped with 4 lifts, a Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning system combined with a series of technicalities. The application indicates that the premises are equipped with digital security and communication in relation to physical and IT infrastructure, compliant with standard of B1 class office building. The application indicates that the premises provide remote monitoring, access control, surveillance and security, control of energy consumption, maintenance, wifi and network connections. The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is 14 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and the monthly maintenance costs are 2.5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and the fit-out costs are 400 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, that Latvia intends to cover the fit-out costs and the rent and the maintenance costs for 2 years, but not the future upgrade and extension. The application indicates that the financial conditions will depend on the terms of the lease agreement whose duration is of 7 years. The application indicates that the tenant can terminate the agreement by notifying the lessor in advance, but he has to cover the unamortised part of the lessor's investments into the fit-out works.

The application indicates that the city centre of Riga is located 15 minutes from the airport, which provides over 100 direct flights to all EU capitals and 35 countries. The application indicates that Latvia will be integrated in the single European Railway Area by 2026 and that Riga port offers regular ferry connections with the Nordic countries and Germany.

The application indicates the availability of tram (7 minutes frequency, 50 minutes duration) and bus (10 minutes frequency, 45 minutes duration) connections from the airport to the premises. The application indicates the availability of local train (60 minutes frequency, 12 minutes duration), tram (10 minutes frequency, 15 minutes duration) and bus (15 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises. The application provides information on other means of transport from Riga Central Station to the premises, via trolleybus, cycling routes, cars, or electric mobility solutions.

The application indicates the presence of 6 three star hotels at a walking distance from the premises and 19 three star hotels, 30 four star hotels and 10 five star hotels in the vicinity of the premises. The application provides information on 16 locations and various hotels of different destinations, categories, styles, capacities, equipment, surfaces, configurations and facilities, where conferences and events can be organised.

The application indicates the presence of 247 nurseries and 6 institutions that offer preschool education in English, French, German and Latvian and 8 international schools providing primary and secondary education in the same languages. The application indicates that there are no European or European accredited schools. The application indicates that the French and the German schools are accredited by France and Germany. The application indicates the presence of 50 higher education facilities (university level or equal) which provide education in English, French, German, Latvian and propose 984 study programmes.

The application indicates the presence of 55 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises, that permanent residents have access to publicly funded services, that most paid services are available to everyone at an affordable price and that patients are registered with a general practitioner who may direct to specialists as necessary and that healthcare professionals mostly speak English, German, Latvian, and, in addition, Russian. The application indicates that Latvia's healthcare services are provided to EU citizens' children up to 18 years as well as their spouses who have entered into labour relationships or reside as self-employed persons in Latvia. The application indicates that spouses having temporary residence permit may obtain state-funded pregnant women care and child-birth assistance free of charge.

The application indicates that Latvia is a multilingual country with English being the third most spoken language. The application indicates that Latvia's labour market counts 2 million companies operating in 1,500 industries and offers opportunities in IT, sales, finance, banking, insurance, accounting, logistics and engineering sector. In addition, the application indicates that Latvia's FinTech ecosystem attract many talents and companies. The application provides information on 8 public/private bodies available for assisting expatriates in seeking jobs.

The application indicates that the location of AMLA in Riga would reinforce the EU presence in Latvia and would contribute to the geographical balance of the European Union and its agencies and to the balance of the EU financial supervision system.

Information on premises 2 and 3 and related public transportation/accommodation. For other criteria see previous page.



**PREMISES 2**

The application indicates that premises 2 are situated in the North district of Riga (Talejas iela 1 Building). The application indicates that the premises are immediately available and that 6 months will be needed for fit-out. The application indicates that the surface of the premises is 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> and can host 600 people. It indicates the availability of a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 3 for 13-15 persons and 2 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering a dedicated area for FIU, 308 m<sup>3</sup> of internal archives capacity 50 parking spaces and possible extensions of 1,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified. The application indicates that the premises equipment is certified and maintained in accordance with regulations and established procedures. The application does not specifically indicate if the premises comply with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications but indicates that the premises are equipped with digital connectivity and office IT devices.

The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is 14.56 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, the monthly cost of charges is 5.04 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, the fit-out costs are 1 500 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that Latvia intends to cover the rent and the maintenance costs for 2 years as well as the fit-out costs, but not the future upgrade and extension. The application indicates that cost of future upgrade and extensions depend on depreciation and tenant needs and that minimum restoration costs varies from 150 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> to 250 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> (excluding VAT). The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 10 years and that a notice period of 6 months shall be respected in case of early termination as well as a security deposit depending on the circumstances, damages or unpaid rent owed.



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 2**

The application indicates that the city centre of Riga is located 15 minutes from the airport, which provides over 100 direct flights to all EU capitals and 35 countries. The application indicates that Latvia will be integrated in the single European railway system by 2026 and that Riga port offers regular ferry connections with the Nordic countries and Germany.

The application indicates the availability of tram (7 minutes frequency, 60 minutes duration) and bus (10 minutes frequency, 70 minutes duration) connections from the closest airport to the premises. The application indicates the availability of tram (7 minutes frequency, 35 minutes duration) and bus (30 minutes frequency, 37 minutes duration) from the closest international/national train station to the premises. The application indicates that safe cycling routes and other transport solutions are also available.

The application indicates the presence of 3 three star hotels at a walking distance from the premises and 19 three star hotels, 20 four star hotels and 10 five star hotels in the vicinity of the premises. The application provides information on 16 locations and various hotels of different destination, categories, styles, capacities, equipment, surfaces, configurations and facilities, where conferences and events can be organised.

**PREMISES 3**

The application indicates the availability of 'Preses Nama Kvartāls' (PNK) - Balasta dambis 2, K-2, Riga, as premises 3. They are located on the Left bank of Daugava River with proximity to the airport, the central railway station (15 minutes by car) and Freeport of Riga (10 minutes by car). The application indicates that the premises are hosted in a nearly zero-energy office building of 11 floor A-class that offers in total up to 26,000 m<sup>2</sup> of office area for 2,500 employees and various facilities. The application indicates that floor plans can be customised with environmentally friendly and sustainable solutions. The application indicates that the premises are available from February 2025 at earliest and that 4 months will be needed for fit-out. The application indicates that the premises offer a total surface of 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> and can host 1,200 people. It indicates the availability of a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (3 for more than 40 persons, 3 for 13-15 persons and 3 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, an internal archive capacity of 625 m<sup>3</sup> and 1,000 parking spaces. The application indicates the possibility for extension of office space by 26,000 m<sup>2</sup> in the premises or the nearby area. The application indicates that the premises are EMAS verified. The application provides information on ceiling height, floor depth, lighting levels, building management system, heating ventilation and air conditioning, elevators. The application indicates that the premises are equipped with digital security and communication technicalities.

The application indicates that the terms of the lease contract can be negotiated, that the monthly rental cost is 15.5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>, that the monthly maintenance costs are 3.25 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and that the fit-out costs are 550 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>. It indicates that Latvia intends to cover the fit-out costs and for two years the rent and the maintenance costs, but not the future upgrade and extension. The application indicates that the duration of the lease is 5 years and that the tenant may terminate the agreement before the term under the obligation to cover the lessor's investments into the fit-out works. The application indicates that the rented area of the premises includes a part of the supportive area, which consists of an elevator area and shared facilities.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 3**

The application indicates that the city centre of Riga is located 15 minutes from the airport, which provides over 100 direct flights to all EU capitals and 35 countries. The application indicates that Latvia will be integrated in the single European railway system by 2026 and that Riga port offers regular ferry connections with the Nordic countries and Germany.

The application indicates the availability of bus connections (10 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) from the airport to the premises and the availability of bus connections (10 minutes frequency and 10 duration) from the closest international/national train station to the premises. In addition, the application indicates other means of transport from Riga Central Station to the premises, via trolleybus, cycling routes, cars, or electric mobility solutions.

The application indicates the presence of 4 three star hotels, 6 four star hotels and 1 five star hotel at walking distance from the premises, and 33 three star hotels, 20 four star hotels and 10 five star hotels in the vicinity of the premises. The application indicates the availability of 16 locations and various hotels of different destinations, categories, styles, capacities, equipment, surfaces, configurations and facilities, where conferences and events can be organised.





**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/  
ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

Lithuania (Vilnius)

Lithuania proposes the Yellowstone Business Centre in Vilnius, Lithuania, a 9-storey building, as premises. It indicates that the building meets certain sustainability standards and offers amenities such as a restaurant, café, and underground parking. The application indicates that the premises are available immediately, and that the 5 months for fit-out and adaptation works could be finished in Q2 2024. The premises have a total surface of 6,591 m<sup>2</sup>, accommodating 400 staff. The application indicates the availability of meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 1 for 13-15 persons and 2 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives capacity of 315.63 m<sup>3</sup> and 100 parking spaces. The extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area is possible by 2,682 m<sup>2</sup>.

The application indicates that the building is EMAS certified and meets the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. It indicates that the building is equipped with physical and IT infrastructure, including Wi-Fi and optical fibre networks and an access control system for critical server rooms. The premises meet specific requirements for FIU and FIU-related functions, and Lithuania is committed to complying with EU and NATO recommendations on 5G infrastructure security.

The application indicates that the lease agreement will be concluded between the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania and the real estate developer for a duration of 5 years. The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is EUR 148,429.32, with Lithuania covering rent, fit-out costs and monthly maintenance costs for 5 years, with future upgrades and extensions subject to consideration.

The application indicates that Lithuania has three international airports, including Vilnius Airport which is less than 3 hours flight away from most European capitals and is situated 7 km from the city centre. The application indicates up to 34 direct flights per week between Vilnius and European capitals and cities. In addition, the application refers to plans to expand Lithuania's air connectivity. The application indicates daily train connections between Vilnius and Warsaw, linked with other train connections to travel to other Polish cities and Western European countries and as of December 2023 a new train route between Vilnius and Riga.

The application indicates the availability of bus connections (8 minutes frequency, 18 minutes duration) from the premises to the closest airport. The application also indicates bus connections (6 minutes frequency, 14 minutes duration) from the closest international/national train station to the premises. The application indicates that the Vilnius airport allows to reach most destinations in the city within 30 minutes and the old town within 15 minutes, and that the city offers an integrated public transportation infrastructure and a network of cycle paths.

The application indicates the presence of 6 three star hotels and 9 four star hotels at a walking distance from the premises. It indicates the presence of 22 three star, 16 four star hotels and 6 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.

The application also lists 6 three star hotels and 9 four star hotels in the vicinity of the premises. The application lists 55 venues for events and conferences outside AMLA premises accommodating between 70 and 13,000 attendees and 236 venues in hotels in Vilnius, accommodating between 20 and 900 people.

The application indicates the presence of 328 nurseries, with English, French, Lithuanian, Polish and Spanish offered. The 328 facilities include both public and private facilities. Among these facilities, there are 308 kindergartens and 20 schools with preschool (zero) grades. The application also indicates the presence of 164 registered pre-school education facilities, detailing that there are 11 kindergarten companies offering education and childcare in English, 2 in French, one in Spanish and other languages. The application provides information on costs and indicates that Lithuania is committed to ensuring the availability and access of vacancies in international schools and kindergartens for children of AMLA's staff.

The applications indicates that there is no European or accredited European school, it indicates the presence of 14 international private schools providing primary and secondary education, of 11 school companies providing primary and secondary education in English, of one that offers primary and secondary education in French and of one that offers it in Polish, within a 15-minute driving range from the proposed premises. It indicates that there are two public schools that offer international baccalaureate (IB Diploma) classes and provide education in English in senior classes and 14 public school that offer education in Polish. The application provides information on enrolment and fees.

The application indicates the presence of 10 higher education facilities (university level or equal) offering English, French, German, Lithuanian and Polish and more than 500 study programmes in English, and that 9 out of the 10 universities offer a choice of study programmes in English. It indicates that the diplomas from all these universities are internationally recognised. The application indicates the presence of colleges with study programmes in English and provides details on tuition fees and scholarships.

The application indicates the presence of 5 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises. It indicates that EU nationals working and living in Lithuania have full access to the Lithuanian healthcare system, via national public or private health insurance schemes. The application indicates that Vilnius has 15 state and municipality hospitals, 5 specialised hospitals and 10 municipality clinics in Vilnius. The application indicates that many public clinics offer medical services in English and other language. The application indicates that private healthcare institutions operate under licenses issued by the Ministry of Health, offering consultations in English or Polish. It indicates that Vilnius has 8 private specialised medical clinic chains, providing a wide range of healthcare services and treatments, as well as 5 private health clinic chains, that emergency services and emergency psychiatric care are free of charge to all permanent residents.

The application provides information on career opportunities in Vilnius referring to the existence of international companies, local businesses and startups. The application refers to a tool to search for jobs in international companies in Vilnius and the availability of public/private bodies for assisting expatriates and foreign nationals in seeking jobs and services related to relocation.

The application indicates that Lithuania is hosting the European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE). It indicates that geographical balance should be one of the primary seat selection criteria in Lithuania's view and refers to the Joint Statement of the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission on decentralised agencies of 19 July 2012 and European Council Conclusions of December 2003 and June 2008 on seats of agencies.



**PREMISES 1**



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION/  
ACCOMMODATION 1**



**EDUCATION FACILITIES**



**LABOUR MARKET, SOCIAL SECURITY  
AND MEDICAL CARE**



**GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE**

Austria (Vienna)

The application indicates the availability of a new building in Village im Dritten area as proposed premises 1 which is situated in the third district of Vienna, next to the Embassy district. The application indicates that the building will be constructed using a hybrid wood and sustainable concrete construction method with a surface area of more than 10,000 m<sup>2</sup> on eight floors, including enclosed, mixed and open office spaces that can be configured and will be equipped according to AMLA specifications. The application indicates that premises 1 will be available fitted-out by end 2026, temporary premises are proposed.

The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 10,440 m<sup>2</sup>, with a capacity to host 600 number of staff. The application indicates that there is a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup>, meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 6 for 13-15 persons and 3 for 25-35 persons). The application indicates that there is an area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives capacity (300 m<sup>2</sup>) and 38 parking spaces. The application indicates that there is the possibility for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area by 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that premises 1 are not EMAS verified and that the building will be constructed in accordance with the national requirements and standards currently in force. It indicates that for physical security entrance controls and separation of certain rooms have been foreseen.

The application indicates that Austria will rent the building for AMLA and will cover rental costs and fit-out costs according to the AMLA specifications, and that AMLA will cover maintenance, operational, and other costs. The application indicates that the monthly rental costs are 242,625.6 EUR, with charges at 3.5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup>. It indicates that future upgrades and extensions are subject to negotiation. The lease is indefinite, with termination possible upon notification.

The application indicates the availability of weekly flight connections to 24 European capitals, including the distance and the duration and, for capitals not connected by direct flight (Ljubljana, Budapest and Bratislava), the availability of direct rail connections.

The application indicates the availability of train (15 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) and bus (15 minutes frequency, 25 minutes duration) connections from the premises to the closest airport. The application indicates the availability of local train (5 minutes frequency, 5 minutes duration) and tram (10 minutes frequency, 8 minutes duration) connections available from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application indicates the presence of 4 three star, 5 four star, and 1 five star hotels within walking distance of the premises. It also mentions 150 three star, 160 four star, and 20 five star hotels beyond one km. Vienna offers 250 conference venues and three conference centres, as well as Conference organisation support by the Vienna Convention Office.

The application indicates the presence of 2,500 nurseries offering Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Slovak, Spanish and Swedish languages. It also indicates the availability of public and private nurseries, including opening hours and costs for parents. It indicates that there are no European Schools or accredited European Schools. The application indicates the presence of 11 international schools providing primary and secondary education in Czech, English, French, Slovak, and Swedish, and that the Austrian public school system provides bilingual education. The application indicates that Vienna offers more than 800 possible degree programmes in 23 universities of which 10 are public and do not require substantial tuition fees.

The application provides information about available capacities in public bilingual schools and private international school sectors, indicating the number of places available and the languages offered.

The application indicates that Vienna had 44 hospitals in 2022, employing 6,800 medical doctors and 23,000 non-medical professionals. It indicates that there are 1,500 general practitioners, 4,000 specialists and 950 dentists which provide services in 36 languages and that there are 330 public pharmacies. Austria's universal healthcare system covers 99% of its population, with seven physicians per 1000 inhabitants, European Health Insurance Card holders accessing services without advance payments, and online pharmacy availability.

The application indicates that Vienna has 120 diplomatic representations, over 200 multinational corporations, 46 international organisations, quasi-international organisations, and NGOs which together employ around 6,600 people. The Vienna Business Agency's Expat Center provides assistance and digital services.

The application indicates the presence of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in Vienna.

Information on premises 2 and 3 and related public transportation/accommodation. For other criteria see previous page.



**PREMISES 2**

The application indicates the immediate availability of temporary premises 2 for AMLA at Geiselbergstrasse 21-25, 1110 Vienna. It also indicates that premises 2 have a 21,000 m<sup>2</sup> surface, a large conference room, lounge area, dedicated FIU area, internal archives capacity, and 220 parking spaces for AMLA. The application indicates that premises 2 are not EMAS verified and that there is no possibility for future extensions. The application does not provide information on general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises.

The application indicates that Austria intends to cover the fit-out costs and the rent for 3 years. It indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are 4.5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and that the lease will have a duration of 3 years.



**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 2**

The application refers to the answer given for premises 1 in relation to air and rail transport linking with European capitals.

The application indicates the availability of train (15 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) connections from the closest airport to the premises. The application indicates the availability of tram (8 minutes frequency, 5 minutes duration), and bus (10 minutes frequency, 13 minutes duration) connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application indicates the availability of 1 four star hotel at a walking distance from the premises and of 150 three star hotels, 161 four star hotels and 20 five star hotels in the vicinity of building 2.

**PREMISES 3**

The application indicates the immediate availability of temporary premises 3 for AMLA at Green Worx Office Complex, Lasallestrasse 7a, 1020 Vienna with 8 months needed for fit-out works. It also indicates that the total surface of premises 3 is of 3,500 m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that there is a large conference room of approx. 300 m<sup>2</sup> and a dedicated area for FIU. The application indicates that premises 3 are not EMAS verified, and that there is no possibility for future extensions. The application does not provide information on general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises.

The applications indicates that Austria intends to cover the fit-out costs and the rent for 3 years. It also indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are 2.5 EUR/m<sup>2</sup> and that the lease will have a duration of 3 years.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION / ACCOMMODATION 3**

The application refers to the answer given for premises 1 in relation to air and rail transport linking with European capitals.

The application indicates the availability of train (30 minutes frequency, 30 minutes duration) and bus (60 minutes frequency, 23 minutes duration) connections from the closest airport to the premises. The application indicates the availability of train (6 minutes frequency, 10 minutes duration) and tram (4 minutes frequency, 10 minutes duration) connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises.

The application provides information (underground lines, transit lines and cycle paths) on the district (Praeter urban development district) in which building 3 is located.

The application indicates the availability of 7 three star hotels, 11 four star hotels at a walking distance from the premises, and of 157 three star hotels, 171 four star hotels and 20 five star hotels in the vicinity of building 3.