



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY RELOCATION INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY: BRATISLAVA



PREMISES

The offer indicates the availability of a proposed building, *Westend Plaza* [*confidential*]. The offer indicates that the building fulfils EMA requirements covering the offices/workstations, meeting rooms with conference facilities, lounges, auditorium, reception area with security, on-site archives (off-site archives not mentioned), physical security standards and IT systems and security standards (data storage network and data centres not mentioned). According to the offer, the building would be available from Q4/2018.



ACCESSIBILITY

- The offer indicates the availability of direct flights to all EU capitals from Vienna Airport and to 13 capitals from Bratislava Airport, with a frequency ranging from 7 to 86 flights per week from Vienna Airport and ranging from 2 to 9 flights per week from Bratislava Airport, and with a duration ranging from 45min. to 3h35min. from Vienna Airport, and ranging from 1h to 2h55min from Bratislava Airport.
- The offer indicates the availability of public transportation connections between the proposed location and the Bratislava and Vienna airports, with a frequency from Bratislava airport of every 10 minutes (no information is provided on the frequency from Vienna Airport), and a duration from Bratislava airport of 30 minutes and from Vienna airport of around 1h30min.
- The offer indicates the availability of 12,800 hotel beds in Bratislava and of possibly relevant additional capacity in Vienna, ranging from from 5-star hotels to affordable options, including 3-star hotels, as well as of guesthouses.



EDUCATION
FACILITIES

- The offer indicates in a detailed way the existence of nurseries in Bratislava with teaching in Slovak, English, German and French, without specifying the capacity in the different European languages or the number of available places.
- The offer indicates in a detailed way the existence of primary schools with teaching in Slovak, English, German, French and Bulgarian, without specifying the capacity in the different European languages or the number of available places.
- The offer indicates in a detailed way the existence of secondary schools in Bratislava with programmes in Slovak, English, German, French, Spanish, Italian and Bulgarian and of internationals schools in Vienna with a total capacity of more than 3,000 places.
- The offer does not specify the number of available places. The offer indicates that Slovakia will consider setting up a European school or an accredited Europea school to provide education for the children of EMA staff. The offer does not provides information on the existence of universities/third level education providing programmes in European languages. The offer indicates that public schools in Slovakia provide primary and secondary education free of charge.



LABOUR MARKET,
SOCIAL SECURITY,
MEDICAL CARE

- The offer does not provide information on the access to social security and medical care for children and spouses of EMA staff.
- The offer provides detailed information on the medical care system of Slovakia and indicates the existence of 4,000 hospital beds and more than 1,000 doctors in Bratislava.
- The offer provides general information on job opportunities in Bratislava and indicates the availability in July 2017 of 3,000 registered positions for English speakers, about 600 registered positions for German speakers and up to 100 registered positions for French speakers.
- The offer indicates that Slovakia intends to provide assistance to partners of EMA staff to identify relevant job opportunities.



BUSINESS
CONTINUITY

- The offer indicates a relocation plan timeline covering the construction process and custom designed fit out of the building as well as the relocation of EMA, starting with preparatory steps in Q3/2017 and ending with a grand opening of EMA in Slovakia in January 2019.
- The offer indicates Slovakia's intention to ensure knowledge retention by motivating current staff to relocate to Bratislava by providing relocation assistance, benefits and special conditions. The offer furthermore points to the quality of life, which according to the offer should enable EMA to attract qualified staff from across the EU.
- The offer also provides general information on the lower average salaries in Slovakia, which according to the offer would allow EMA to recruit temporary staff, and for which Slovakia would be ready to offer assistance.
- The offer indicates Slovakia's intention to set up an expert team to support EMA in the transition process and to provide temporary premises to EMA's transition staff.
- The offer indicates Slovakia's intention to provide additional resources to its national institutes to provide support to EMA by complementing the activities of Slovak regulators as well as to set up a network of regulatory authorities to provide support during the transition for the purpose of ensuring EMA's business continuity.
- The offer argues that the proposed locations could lead to potential synergies as regards life sciences, biomedicine and IT.
- The offer indicates Slovakia's intention to provide individualised support programmes and financial assistance to EMA staff and their families in relation to preparation of the move and integration in Bratislava.



GEOGRAPHICAL
SPREAD

Slovakia is not hosting any EU decentralised agency.



A) RELOCATION PLAN

The offer indicates in a detailed way a relocation plan according to which relocation is scheduled for Q4/2018, with the plan setting out preparatory steps from Q3/2017 onwards.

The offer indicates Slovakia's intention to set up an expert team to support EMA in the transition process, to provide temporary premises to EMA's transition staff, to provide additional resources to its national institutes to provide support to EMA by complementing the activities of Slovak regulators as well as to set up a network of regulatory authorities to provide support during the transition for the purpose of ensuring EMA's business continuity.

B) PREMISES AND THE AGENCY'S NEEDS

The offer indicates *Westend Plaza*, which according to the offer meets all EMA's requirements, without providing information on some technical aspects.

C) TERMS FOR PREMISES

The offer indicates, in a detailed way, the financial terms for EMA's use of the proposed building, [confidential].

The offer indicates, in a detailed way, Slovakia's intention to grant EMA a rent-free period of 2 year and to cover fit out costs.

D) TERMS FOR MAINTENANCE, UPGRADING AND EXTENSION

The offer indicates, in a detailed way, Slovakia's intention to cover maintenance and operations costs for the rent-free period (2 years). The offer indicates the possibility for EMA to expand at the proposed premises, without indicating the financial terms. The offer, however, indicates [confidential].

E) SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The offer indicates [confidential].

F) BENEFITS

The offer indicates, in a detailed way, Slovakia's intention to provide additional financial support to EMA staff and their families, [confidential].