Commission assessment EUCA seat selection – Italy (Rome)

'When selecting the location, the co-legislators have agreed that they will ensure that, given the nature of EUCA, the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers, to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff and to offer adequate training opportunities.'		
	Member State answer	**Commission assessment**
Description	Europe's future customs system has a bold vision: a fully digitalised and innovative European Customs Authority giving new impetus to the integration of the single market. Rome stands as a natural choice to bring this vision to life. The perfect environment for EUCA to operate smoothly and attract top-tier specialists: all essential elements for the Authority to fulfil its mission and drive the next generation of EU customs. A CITY WITH GLOBAL REACH Rome is internationally connected: around 2,000 weekly flights to global hubs, high-speed rail connections across Europe and the port of Civitavecchia, gateway to the Mediterranean. A DIGITAL FUTURE The Eternal City is a hub of innovation: by 2026, €14 billion will be invested in the 5G technology, the digitalisation of public services and efforts to bridge the digital divide. Moreover, Italy is the first EU country to adopt a national AI law with a strong public-private collaboration. Rome hosts the National Cybersecurity Agency and companies such as Leonardo, confirming its role in digital security. A CUTTING-EDGE FACILITY IN A STRATEGIC DISTRICT The proposed EUCA headquarters is built to high operational and security standards in the EUR district, where history meets modernity: wide boulevards, green spaces, iconic architecture, key national institutions like the Ministry of Health and global firms such as Eni, SAP, Microsoft, and Oracle. A MUCH-LOVED CITY WITH AN INCLUSIVE LABOUR MARKET Rome offers an inclusive labour market with record employment, especially among women and foreigners. EUCA will benefit from 30 universities (Sapienza, Luiss, Tor Vergata and a partnership with Politecnico di Milano) and tech hubs. EXCELLENCE IN TRAINING EUCA staff will benefit from the National School of Administration, a leader in public sector training, and from courses that the Customs and Monopolies Agency reserves for its employees. Courses in economics and finance will be provided by the Guardia di Finanza Academy.	The application indicates that the proposed premises are located in the EUR district close to the Ministry of Health and companies such as Eni, SAP, Microsoft, and Oracle. The application provides information about Rome's labour market and about the availability of 30 universities in Rome and tech hubs. It also refers to the National Cybersecurity Agency and companies such as Leonardo in Rome. The application indicates that EUCA staff can receive training from the National School of Administration, the Customs and Monopolies Agency, and the Guardia di Finanza Academy.
Summary	**The application indicates that the proposed premises are located in the EUR district. It provides information about Rome's labour market, universities, industry, as well as the National Cybersecurity Agency. The application indicates that EUCA staff can receive training from the National School of Administration, the Customs and Monopolies Agency, and the Guardia di Finanza Academy.**	

Criterion 1 – *The date on which EUCA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation*		
Sub criteria	**Member State answer**	**Commission assessment**
Building 1		
Availability of the premises		

1) Address of the proposed premises (Building 1)	Viale della Civiltà Romana 7, 00144 Rome, Italy	The application indicates that the address of the proposed premises is Viale della Civiltà Romana 7, 00144 Rome, Italy.
2) General description of the proposed premises	The proposed EUCA premises, intended for the exclusive use of EUCA staff, were designed by renowned architects Adalberto Libera and Mario Romano, leading figures of the Italian Modernist movement. Completed in 1958, the building is a remarkable example of post-war architecture, recognisable by its travertine base supporting three separate sections. The building complex consists of two parallel twin buildings, Body A and Body B, which rise as refined office towers expressing the architects' modernist ideals of clean lines, functionality and the use of durable, high-quality materials that combine solidity and elegance. Body C stands between them, set orthogonally and lower in height, creating visual balance while serving different functions. The property includes four main entrances, two for pedestrians and two for vehicles, offering convenient access for both staff and visitors. Both body A and B extend over six floors plus a basement, while Body C covers two floors, providing over 10,000 square metres of office space. The interiors are being renovated to create flexible, open-plan areas that can be adapted to meet the Authority's operational needs. Moreover, large windows fill the rooms with natural light, creating a bright and healthy environment that supports productivity. Finally, the roof structure could be converted into a rooftop area for staff, if required. The entire building is fully accessible to persons with disabilities and complies with all relevant standards, being equipped with ramps and four elevators. It also features modern security systems, including surveillance, controlled access and fire protection measures. Originally designed for the 1942 World Exposition, the property is located in the historic EUR district, where monumental architecture, sweeping boulevards, and lush green spaces stand as undisputed protagonists of the urban landscape. Moreover, this prestigious location is further enriched by its proximity to major landmarks such as the iconic "Nuvola" Conference Centre designed by architect Fuksas. The site benefits from excellent transport connections. Located about 500 metres from Piazza Guglielmo Marconi, it offers easy access to the A91 highway which connects in 15 minutes by car the premises to the Fiumicino Airport. Taxi stations are available nearby. EUR Fermi and EUR Palasport metro stations are both within a ten-minute walk, while EUR Magliana railway station provides convenient links across Rome and beyond.	The application states that the proposed premises, completed in 1958, have 3 separate sections (Body A, B and C), providing over 10 000 m^2 of office space. According to the application, Body A and B are officer towers of 6 floors plus basement, while Body C stands between them and has 2 floors. Further, the property includes 4 main entrances, 2 for pedestrians and 2 for vehicles. It states that the office space is being renovated to create open-plan areas and has large windows. It states that the roof structure could be converted into a rooftop area for staff. The application states that the entire building is fully accessible to persons with disabilities, being equipped with ramps and 4 elevators. It also features security systems, including surveillance, controlled access and fire protection measures. The application indicates that the premises have access to a highway leading to the Rome Fiumicino airport in 15 minutes, with taxi stations available nearby. It indicates the availability of 2 metro stations at 10-minute walking distance and refers to the EUR Magliana railway station.
3) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works)	The building complex is currently vacant, immediately available and fully customisable, as the project attached shows. Renovation works will take a maximum of six months from seat awarding date, while the Management Board meeting room in the central courtyard will require 12-16 months (Annex 1). Management Board meetings will temporarily be held in La Nuvola Conference Centre, 350 metres away, until the end of renovation works concerning the Management Board meeting room.	The application indicates that the premises are immediately available and fully customisable. It indicates that renovation will take a maximum of 6 months from seat awarding date, while the Management Board meeting room in the central courtyard will require 12-16 months (Annex 1), with an interim room in a nearby conference centre.
4) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)	6	The application indicates that 6 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works.
Organisation of the premises		

The size of the EUCA's premises should be at least 6 000 m² gross floor area above ground. The Commission proposal provided for a EUCA staff of 250 Full Time Equivalents. The final number of staff will depend on the outcome of the negotiations and may increase.		
1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m²)	10000	The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 10 000 m².
2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)	500	The application indicates a maximum staff capacity of the premises of 500 staff.
3) Availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board (10-15 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board of 10-15 seats.
4) Availability of a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone (60-70 seats + at least 30-40 seats in the back)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone of 60-70 seats and at least 30-40 seats in the back.
5) Availability of 'secure room'	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a 'secure room' of 150 m², that will comply with CD Euratom 2015/444 on EU Classified Information.
5.1) Description of the security features of the 'secure room' (size and security measures applied)	The 150 m² secure room, fully customisable, will comply with CD Euratom 2015/444. Security features include: reinforced walls, floor, ceiling; anti-intrusion materials; armoured doors with dual-verification access; controlled access via electronic badges and biometrics; video surveillance and alarms; ban on any personal devices; electromagnetic shielding, soundproofing, anti-vibration systems; UPS and generators for operational continuity; network and electrical power backup lines; temperature, humidity, fire and intrusion sensors; dashboard for real-time management of access and configurations; wired connections with strong authentication MFA; air-gapped architectures, isolated from other networks; hardened devices; end-to-end encryption (TLS 1.3, IPsec); certified procedures for the management of keys and access credentials; SIEM, integrated with EDR/NDR and cyber threat intelligence; secure cypher channels (firewalling, network segmentation). (Annex 2)	The application provides information about security features.
6) Availability of a medium-sized room (30-35 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a medium-sized room of 30-35 seats.
7) Availability of multiple small-sized rooms (10-15 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of 19 small-sized rooms of 10-15 seats.
7.1) If yes, how many? (*)	19	
8) Availability of state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities in the meeting rooms	Yes, in all of them	The application indicates that state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities are available in all meeting rooms.
9) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering.
Specific technical requirements for Data Hub, data analysis, risk management and crisis management activities.		
10) Availability of a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management' task (for at least 115 staff)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management task' for at least 115 staff.
11) Availability of a 24/7 crisis response cell (situation room with capacity for 30 persons)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a 24/7 crisis response cell.
12) Availability of at least two (and ideally three) operational facilities (secure and isolated operational rooms)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of 3 secure and isolated operational rooms serving as operational facilities.
12.1) If yes, how many operational analysis facilities are there? (*)	Three	
13) Availability of a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area.
14) Description of the availability and capacity of EU sovereign and highly available telecommunications and networking infrastructure with operational redundancy	The telecommunications and network infrastructure for the proposed building is designed to guarantee maximum operational availability and resilience, fully meeting the required security, reliability, and service continuity standards. The backbone	The application indicates that the telecommunication and network infrastructure for the proposed building is designed to ensure operational availability and resilience. It indicates that the backbone network is organised in a multi-tier, redundant, and

network is organised in a multi-tier, redundant, and geographically distributed manner, ensuring continuous service even in the event of localised failures or issues with individual nodes or links. All critical components of the backbone are designed with fault tolerance and automatic recovery capabilities. The identified telecommunications operator is a legal entity of the European Union with full European control and governance, classified as an essential operator under the NIS2 Directive and subject to the corresponding security and oversight obligations (Annex 3).

INTERNET SERVICE FEATURES AND SITE RESILIENCE

Internet access will be redundant, with two independent and physically diverse fibre paths, equipped with separate entry points to minimise the risk of a single point of failure. Each access will be powered by redundant energy sources and Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) with a minimum autonomy of 72 hours in the event of a prolonged power outage.

The bandwidth for each connection is at least 10Gbps, scalable up to 100Gbps through structural network upgrades.

Operational management is guaranteed by a Network Operations Centre (NOC) active 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, equipped with advanced proactive monitoring systems and

automation tools. These systems integrate AI functionalities for the preventive detection of network anomalies, congestions, and criticalities, ensuring high levels of continuity, operational resilience, and service security. For essential services, a minimum availability of 99.99% on an annual basis is guaranteed, with maximum intervention and recovery times aligned with operational requirements.

NETWORK PERFORMANCE

Under normal conditions of use, the described infrastructure guarantees latencies of less than 5ms to the main European Internet Exchange Points (IXPs) MIX (Milan) and NaMeX (Rome), and average round-trip times of less than 15ms to major OTT cloud platforms, thanks to direct interconnections with the Italian regions of these operators.

All backbone connections are managed via dynamic routing protocols, and service continuity is maintained even during scheduled maintenance or multiple failures.

PROXIMITY TO FIBRE OPTIC BACKBONES

The operator's strategic sites, main Points of Presence (PoP), and Data Centres are strategically positioned near the main national and international fibre optic backbones, with direct access to long-distance routes connecting the main European hubs and major cloud providers.

Such an architecture allows the delivery of low-latency, high-capacity connectivity services, while also providing alternative routes across multiple segments to maintain operational continuity.

geographically distributed manner, with all critical components designed for fault tolerance and automatic recovery.

The application indicates that the identified telecommunication operator is a legal entity of the EU with full European control and governance, classified as an essential operator under the NIS2 Directive.

The application states that internet access redundancy will be provided for with 2 independent and physically diverse fibre paths, separate entry points, and redundant power supplies with a minimum autonomy of 72 hours. It indicates that the bandwidth is at least 10Gbps, scalable up to 100Gbps, with a minimum availability of 99.99% annually for essential services.

According to the application, operational management is provided by a Network Operations Centre active 24/7, equipped with advanced monitoring systems integrating AI functionalities. The application indicates that the infrastructure guarantees latencies of less than 5ms to the main European Internet Exchange Points, with direct connections to MIX (Milan), NaMeX (Rome), and DE-CIX (Frankfurt).

The application indicates that infrastructure security includes integrated solutions for firewalling, DDoS protection, intrusion detection, and traffic anomaly analysis, supported by ISO 27001 certifications. It indicates that security and operational logs are stored in data centres located exclusively within the European Union.

According to the application, a second operator with similar characteristics may be involved to further increase redundancy.

	The provider is directly connected to several European Internet Exchange Points, including MIX (Milan), NaMeX (Rome), and DE-CIX (Frankfurt), ensuring high redundancy and direct peering with major global operators and content providers. This network can be connected, through national providers based on possible agreements, to supranational networks physically located within the Union, ensuring the sovereignty of data transmissions. This presence allows for the optimisation of routing paths and significantly reduces end-to-end latency towards major public and private Internet services. Peering and routing policies are continually optimised to guarantee the best performance towards cloud platforms and the Italian Public Administration networks. OPERATIONAL REDUNDANCY AND SECURITY Every critical component is managed with automatic failover mechanisms and geographical replication of network services (IP/MPLS). Infrastructure security is guaranteed by integrated solutions for firewalling, DDoS protection, intrusion detection, and traffic anomaly analysis, supported by ISO 27001 certifications. Security and operational logs related to connectivity are stored in data centers located exclusively within the European Union, with a minimum retention period of 12 months and strictly controlled access. The combination of a multi-redundant architecture, widespread presence on optical backbones, direct connections to major IXPs, and proactive network management allows the provider not only to fully meet the indicators required by the tender but to exceed them in terms of resilience, performance, and operational security, offering a platform ready to support the future digital services of the European Public Administration. This implementation can be replicated, with similar configurations, on a second provider to further increase the solution's redundancy. A second operator with similar characteristics and requirements may be involved to increase the redundancy of the solution.	
15) Description of the available cloud-based data storage network solutions	The solutions available in Italy meet the highest market standards, with multiple national providers (Fastweb-Vodafone, Aruba, Sielte, and TIM) offering services that guarantee end-to-end encryption, geographical replication, and compliance with GDPR and ISO/IEC 27001 standards. Furthermore, several European providers operate in Italy, delivering the same capabilities. The Italian customs data management uses a hybrid model, combining public and private resources, offering flexibility and regulatory compliance through the extension of cloud services to local data centres (Annex 4). In addition to the hybrid model, the following alternatives are available: Public Cloud: Providers offering scalable storage with flexible pricing, encryption, analytics tools, and global access. Private Cloud: Guarantees security, compliance, and control over dedicated infrastructure.	The application indicates the availability of multiple Italian providers, including Fastweb-Vodafone, Aruba, Sielte, and TIM, offering services for end-to-end encryption, geographical replication, and compliance with GDPR and ISO/IEC 27001 standards. It indicates that several European providers also operate in Italy, delivering the same capabilities. According to the application, Italian customs data management uses a hybrid model combining public and private resources, offering flexibility and regulatory compliance through the extension of cloud services to local data centres. The application indicates that additional alternatives are available, including public cloud offered by providers, a multi-cloud approach that distributes data across multiple providers, and private cloud.

	Multi-Cloud Approach: Distributes data across multiple providers, avoiding provider lock-in and increasing resilience.	
16) Internal archives capacity of the premises	Yes	The application indicates that the internal archives capacity of the premises is 2 000 m^3.
16.1) Archives volume (expressed in m^3) (*)	2000	
17) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for EUCA	250	The application indicates that there are 250 parking spaces and 50 bike parking spaces (inside and outside) available for EUCA.
18) Number of bike parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for EUCA	50	
19) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area	Yes	The application indicates the possibility to extend the office space in its original premises or in the nearby area by 1 000 m^2.
19.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m^2) (*)	1000	
20) Are the premises EMAS verified?	No	The application indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified.
21) Description of the premises' sustainability. If not EMAS certified, description of additional national/international sustainability certifications	A progressive alignment with the principles of integrated environmental management has been achieved, with the following sustainability standards already adopted: - LEED Platinum: This is the highest level of the LEED voluntary certification system (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design), awarded to buildings that score at least 80 points. Achieving such a standard demonstrates an exceptional level of sustainability, energy performance, water management, emissions reduction, and indoor air quality, exceeding the "Certified", "Silver", and "Gold" scores. - BREEAM Very Good: This is an intermediate level of sustainability reached when a building achieves a minimum score of 55% according to the BREEAM assessment protocol. Consequently, such a certification proves that the building meets sustainability requirements across several areas, including health, well-being, and transportation.	The application indicates that the premises comply with certifications BREEAM (Very Good) and LEED (Platinum).
22) Description of the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises including for environmental, security and safety standards as well as for accessibility for people with disabilities	The building complies with the highest international standards in terms of occupant well-being and environmental sustainability The heights of the rooms are suitable for their intended use and comply with current regulations. The interior spaces are accessible and usable by people with disabilities The main safety requirements are met, with non-slip flooring, window opening control devices, and safe routes. The building ensures the necessary level of anti-intrusion security and compliance with acoustic standards for the various functional areas; adequate sun protection systems are also provided The various functional areas comply with regulations regarding dimensions and finishes: internal and external doors are equipped with appropriate locking systems and the finishes are consistent with their intended use. The spaces will be equipped with appropriate signage and information systems, including those for safety and for people with disabilities. The connection between floors is ensured by internal staircases and four elevators equipped with fire protection systems. Areas dedicated to changing rooms, showers for cyclists, kitchen/relaxation corners, quiet rooms, archives, and support services will be set up On the ground floor, a reception area provides access to the two blocks, ensuring monitoring and security of access Finally, in addition to LEED and BREAM environmental certifications under point 21), the building has also been certified by WELL Core Gold, for quality of indoor	The application indicates that the building complies with high well-being and sustainability standards, that the interior spaces are accessible to people with disabilities and that the premises will be equipped with signage and information systems for safety and for people with disabilities. It indicates the availability of safety installations such as anti-intrusion security, fire protection, and acoustic and sun protection. It indicates that areas dedicated to changing rooms, showers, kitchen/relaxation corners, quiet rooms, archives, and support services will be set up. It refers to a reception area on the ground floor providing access to the 2 blocks The application states that the premises are certified WELL Core Gold for quality of indoor spaces, and WiredScore Gold for digital connectivity.

	spaces, and by WiredScore Gold, which assesses the digital connectivity of buildings The project incorporates the principles underlying these protocols, which are broadly consistent with the criteria set out in the tender, both in terms of architecture and design, functionality, structural loads, acoustic comfort, and efficiency of systems, and in terms of management flexibility and special spaces.	
23) Description of the digital security and connectivity features with regard to physical and digital infrastructure, in particular those allowing EUCA to comply with relevant cybersecurity standards and legislation and for all core facilities to implement certified protocols for end-to-end encryption of data, enforce access controls and deploy advanced systems for continuous issue detection, timely reporting and affective response	CONNECTIVITY AND NETWORK ARCHITECTURE The network will be structured as a segmented campus network with separate domains for users, guests, critical services and IoT/OT devices. Layer 2/3 segmentation (VLAN and VRF) will be enhanced by SDN micro-segmentation and next-gen firewalls. Wired and wireless access will use 802.1X Network Access Control (EAP-TLS) with device/user certificates, endpoint profiling and automatic quarantine. WPA3 Enterprise Wi-Fi will feature traffic separation, RF monitoring and isolated guest policies. DLP systems will monitor perimeters to prevent data exfiltration ENCRYPTION AND KEY MANAGEMENT Sensitive data will be secured for site-to-site links by TLS 1.3 with Perfect Forward Secrecy and IPsec based on best practice and AES-256-GCM encryption. Applications and messaging will use mTLS, S/MIME or OpenPGP. Keys will be stored in Hardware Security Modules (HSM) with an organisational PKI, periodic rotation, certificate pinning for critical services and regulated escrow. Data at rest will be encrypted on servers, storage and portable devices with escrow policies and secure media destruction ACCESS CONTROL AND ZERO TRUST MODEL Mandatory Multi-Factor Authentication is required for privileged access. IAM/IGA includes Role-Based Access Control and Attribute-Based Access Control. Privileged Access Management includes just-in-time access, session recording and dual-person approval for high-risk actions. Zero Trust principles enforce continuous verification of user, device, location and risk, endpoint health checks, least privilege access and immediate blocking upon anomaly detection CONTINUOUS DEPLOYMENT AND MONITORING Updates will be managed via DevSecOps pipelines, Software Bill of Materials, integrity checks and canary/blue-green deployments. The infrastructure will be immutable, using golden images and governed by Infrastructure as Code with policy-as-code and tracked change management. The management of cyber incidents will be supported by a formal complete Incident Response process, integrated with centralized SIEM and SOAR, EUBA, EDR/XDR, operational playbooks, structured communications, evidence management. UEBA and anomaly detection will identify unusual behaviour. Vulnerability management includes periodic scans, patching within defined windows, compensating controls and updated threat intelligence. Backups will be encrypted, immutable, offline, following the 3-2-1 rule with regular recovery testing and geographical replication PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY	The application provides information on the digital infrastructure: • Network: network segmentation, 802.1X Network Access Control (EAP-TLS), WPA3 Enterprise, DLP systems to monitor perimeters to prevent data exfiltration • Encryption: Data in transit is protected with TLS 1.3 (PFS), IPsec (AES-256-GCM), and mTLS/S-MIME/OpenPGP for applications. Keys are managed via HSM-backed PKI, with rotation, certificate pinning, and controlled escrow. Data at rest is fully encrypted, with supporting escrow policies and secure media destruction. • Access control (zero trust model): Mandatory multi-factor authentication, role- and attribute-based access control, provisions for high-risk actions, continuous verification and checks. • Updates and monitoring: Updates are managed through DevSecOps pipelines with integrity checks and blue-green deployments. Infrastructure is immutable and governed by Infrastructure as Code with policy-as-code. Incident response integrates SIEM/SOAR, UEBA, and EDR/XDR alongside operational playbooks. Vulnerability management covers periodic scans, timely patching, and threat intelligence feeds. Backups are encrypted, immutable, and offline, following the 3-2-1 rule with regular recovery testing. • Physical infrastructure: The facility features MFA controls, turnstiles, partitions, separate visitor paths, and CCTV with anti-intrusion systems integrated into IT telemetry. Cabling is protected and cabinets are tamper-proof. Critical rooms include TEMPEST measures, soundproofing, and anti-vibration protection. Power continuity is ensured through N+1 UPS configurations and generators with continuous environmental monitoring.

	The facility will feature MFA controls, turnstiles, partitions, separate visitor paths, CCTV and anti-intrusion systems integrated into IT telemetry. Cabling will be protected and cabinets/racks will be tamper-proof. Critical rooms may include TEMPEST measures, soundproofing and antivibration protection. Power continuity will be ensured with N+1 UPS configurations and generators, supported by continuous environmental monitoring (Annex 5)	
24) Other	The layout of office spaces and meeting rooms across the two buildings has been designed to effectively support EUCA in fulfilling their tasks. Given the size of the property and the presence of large modular spaces, the Italian government is willing to agree with the European Commission on any changes to this solution, both in terms of layout and furnishings, if the Commission considers them to be more in line with the needs of EUCA. If needed, the basement floor could be used to host other secure rooms. EUCA staff will be provided with 50 designated, covered parking spaces within the building. Moreover, additional 200 spaces are available in the surrounding area.	The application indicates that Italy is willing to agree on any changes to the space, both in terms of layout and furnishings, depending on EUCA's needs. It states that the basement floor could be used to host other secure rooms if needed. It indicates the availability of 50 designated, covered parking spaces in the building and 200 parking spaces in the surrounding area.
Financial terms		
1) Description of the financial terms	Italy will cover all costs related to the use of the property for an indefinite period, on the basis of an agreement with the owner of the premises that provides for a two-year lease, paid by the Italian State, during which Italy will finalize the purchase of the property, which will then be made available to EUCA free of charge for an indefinite period of time. Costs relating to the fitting-out of the property, its customization to meet EUCA's needs, and its ordinary and extraordinary maintenance will likewise be covered on a permanent basis. The costs that will be covered are detailed below: - Rental fees for the building for two years - Fit-out costs for EUCA customisation, including: 1. Setup of all meeting rooms, including secure rooms 2. Hardware and software equipment for each work station 3. Refurbishment of the canteen 4. Possible setup of nursery and relaxation areas 5. Security equipment - Furniture costs, based on professional roles, for offices, meeting rooms, and common areas - Equipment for archives - Ordinary and extraordinary maintenance costs sine die - Payment of utility bills and other service charges sine die.	The application indicates that Italy will cover all costs related to the use of the property for an indefinite period, on the basis of an agreement with the owner of the premises that provides for a 2-year lease, paid by the Italian State, during which Italy will finalise the purchase of the property, which will then be made available to EUCA free of charge indefinitely. It indicates that the costs covered by Italy include: • Rental fees for the building for 2 years (bought thereafter); • Fit-out costs for EUCA customisation, including setup of all meeting rooms including secure rooms, hardware and software equipment for each workstation, refurbishment of the canteen, possible setup of nursery and relaxation areas and security equipment • Furniture costs, based on professional roles, for offices, meeting rooms, and common areas; • Equipment for archives; • Ordinary and extraordinary maintenance costs; • Payment of utility bills and other service charges.
2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)	235833	The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is EUR 235 833 and that Italy intends to cover the rent indefinitely.
3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?	Yes	
3.1) Will the applicant Member State cover the rent? (*)	Indefinitely	
4) Monthly maintenance costs (expressed in EUR/m^2)	4	

5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?	Yes	The application indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are EUR 4/m^2 and that Italy intends to cover the maintenance costs indefinitely.
5.1) Will the applicant Member State cover the maintenance costs? (*)	Indefinitely	
6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m^2)	105	The application indicates that the fit-out costs are EUR 105/m^2 and that Italy intends to cover the fit-out costs.
7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?	Yes	
8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the cost of future upgrade and extension?	Yes	The application indicates that Italy intends to cover the future upgrade and extension.
8.1) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions	Any potential extensions or improvements will be implemented through: - the enlargement of the premises surface up to 1000 square metres - the reorganisation and optimisation of the existing spaces. The resulting number of workstations will accommodate a total number of 575 people, while keeping the number and size of the planned meeting rooms unchanged. Any updates or modifications requested by EUCA will be paid for by the Italian State.	The application indicates that any potential extensions or improvements will be implemented by: • enlarging the premises by up to 1 000 m^2; • reorganising and optimising the existing spaces. The application indicates that the resulting number of workstations will accommodate 575 people, while keeping the number and size of the planned meeting rooms unchanged. Any updates or modifications requested by EUCA will be paid for by the Italian State.
9) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)	2	The application indicates that the duration of the lease is 2 years.
10) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease	The commercial lease may be early terminated only in specific cases provided for by the law. In said circumstances, no penalties or compensation will be due. Additionally, the Parties may agree to terms that allow either party to terminate the contract for any reason, provided such an intention is communicated formally and within a specified time frame. In such cases, the Parties may agree on the imposition of penalties or compensations.	The application indicates that the commercial lease may be terminated early only in specific cases provided for by the law and that in said circumstances, no penalties or compensation will be due. The application indicates that Parties may agree to terms that allow either party to terminate the contract for any reason, possibly linked with penalties or compensations.
11) Other	All amounts listed above are net of VAT, which will be applied at the rates specified by law. Currently, these rates are 10% for construction works and 22% for services. The ordinary maintenance costs under point 1) include staff assigned to the cafeteria and cleaning of the premises, reception, porter service, security staff at the entrance, and the minor maintenance. The lease will last for 2 years, the time necessary for the Italian State to purchase the property. Italy will then grant EUCA the use of the property free of charge.	The application indicates that all amounts listed above are net of VAT, which will be 10% for construction works and 22% for services. It specifies which staff is included in the ordinary maintenance costs under 1), and that the lease will last 2 years, the time necessary for the Italian State to purchase the property. It states that Italy will then grant EUCA the use of the property free of charge.
Summary criterion 1	**The application indicates the availability of the premises located in Viale della Civiltà Romana 7, 00144 Rome, which offers 10 000 m^2 spread over 3 sections and that can host 500 people. The application indicates that the premises are immediately available with an estimated time for fit-out works of 6 months.** **The application indicates the availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board of 10-15 seats, a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone of 60-70 seats + at least 30-40 seats in the back, a medium-sized room of 30-35 seats, 19 small-sized rooms of 10-15 seats. It indicates that state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities are available in all of the meeting rooms. A lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering is available as well as a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management task' for at least 115 staff, a 24/7 crisis response cell, 3 secure and isolated operational rooms serving as operational facilities, a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area. It indicates the availability of a 'secure room' of 150 m^2, 2000 m^3 of internal archives capacity, 250 parking spaces and 50 bike parking spaces (inside and outside) available for EUCA. It also indicates the possibility for extension of office space by 1 000 m^2. The applications indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified but that they are BREEAM (Very Good) and LEED (Platinum) certified.** **The application indicates the availability of a 'secure room' of 150 m2. For the premises' digital infrastructure, it indicates comprehensive security through segmented networks with 802.1X access control, robust encryption using TLS 1.3 and AES-256-GCM for data in transit and at rest, and a zero-trust access model**	

	requiring multi-factor authentication with role-based controls. It indicates that operations will be secured via DevSecOps pipelines, immutable infrastructure as code, integrated SIEM/SOAR monitoring, and encrypted offline backups following the 3-2-1 rule. It indicates physical security measures such as multi-factor access controls, CCTV, TEMPEST-protected critical rooms, and redundant power with N+1 UPS and generators. The application indicates that threat detection will include centralised SIEM and SOAR, EUBA, EDR/XDR, operational playbooks, and structured communications, evidence management, and that UEBA and anomaly detection will identify unusual behaviour. The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is EUR 235 833, the monthly maintenance costs are EUR 4/m^2, and the fit-out costs are EUR 105/m^2. It indicates that Italy commits to covering all costs related to the use of the property for an indefinite period. After an initial 2-year lease period, Italy will purchase the property and make it available to EUCA free of charge.	

Criterion 2 – *'Accessibility of the location'*		
Sub criteria	**Member State answer**	**Commission assessment**
Public transportation		
1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals	The building selected to host EUCA is located at Viale della Civiltà Romana 7, in the EUR prestigious district, known for its historical significance and a key administrative and commercial centre. Well-connected to major air and rail transport infrastructures, it is easily accessible and facilitates travels for both EUCA staff and visitors. Means of transport available are listed in Annex (Annex 6). Rome has two major international airports: Fiumicino "Leonardo da Vinci" and Ciampino "Giovan Battista Pastine", located respectively 23 and 15 km from the building. Fiumicino has been crowned "Best Airport in Europe" for passenger traffic (over 40 million passengers per year) eight years in a row. Fiumicino offers daily flights to all major European capitals and key international cities. Ciampino serves key European destinations and smaller cities. In its category, it has also been named Europe's best airport (2-5 million passengers per year), for the last two years. Flight connections for both airports are listed in Annex (Annex 7). Fiumicino is easily accessible by "Leonardo Express" trains from Termini Train Station in around 30 minutes. From the EUCA building, the airport can be reached by: Taxi service with a partner company, in around 20 minutes Metro Line B, EUR Fermi station, is 8-minute walk from the building, directly connecting to the Termini Train Station. Trenitalia's FL1 line stops in Trastevere, Ostiense and Tiburtina, all well-connected with public transport and metro networks. The railway network, benefiting from ongoing investments in modernisation, connects to major cities, including high-speed services like Frecciarossa and Italo linking Rome to Milan (3h), Naples (1h), Florence (1,5h), Venice (3,5h), Bologna (2h) and Turin (4h), as well as key European destinations such as Berlin, Frankfurt, and Paris.	The application indicates that the premises are connected to major air and rail transport infrastructures. The application provides information about Rome's 2 major international airports located 23 and 15 km from the premises, respectively. It indicates that Fiumicino airport, serving over 40 million passengers per year, offers daily flights to all major European capitals and key international cities and that the Ciampino airport, in the category of 2-5 million passengers per year, serves key European destinations and smaller cities. It indicates flight connections for both airports, and that from the proposed EUCA premises, Fiumicino can be reached by Taxi service in around 20 minutes and by Metro, directly connecting to the Termini Train Station with a 30 minute train to Fiumicino. The application indicates that the railway network connects to major cities, including high-speed services to Milan (3h), Naples (1h), Florence (1.5h), Venice (3.5h), Bologna (2h) and Turin (4h), as well as Berlin, Frankfurt, and Paris. The application indicates that EUCA staff will benefit from a Trenitalia agreement for both high-speed and local services, including the Leonardo Express and FL1 line.

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2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international airport to the premises	Train, Bus	The application indicates that train and bus connections are available from the closest international/national train station to the premises.
Frequency of train connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	15	The application indicates that the frequency of train connection is 15 minutes, and the duration is 50 minutes.
Duration of train connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	50	
Frequency of bus connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	15	The application indicates that the frequency of bus connection to the closest international airport is 15 minutes, and the duration is 50 minutes.
Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	50	
3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international/national train station or other transport hub to the premises	Metro, Bus	The application indicates that metro and bus connections are available from the closest international/national train station to the premises.
Frequency of metro connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	5	The application indicates that the frequency of metro connection to the closest international/national train station is 5 minutes, and the duration is 20 minutes.
Duration of metro connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	20	
Frequency of bus connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	10	The application indicates that the frequency of bus connection to the closest international/national train station is 10 minutes, and the duration is 30 minutes.
Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	30	
4) Other	In addition to air and rail connections, Rome has an extensive public transportation system, at a lower cost than many other European capitals. The metro network, three lines, is one of the fastest ways to get around. More specifically, Line A crosses the historic centre and interchanges with Line B, which grants access to residential and business areas. Line C, recently expanded, links the eastern districts. The road transport network includes 400 bus lines and six tram lines, complemented by shared mobility services (cars, bicycles, scooters, and electric kick scooters), with 14 million users in Rome in 2024, also thanks to price reductions granted to public transport pass holders. Furthermore, several urban and regional rail lines, such as FL1, extend the network, connecting the city centre to suburbs and nearby towns. Rome is also investing in sustainable transport options. New low-emission buses and the expansion of cycling paths are part of the city's efforts to promote eco-friendly mobility. The Italian highway network facilitates efficient connections between major cities and regions, with Rome at its core. Highways, state roads, and urban routes facilitate both local travel and access to surrounding areas. Recent investments targeted road safety, traffic flows, and accessibility, while also encouraging sustainability through the expansion of pedestrian zones, bike lanes, and better integration with the public transport system.	The application provides information about Rome's public transportation system, indicating the availability of 3 metro lines, 400 bus lines, 6 tram lines, shared mobility services (cars, bicycles, scooters, and electric kick scooters), and urban and regional rail lines, as well as investments in sustainable transport.
Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises (within 3 km)		
1) Number of 3 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	11	The application indicates the presence of 11 three-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.
2) Number of 4 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	17	The application indicates the presence of 17 four-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.
3) Number of 5 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	2	The application indicates the presence of 2 five-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.

4) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside EUCA premises	The candidate EUCA building is in the EUR district, Rome's business hub, and is surrounded by major event venues such as the Roma Convention Centre "La Nuvola", Palazzo dei Congressi, Salone delle Fontane, Spazio 900, and the Auditorium della Tecnica. Such structures are within walking distance and easily accessible directly from the city centre via public transport. More specifically, Massimiliano Fuksas' masterpiece "La Nuvola" is located only 350 metres away from the EUCA building and extends over 58,500 m² hosting up to 6,000 people, while Palazzo dei Congressi, 400 metres away from the site, offers 2,500 m² of exhibition space and a 500-guest terrace. Salone delle Fontane and Spazio Novecento, 750 metres away from the EUCA site offer respectively 2,000 and 1,000m² of space for events. The Auditorium della Tecnica, 1.3 km from Viale della Civiltà Romana, features an 800-seat main hall and panoramic terrace, perfectly suited for conferences and professional meetings.	The application provides information about 5 event venues near the proposed premises, including the Roma Convention Centre "La Nuvola" (350 m away, 58 500 m² for up to 6 000 people), Palazzo dei Congressi (400 m away), and other event spaces within 1.3 km.
5) Other	The EUR district is a natural green shelter and Parco del Lago has an artificial lake and walking paths. EUCA employees will benefit from a discount at the close swimming pool Piscina delle Rose. Green spaces, with trees in squares and streets, ensure that the EUR district maintains a perfect mix of nature and rationalist architecture for a perfect environmental and urban experience. Many hotels are located nearby, easily accessible for temporary visitors to EUCA building (Annex 8).	The application indicates that the premises are located in the EUR district, a natural green shelter with an artificial lake and walking paths in Parco del Lago. It indicates that EUCA employees will benefit from a discount at the close swimming pool Piscina delle Rose. It indicates that many hotels are located nearby, easily accessible for temporary visitors to EUCA building.
Summary criterion 2	**The application indicates the availability of train connections (15 min frequency and 50 min duration) and of bus connections (15 min frequency and 50 min duration) from the closest international airport to the premises and the availability of metro connections (5 min frequency and 20 min duration) and of bus connections (10 min frequency and 30 min duration) from the closest train station. It provides information about Rome's 2 international airports with Fiumicino Airport connecting all major European capitals and key international cities and Ciampino Airport serving key European destinations. It also indicates that Rome is connected by direct train to Milan (3h), Naples (1h), Florence (1.5h), Venice (3.5h), Bologna (2h), Turin (4h), as well as Berlin, Frankfurt, and Paris.** **The application indicates in the vicinity of the premises the presence of 11 three-star hotels, 17 four-star hotels and 2 five-star hotels. It provides information on the presence of conference venues nearby, including the Roma Convention Centre "La Nuvola" (up to 6 000 people) and the Palazzo dei Congressi.**	

Criterion 3 – *Existence of adequate education facilities for the children of EUCA's staff*		
Sub criteria	**Member State answer**	**Commission assessment**
1) Number of nurseries	839	The application indicates the presence of 839 nurseries.
2) Language options offered by nurseries	Italian, French, German, Spanish, English	The application indicates that the languages offered by the nurseries are English, French, German, Italian, Spanish.
3) Additional information concerning nurseries (names, location, capacity, language options offered, etc.)	Early Childhood Education and Care (ECCE) is a fundamental component of the Italian education system, promoting the holistic development of children and providing a foundation for their future academic and social growth. Such a system includes Nursery Schools (asili nido, for children aged 3 months to 3 years), focused on care and early learning and Pre-Schools (scuole dell'infanzia, from the age of 3 to 6), providing structured pre-academic programmes while stimulating infants to play games, develop creativity, social interactions, along with a progressive introduction to literacy and music. ECCE services can be provided either by public institutions, private entities, or	The application describes the Italian school system from 3 months age, indicating that Nursery Schools (for children aged 3 months to 3 years), focus on care and early learning, and Pre-Schools (from the age of 3 to 6) provide structured pre-academic programmes. It indicates that Rome has 839 Nursery Schools (30 of which in the Municipio IX – EUR district), including private institutions or schools in collaboration with the city administration. It states that many of them offer curricula in multiple foreign languages such as English, French, German, or Spanish.

	corporate nurseries. Rome has 839 nursery schools (30 of which in the Municipio IX – EUR district), including renowned private institutions or schools in collaboration with the city administration. Furthermore, many of them offer curricula in multiple foreign languages such as English, Spanish, French or German. As for the EUR district, a wide range of ECCE options are available, which have successfully met enrolment requests by resident families in recent years. Different nursery schools in the EUR district also offer international curricula: La Maisonette (Via dell'Umanesimo 72), a trilingual Montessori-oriented institute (Italian, English, French) for children aged 2 to 6. Highlands Institute (Viale della Scultura 15), a trilingual school (Italian, English, Spanish) for children aged 3 to 18 (Cambridge and Bachillerato programmes). Kids Learning (Via Rodhesia 24), a bilingual nursery and pre-school for children aged 0 to 6. Busy Bees, a bilingual nursery and pre-school with three locations in EUR (Via dell'Architettura 40, Piazzale dell'Umanesimo 10, Via Pio Emanuelli 1), for children aged 0 to 6 years. Moreover, additional 22 international schools in Rome offer programmes for kids from the age of 2 (pre-school), including French, Spanish, German, and Swiss schools (Annex 9).	The application provides detailed information about 4 nursery schools in the EUR district also offering international curricula. It indicates the availability of 22 additional international schools in Rome with programmes for kids from the age of 2 (pre-school), including French, German, Spanish, and Swiss schools.
4.1) Availability and number of multilingual, European-oriented schooling (including European, European accredited and international schools)	Rome is home to a diverse selection of international schools (see Annex 9) offering a wide range of American, British, German, French, and Spanish programmes, alongside the prestigious International Baccalaureate (IB) and European Baccalaureate diplomas. Many of these institutions also provide early childhood education and daycare services, welcoming children from the age of two. Each school promotes an inclusive and dynamic sense of community within innovative learning environments, also by encouraging students to participate in a wide array of extracurricular activities, such as music, sports, languages, culinary arts, and advanced STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) training. In addition to English-speaking institutions, Rome hosts distinguished international schools offering curricula in major European languages, including French, German, and Spanish. More specifically: • Lycée Chateaubriand, founded in 1903 and operating under the French Agency for Education Abroad, welcomes approximately 1,500 students and guides them from early childhood to the final year of secondary school (Terminale). • Institut International Saint-Dominique (ISD Rome), with over sixty years of experience, offers both IB and French curricula for students aged 2 to 18 years. • Deutsche Schule Rom follows an accredited German curriculum, recognised by Germany, Austria, and Italy, guiding students from their early childhood to graduation.	The application indicates the availability of 5 international schools offering French, German, Spanish, American and British programmes, alongside International Baccalaureate (IB) and European Baccalaureate diplomas. It provides detailed information about 5 other schools offering curricula in major European languages, including French, German and Spanish. It indicates that many of these schools also provide early childhood education and daycare service for children from the age of 2. Additionally, it refers to a diverse range of English-language schools in Rome (see 16 schools below under point 4.3).

	• Scuola Svizzera di Roma offers an innovative, holistic pedagogical approach, which prepares students for the Swiss Matura while offering them the opportunity to integrate the Italian school system. It promotes bilingualism (German-Italian), advanced English, and strong proficiency in French and/or Latin. • Set on the picturesque slopes of the Gianicolo hill, Liceo Español Cervantes provides Spanish secondary education under the patronage of the Spanish Ministry of Education.	
4.2) Language options offered by the European, European accredited and international schools (*)	Italian, French, German, Spanish, English	The application indicates that the international schools offer English, French, German, Italian and Spanish languages.
4.3) Additional information concerning European, European accredited and international schools (names, location, capacity, language options offered, etc.) (*)	The Rome International Schools Association (RISA), founded in 1974, plays a key role in coordinating international educational institutions which offer primary, secondary, and higher education in Rome. RISA promotes high academic standards while guaranteeing adherence to shared values of independence, inclusion, and global orientation. In line with RISA's criteria, member schools must demonstrate: • Autonomy from the Italian national education system • An authentic international character for curricula, faculties, and student population • Use of English as the main language, either exclusively or predominantly Currently, RISA includes 13 accredited institutions offering a range of educational programmes from primary to high school, leading to internationally recognised qualifications such as the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, Cambridge certifications, US high school diplomas, and Advanced Placement (AP) courses. These schools form the foundation of Rome's international educational network, providing a multicultural and globally competitive environment. The schools affiliated with RISA include: Near the EUR Area: • AmBrit International School (Via Filippo Tajani 50): from age 3 to 13; English-based curriculum with inquiry-based learning. • American Overseas School of Rome (Via Cassia 811): from age 3 to 18; American curriculum with US Diploma and International Baccalaureate. • Rome International School (Via G. Pecori Giraldi 137): from age 2 to 13; International Baccalaureate curriculum. • St. George's British International School (Via Cassia km 16; Via S.M. Mediatrice 22G): from age 3 to 18; British curriculum and International Baccalaureate. • St. Stephen's School Rome (Via Aventina 3): from age 14 to 18; High school with US Diploma and International Baccalaureate. • The New School Rome (Via della Camilluccia 669): from age 3 to 18; International curriculum in English. • Marymount International School Rome (Via di Villa Lauchli 180): from age 2 to 18; US Diploma, Advanced Placement, and International Baccalaureate. • Kendale Primary International School (Via Gradoli 86): from age 3 to 11; British-oriented curriculum. • Castelli International School (Via degli Scozzesi 13, Grottaferrata): from age 6 to 14; Cambridge curriculum. • Core International School (Via Crati 19): from age 3 to 11; Primary education in English. • Little Genius International School (Via di Grotte Portella, Frascati): from age 2 to 11; Bilingual English-Italian programme. • Acorn House International School (Via Veientana 297): from age 3 to 13; International curriculum in English.	The application provides information about the Rome International Schools Association (RISA) indicating that member schools have autonomy from the Italian national education system, international curricula, faculty, and student population, and English as main language, either exclusively or predominantly. It states that RISA includes schools from primary to high school, leading to the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, Cambridge certifications, US high school diplomas, or Advanced Placement courses. It refers to 1 RISA-affiliated school in the EUR district and 15 schools near the EUR area.

	• Britannia International School of Rome (Via Ernesto Parisi 11): from age 3 to 11; British curriculum. • St. Francis International School (Via delle Benedettine 50/B): from age 3 to 14; Primary and lower secondary education in English. • Institut Saint-Dominique International School (Via Igino Lega 5): from age 1½ to 18; French national curriculum combined with International Baccalaureate. In the EUR District: The Highlands Institute (Viale della Scultura 15) offers high-quality international programmes for children aged 3-18 in Italian, English, and Spanish, with Cambridge and Bachillerato qualifications. In addition to these schools, Rome is home to internationally affiliated schools offering education in their national languages and accredited by their respective governments. These include: French Programme: • Lycée Chateaubriand (Villa Strohl-Fern, Via di Villa Ruffo 31): from age 3 to 19; French Ministry of Education curriculum, part of the AEFE network (Agency for French Education Abroad). German Programme: • Deutsche Schule Rom (Via Aurelia Antica 397): from age 3 to 18; German curriculum recognised in Germany, Austria, and Italy. • Scuola Svizzera di Roma (Via Malpighi 14): from age 3 to 18; Swiss national curriculum with access to the Swiss Matura, bilingual (German-Italian), with advanced English, French, and Latin. Spanish Programme: • Liceo Español Cervantes (Via di Porta San Pancrazio 9-10): from age 3 to 18; Spanish national curriculum officially recognised by the Spanish Ministry of Education. Such schools, along with RISA-affiliated institutions, represent the heart of the international educational landscape in Rome, offering diverse curricula and promoting a global approach to education. By choosing from this wide variety of institutions, families in Rome can access high-quality, internationally recognised education in a multicultural setting that prepares students for their own success in a globalised world.	
5) Number of higher education facilities (university level or equal)	30	The application indicates the presence of 30 higher education facilities of university level or equal.
6) Language options offered by the higher education facilities	Italian, English	The application indicates that the languages offered by the higher education facilities are English and Italian.
7) Description of higher education facilities (Universities and academic disciplines)	Rome is home to some of Italy's most prestigious universities, offering a blend of academic excellence, international outreach and a broad array of courses fully in English in various fields. La Sapienza University, founded over 700 years ago, is one of the largest and oldest in Europe with over 125000 students and 11 faculties. Among the world's top institutions in Classical Studies, Physics and Engineering, La Sapienza offers over 50 courses in English, including joint programmes and double degrees in partnership with leading European and global universities.	The application provides information about Rome's universities, including on the availability of 3 public and 1 private universities offering a broad array of courses fully in English in various fields; among them, La Sapienza University hosts over 125 000 students across 11 faculties, and offers over 50 courses taught in English It also includes information on other private institutions providing courses in English.

	The University of Rome Tor Vergata, established in 1982 is renowned for groundbreaking research approach and international outlook. Home to national research bodies like the Italian Space Agency (ASI) and CNR, this university offers English courses in Economics, Business, Engineering, Medicine and Natural Sciences and is actively involved in EU funded research projects Rome Tre University is the youngest public university in the capital. With modern facilities and innovative research methods it offers a variety of English courses in Architecture, Economics, Law and Political Sciences while engaging in European research and mobility initiatives LUISS Guido Carli University, a prestigious private institution, is specialised in Economics, Law and Political Sciences. With over 300 international partnerships, LUISS offers a wide range of courses and prepares students for global careers. Other private institutions include Campus Bio-Medico (Medicine and Biomedical Engineering), LUMSA (Law, Communication, Psychology) and the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, (Humanities, Economics, Law, Health Sciences), together with Pontifical Universities offering advanced programmes in Philosophy, Theology, and Canon Law, providing also courses in English for international students. All these institutions make Rome an ideal destination for international students aiming to expand their academic and cultural perspectives	
8) Other	Seraphicum, AIBSE and Lingue Senza Confini language centres will offer price reductions to EUCA staff and their families. Rome hosts theatre, technology, cinema, and culinary arts institutions: Conservatorio di Musica Santa Cecilia Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia Accademia Musicale Romana IBM Cyber Academy Centro Sperimentale di Cinematografia Accademia d'Arte Drammatica Silvio D'Amico Gambero Rosso Guardia di Finanza will offer EUCA staff membership of its Villa Spada club.	The application indicates that 3 language centres will offer price reductions to EUCA staff, and their families and that Guardia di Finanza will offer EUCA staff membership of its Villa Spada club. It indicates that Rome hosts theatre, technology, cinema, and culinary arts institutions.
Summary criterion 3	**The application indicates that Rome offers 839 nurseries, including 30 in the EUR district, with many providing curricula in English, French, German, Italian or Spanish. It indicates that several international nurseries in the EUR district offer bilingual or trilingual programmes for children aged 0 to 6. For school-age children, 5 multilingual international schools provide French, German, Spanish, American, and British programmes alongside the International Baccalaureate and European Baccalaureate; the application mentions another 16 English-language schools in Rome, one of which in the EUR district around the proposed premises. The application indicates that Rome has 30 higher education institutions offering courses in English and Italian. It provides more detail about 3 public universities, one of which has over 125 000 students, and about 1 private university. It provides information about other private universities offering courses in English.**	

Criterion 4 – '*Appropriate access to the labour market, social security and medical care for both children and spouses*'		
Sub criterion	**Member State answer**	**Commission assessment**
1) Number of hospitals available in the vicinity of the premises	43	The application indicates the presence of 43 hospitals within 12 km of the premises.
2) Description of access to medical care (access to hospitals and other medical facilities, doctors, spoken languages, etc.)	In Italy healthcare is delivered through the Servizio Sanitario Nazionale (SSN), which provides primary care, specialist services, hospital treatments, and emergency assistance all free of charge for EU citizens living or working in Italy for family reasons.	The application indicates that in Italy healthcare is delivered through the Servizio Sanitario Nazionale (SSN), which provides primary care, specialist services, hospital treatments, and emergency assistance all free of charge for EU citizens working or living in Italy for family reasons.

	Primary care is offered by general practitioners (1,917 in Rome as of 2023) and paediatricians (351 in Rome), who provide consultations, diagnoses, prescriptions and referrals as needed. Registration with the SSN is a mandatory and free process, taking place in ASLs (Local Health Authority) of one's municipality of residence. Upon registration, a general practitioner or paediatrician is assigned and a Tessera Sanitaria (Health Card) is issued, granting access to healthcare services. Public hospitals are fully integrated into the SSN while certain private hospitals, affiliated with the SSN, offer specialised treatments on the State's budget. Emergency care is available through hospital emergency departments. Rome offers a network of healthcare facilities with approximately 100 public and private institutions (Annex 10) many of which are recognised centres of excellence in fields such as surgery, oncology, cardiology, equipped with cutting-edge technology. Of these, the 43 facilities mentioned in point 1 are located within a 12 km radius of the proposed building. All healthcare facilities are fully prepared to serve international patients, starting with the three ASL departments in Rome, with dedicated desks for foreign residents. More specifically, public hospitals providing services to foreign patients include: Policlinico Umberto I Tor Vergata Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù (offering cultural mediation services) INMP – National Institute for the Promotion of Health of Migrant Populations Several private clinics accredited by the SSN also cater to foreign patients, including: Policlinico Gemelli Campus BioMedico Rome American Hospital Salvator Mundi Paideia Cristo Re Mater Dei Gemelli Isola	It refers to 1 917 general practitioners in Rome and 351 paediatricians. It indicates that registration with the SSN is mandatory and free, taking place in ASLs (Local Health Authority) of one's municipality of residence. Upon registration, a general practitioner or paediatrician is assigned, and a Health Card is issued, granting access to healthcare services. It indicates that aside from public hospitals, the SSN includes certain private hospitals for specialised treatments on the State's budget. It indicates that Rome has a network of healthcare facilities with ca. 100 public and private institutions in fields such as surgery, oncology, cardiology. Of these, the 43 facilities mentioned in point 1 are located within a 12-km radius of the proposed premises. It indicates that all healthcare facilities are prepared to serve international patients, and that the three ASL departments in Rome have dedicated desks for foreign residents. It refers to specific public hospitals providing services to foreign patients.
3) Description of access to medical care and social security for EUCA children and spouses not covered by the EU Staff Regulations (benefits, conditions, assistance, etc.)	Access to healthcare services provided by the Italian National Health Service (SSN) is fully extended to the spouses and children of EUCA staff, on the same terms as for Italian citizens. Registration with the SSN is mandatory and free for EU citizens residing in Italy for work or family reasons. Similarly, non-EU citizens with a long-term residence permit may also enrol, provided they submit proof of residence, a valid permit, and any additional required documentation. Once registered, individuals can choose a general practitioner or a paediatrician, who will be their first point of contact for primary healthcare services. While most SSN services are free of charge for residents in Italy, some diagnostic tests, specialist visits, and medications do involve a co-payment. Such fees are proportionate to income and age, although exemptions are in place for children, the elderly, pregnant women, and those with certain medical conditions. Letters of intent have been stipulated with two medical centres: GCS Point Medical Center and Bianalisi Fisiomedical. For this reason, EUCA staff and their families can benefit from a wide range of specialist consultations, check-ups, and diagnostic tests. These facilities have confirmed that, should Italy host EUCA's headquarters, staff and	The application indicates that SSN care is fully extended to the spouses and children of EUCA staff, on the same terms as for Italian citizens. It states that registration with the SSN is mandatory and free for EU citizens residing in Italy for work or family reasons. Similarly, non-EU citizens with a long-term residence permit may also enrol, provided they submit proof of residence, a valid permit, and any additional required documentation. Once registered, individuals can choose a general practitioner or a paediatrician, who will be their first point of contact for primary healthcare services, including health centres and primary care clinics. These centres, open to all EU citizens, provide a range of healthcare and social services, such as general medical consultations, paediatric care, out-of-hours services, and diagnostic tests. Managed by general practitioners, these primary care clinics provide essential healthcare regardless of patients' ASL and remain open on weekends and public holidays. The application indicates that EUCA staff and families would benefit from favourable conditions in two medical centres.

	their families will benefit from favourable conditions. In addition to such services, health centres and primary care clinics have been integrated into the Regional Health System since 2013, including the Rome area. These centres, open to all EU citizens, offer a range of healthcare and social services, such as general medical consultations, paediatric care, out-of-hours services, and diagnostic tests. Managed by general practitioners, these primary care clinics ensure that essential healthcare is accessible to all citizens, regardless of their local health authority, and remain accessible even on weekends and public holidays.	
4) Situation of the national labour market and its capacity to offer international job opportunities (number and capacity of international companies acting in the region) for children and spouses of EUCA staff	Rome and the Lazio region rank among the most economically diverse and dynamic in Italy, with over 600000 businesses and 930000 new hires in 2024. The city hosts the world's largest concentration of diplomatic missions, with 140 embassies in Italy and 88 at the Vatican. The UN hub in Rome includes over 130 missions, with key agencies like FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNHCR and offices of UNDESA-HRIC, ILO, and UNICRI. The Lazio region is well-prepared to host internationally experienced professionals in both industry and services. Lazio is home to over 4000 multinational companies, employing around 150000 people in strategic sectors such as: • Energy: Eni, Enel, Total, Engie • Defence, Aerospace, and Technology: Leonardo, Thales Alenia Space, Airbus, Ericsson, Oracle, Microsoft, SAP, Almaviva • Consultancy: Deloitte, PwC, KPMG, Accenture, EY • Telecommunications: TIM, Wind Tre, Ericsson, Fastweb • Pharmaceuticals: Pfizer, Sanofi, Roch, Thermo Fisher, Johnson & Johnson • Food and Retail: Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, Unilever • Fashion: Fendi, Valentino, Bulgari The Lazio Aerospace District is Italy's main aerospace hub, with 250 specialised companies and 30000 highly skilled professionals. This region is also leader in life sciences, with over 300 companies, 22000 employees and 10000 researchers working in pharmaceuticals, medical devices, biotechnology, nanotechnology and health ICT. The ICT sector employs 80000 professionals in telecommunications, digital transformation, cloud computing, big data and smart cities. Lazio is also a national leader in security technologies, including counterterrorism, cybersecurity and privacy protection, supported by strong public-private partnerships and companies like Selex ES, Telespazio, MBDA Italia, Elettronica and Vitrociset. Rome's cultural and creative industries remain vibrant in the cinema, audiovisual production, digital arts and media sectors, with 200000 employees and an annual economic impact exceeding 13 bn €	The application indicates that Rome and the Lazio host over 600 000 businesses and had 930 000 new hires in 2024. It indicates the presence of 140 embassies to Rome and 88 at the Vatican. It indicates that the UN hub in Rome includes over 130 missions, with agencies like FAO, IFAD, WFP, UNHCR and offices of UNDESA-HRIC, ILO, and UNICRI. It indicates that the Lazio region can host internationally experienced professionals in industry and services, hosting over 4 000 multinational companies that employ around 150 000 people in sectors. The main sectors include aerospace (250 companies, 30 000 staff), life sciences (300 companies, 22 000 staff), and ICT (80 000 staff)
5) Availability of services assisting expatriates and foreign nationals in seeking jobs	Rome offers a wide range of public employment centres, managed by both the Rome Municipality and the Lazio Region, providing free services aimed at improving employability and offering vocational training for unemployed or inactive individuals. Such centres also oversee the implementation of active labour market policies and deliver social security services to the unemployed, which core activities include:	The application indicates that Rome offers public employment centres, managed by both the Rome Municipality and the Lazio Region whose core activities include: provision of unemployment benefits, support for self-employment, initiatives for disadvantaged minorities and individuals with disabilities, coordination of training and internship opportunities, and subsidies for youth and female entrepreneurship.

	• The provision of unemployment benefits • Supporting measures for self-employment • Initiatives for disadvantaged minorities and individuals with disabilities • Coordination of training and internship opportunities • Specific subsidies for youth and female entrepreneurship As a result of the relocation, family members of EUCA staff (aged between 16 and 65) will have immediate access to such services, which will support their integration into the job market. Moreover, registration is simple, free of charge, and available through a user-friendly online platform. There are six regional employment centres in Rome for job seekers. In addition to that, the Municipality of Rome manages thirteen municipal Career Guidance Centres (COL), which provide direct support to the unemployed and inactive population. Again, the centres mentioned above offer free consultations, helping candidates to: - Access up-to-date job offers - Prepare their CVs - Preparing for job interviews - Specialised consulting on starting a business in Rome. Four of these Career Guidance Centres are located close to the EUR district, EUCA's potential headquarters. The closest one to the EUR district is in the Testaccio neighbourhood. These resources make it straightforward for families to navigate the labour market upon arrival, offering both initial support and long-term integration opportunities.	It indicates that family members of EUCA staff (aged between 16 and 65) relocating will have immediate access to such services to support their job market integration. It indicates that registration is simple, free and available through a user-friendly online platform. The application refers to 6 regional employment centres in Rome for job seekers. In addition, the Municipality of Rome manages thirteen municipal Career Guidance Centres (COL), which support the unemployed and inactive population. It indicates that 4 of these Career Guidance Centres are located close to the proposed EUCA premises.
6) Other	The dedicated Porta Futuro Lazio (PFL) project, established within universities and linked to employment centres, offer career guidance and job placement services. The PFL office at Roma Tre University is easily accessible from the EUR district. In addition to these employment centres, the Lazio region offers supporting measures and programmes to promote female entrepreneurship, such as "Donna Forza 8", and the "Spazio Attivo" network for social innovation.	The application indicates that the Porta Futuro Lazio (PFL) project, established in universities and linked to employment centres, offers career guidance and job placement services. It indicates that the Lazio region offers support to female entrepreneurship.
Summary criterion 4	**The application indicates that Rome has 43 hospitals within 12 km of the premises and approximately 100 public and private healthcare facilities across the city. The Servizio Sanitario Nazionale (SSN) provides free healthcare to EU citizens working or residing in Italy, with 1 917 general practitioners and 351 paediatricians available in Rome. SSN coverage extends fully to spouses and children of EUCA staff on the same terms as Italian citizens. Registration is mandatory and free, with dedicated desks for foreign residents at all three of Rome's Local Health Authorities (ASL).** **It indicates that the Lazio region hosts over 600 000 businesses, and more than 4 000 multinational companies employ around 150 000 people. The main sectors include aerospace (250 companies, 30 000 staff), life sciences (300 companies, 22 000 staff), and ICT (80 000 staff). Rome also hosts 140 embassies and a UN hub with agencies including the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and World Food Programme (WFP). Family members of EUCA staff have access to public employment centres and career guidance services, with four centres located close to the proposed EUCA premises.**	

'Geographical balance'		
	Member State answer	**Commission assessment**
Description	Currently, Italy is home to only two decentralised EU agencies, neither of which operates in the fields of taxation or customs. Most European agencies are located in the EU's founding countries (5 in France, 4 in Spain, 3 in the Netherlands and Germany, 2 in Luxembourg). For this reason, assigning EUCA's headquarters to Rome would help rebalance the geographical distribution of EU institutions, strengthening the Union cohesion and raising the profile of European institutions in the Mediterranean, a crucial area to Europe's security, prosperity, and global role.	The application indicates that Italy hosts 2 decentralised EU agencies. It states that placing EUCA in Rome would help rebalance the geographical distribution of EU institutions and raise the profile of European institutions in the Mediterranean. It refers to Italy's location between Northern and Southern Europe, and between

		Eastern and Western Europe, and its role in global maritime trade, handling large flows of goods including energy and other strategic resources as well as its role in European integration.
	Such ideas gain more significance when considering the need to protect customs interests, especially through safeguarding the EU's customs territory. Indeed, Italy is strategically located in the heart of the Mediterranean, a crossroads between continents and a natural gateway to Europe. Serving as a bridge between Northern and Southern Europe, and between Eastern and Western Europe, Italy facilitates both trade and communication between the EU and key regions such as the Balkans, the Middle East, and North Africa. Furthermore, the country is a vital hub for global maritime trade, handling large flows of goods each year including energy and other strategic resources. As a founding member of the EU and one of its four largest economies, Italy has always played a leading role in the process of European integration and in policies aimed at strengthening the Single Market and the Customs Union. In doing so, the Italian Republic has contributed to protecting the EU's financial interests, ensuring the security of citizens and businesses, and promoting fair, transparent and sustainable trade with the rest of the world. In light of this, not only would hosting EUCA in Rome be a natural choice, but also a strategic one, forming a deep and enduring bond between the place where the founding treaties of the European Union were signed and the next level of customs integration starts.	
Summary	**The application indicates that Italy hosts two EU agencies and that assigning EUCA to Rome would help rebalance the geographical distribution of EU institutions and raise the profile of European institutions in the Mediterranean. It indicates Italy's location between Northern and Southern Europe, and between Eastern and Western Europe, and its role in global maritime trade, handling large flows of goods including energy and other strategic resources and its role in European integration.**	

Any benefits granted in addition to Protocol 7		
	Member State answer	**Commission assessment**
1) Does the applicant Member State offer additional privileges?	Yes	The application indicates that Italy offers additional privileges: exemption from IRAP (regional tax on productive activities) and VAT on the purchase of furniture, household goods, and a vehicle.
1.1) If yes, which ones? (*)	In addition to provisions of Protocol 7, benefits include exemption from IRAP (regional tax on productive activities) and VAT on the purchase of furniture, household goods, and a vehicle. Several ad hoc agreements will guarantee exclusive benefits for EUCA employees in relation to accommodation (Annex 11), financial assistance (Annex 12), transport services (Annex 13), healthcare (Annex 14), admission to cultural and tourist sites, schooling (Annex 15), training (Annex 16), and recreational centers (Annex 17). €2 million/year will be allocated to partially cover the school fees for EUCA employees children's education. A relocation agency will be set up to offer comprehensive support to EUCA staff and their families, helping them to find accommodation and schools for their children, manage visas, provide banking and financial assistance, access healthcare services, and explore and integrate into their new city.	It indicates that several ad hoc agreements will guarantee exclusive benefits for EUCA employees in relation to accommodation (Annex 11), financial assistance (Annex 12), transport services (Annex 13), healthcare (Annex 14), admission to cultural and tourist sites, schooling (Annex 15), training (Annex 16), and recreational centres (Annex 17). It indicates that EUR 2 million/year will be allocated to partially cover the school fees for EUCA employees children's education. It indicates that a relocation agency will be set up to support EUCA staff and their families.
Summary	**The application indicates that Italy will offer additional tax exemptions on regional productive activities tax (IRAP) and VAT for furniture, household goods, and vehicles. Italy will also offer EUR 2 million annually to cover school fees, a dedicated relocation agency for staff and families, and agreements providing exclusive benefits for accommodation, transport, healthcare, and cultural sites.**	

Headquarters Agreement		
Applicant Member State's commitment to confirming the conditions included in the application in a future headquarters agreement with EUCA (!)	Yes	The application indicates that Italy commits to confirm the conditions included in the application in a future headquarters agreement with EUCA.