

Commission assessment of Germany’s application to host AMLA (Frankfurt)

<p><i>‘When selecting the location, the co-legislators have agreed that they will ensure that, given the nature of AMLA, the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers, to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff, to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant, to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies, and in order to avoid reputational risks, to consider how ML/FT risks are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF reports.’</i></p>		
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Description	<p>I. AMLA in Frankfurt – Germany is ready to host the EU’s Anti-Money Laundering Authority</p> <p>In Frankfurt, the new AMLA will find everything it needs in order to be operational from day one and to fully execute its tasks and powers. Combating money laundering is a top priority for both the EU and Germany. That is the reason why Germany is bidding to host AMLA in Frankfurt. With Frankfurt, a city stands ready to provide a strong foundation for AMLA’s success. Frankfurt will ensure that expectations are met right from the start – the swift set-up of the SSM is just one example of Frankfurt’s and Germany’s experience and reliability in hosting international authorities and institutions. Germany’s application is jointly supported by the German federal government, the state of Hesse, and the city of Frankfurt. Setting up AMLA in Frankfurt is a declared goal of all the parties in Germany’s coalition government and is included as an objective in the coalition agreement.</p> <p>II. At a glance: Why Frankfurt is the perfect fit</p> <p>1. A one-stop shop for supervision Protecting the integrity of the financial system requires not only effective money laundering supervision and strong prudential supervision, but also ad-hoc information-sharing between the supervisors of individual institutions. The necessary foundations for this can only be found in Frankfurt. AMLA’s close proximity to the ECB, as the authority responsible for the prudential supervision of large banks in the EU, would create a one-stop shop for supervision, which would make a significant contribution to strengthening the European financial system.</p> <p>2. AMLA’s building: Spoiled for choice in Frankfurt’s real estate market Thanks to an attractive and vibrant real estate market with competitive pricing, AMLA is spoiled for choice in making its new home. Several buildings are available in the business district as well as in the newly constructed business complex near the airport. Of course, each building can be customized to meet specific needs.</p> <p>3. Easily accessible from all around Europe in 2.5 hours or less With one of the largest airports in continental Europe and the most important rail transport hub in Germany with over 1,100 daily connections, Frankfurt offers excellent access to all destinations in the European Union and the world. From the city centre, where attractive office spaces are available for AMLA, the airport can be reached in only 15 minutes. Well-developed public transport and rail networks offer AMLA staff an eco-friendly option for commuting to the office.</p> <p>4. On-site inspections within walking distance It is anticipated that AMLA will mainly supervise entities located in Western Europe or even in Frankfurt itself. The short distances to the supervised entities and national supervisors would be a considerable organisational advantage for AMLA, enabling it to dedicate its resources to its core tasks.</p> <p>5. A vibrant metropolis in a green setting</p>	<p><i>[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]</i></p> <p>The application provides information on the features of the location of Frankfurt, including living and working conditions. It, in particular, addresses elements related to the availability of buildings, accessibility in terms of transport, educational opportunities, and international dimension, which elements are covered in more detail under the respective criteria below. The application indicates that Germany has experience in hosting international authorities and institutions and that the location would ease on-site inspections of the supervised entities located in Western Europe, including in Frankfurt itself. The application confirms that the application is jointly supported by the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt.</p> <p><i>[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]</i></p> <p>The application indicates that the Frankfurt region is a financial hub integrated into a fintech network with over 100 firms, many of them with a focus on aspects of AML. It indicates that this is also a hub for cybersecurity research, and provides an ecosystem for Artificial Intelligence research, education and practice. The application indicates that Frankfurt’s region hosts numerous students, IT-technicians, bankers and lawyers as well as more than 40 research institutions and universities, thus providing a talent pool to choose from.</p> <p><i>[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]</i></p> <p>The application indicates that multiple education and training opportunities in the area of AML/CFT are currently available for staff from both the financial and non-financial sectors, which are offered by BaFin (the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority), several chambers of industry and commerce and private institutions. Furthermore, the application indicates that the education and training landscape will be expanded with the new Centre of Excellence (CE) that will open in 2024 once the ‘Bundesamt zur Bekämpfung von Finanzkriminalität’ (the new ‘Federal Financial Crime Agency’ or ‘BBF’) will be established and which will be directly affiliated to it. According to the application, there will be the possibility for CE courses to be customised to AMLA staff and to be offered in English and other languages. It also mentions that the CE courses will focus on complex money laundering cases, sanctions evasion and related financial flows, and involve training opportunities in cooperation with national and international education and training institutions in the AML/CFT field, research collaboration at national and international level, and a ‘hub’ for knowledge- and information-sharing on AML/CFT matters.</p> <p>The application concludes that future AMLA staff will have access to educational and training opportunities in and around Frankfurt.</p> <p><i>[to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies]</i></p>

The Rhine-Main region features unparalleled variety, with idyllic natural surroundings and an international, multilingual metropolis at its heart. Frankfurt offers employees and their families attractive living and working conditions as well as excellent educational opportunities, from early childhood to university. The European School Frankfurt deserves special mention – it provides its students a high-quality, multilingual and intercultural education and will in future be housed in an attractive and sustainable new building on a site that is just as centrally located as today’s location.

6. An outstanding talent pool and hub for innovation

There is consensus among AML experts that money laundering prevention will need to focus on innovative technological developments in the future. Frankfurt offers perfect conditions for this: The Frankfurt region is one of the world’s leading hubs for cybersecurity research, with projects like ATHENE, which is based in Darmstadt, just 20 minutes from Frankfurt. The Frankfurt Rhine-Main region offers an attractive research and knowledge hub with an international talent pool of 250,000 students, numerous IT-technicians, bankers and lawyers as well as more than 40 research institutions and universities. In Frankfurt, AMLA would have access to first-rate scientific know-how and highly qualified specialists from a wide range of disciplines.

Frankfurt’s ecosystem ensures that AMLA will have highly qualified and specialised staff at hand. AMLA will have a large talent pool to choose from, including legal, business, technical as well as organisational talent. In addition to the existing talent pool, Frankfurt is an attractive city to live and work in, so talent from outside Frankfurt will also be happy to settle in the city.

I. Prime financial centre – prime talent

As the EU’s number 1 financial centre, Frankfurt can offer AMLA a location that ranks among the world’s leading financial hubs. Frankfurt provides unmatched access to a unique ecosystem of financial and supervisory expertise. Numerous international and European institutions, fintechs, consulting companies and research institutions as well as the ECB’s prudential supervision offer a knowledge pool that cannot be found anywhere else. Following Brexit, Frankfurt has recorded by far the largest number of new licence applications for banks and other financial services firms.

Approximately 280 domestic and foreign banks are located in Frankfurt. Together with over 1,000 financial services firms and a large number of international consulting companies, this creates an unparalleled ecosystem. It is anticipated that a large proportion of the entities to be directly supervised by AMLA will be located in Frankfurt – a considerable advantage for AMLA in organisational terms. Approximately 155,000 people are employed in Frankfurt’s financial sector today, thereby offering a deep talent pool for the region.

II. Where an innovative tomorrow is made

Frankfurt is an innovative financial hub integrated into a broad fintech network in Germany. The investment volume in the fintech sector in Germany in 2021 was higher than ever before. In addition to newcomers, established financial institutions such as Deutsche Börse are also driving the digitalisation of the financial sector from the Rhine-Main region.

With over 100 fintech firms located in the region, many of them with a focus on aspects of AML, the Frankfurt area can pride itself on a young, fast-growing ecosystem and great potential for business-to-business commerce. Firms in the Rhine-Main area have built an extraordinary network with other finance and fintech hubs worldwide – 75% of the start-ups in the region are cooperating with established firms. These partnerships will be an immense advantage in AML efforts.

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

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

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

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

III. Extensive expertise in AI and cybersecurity

The state of Hesse offers an excellent ecosystem for AI, with initiatives like the Hessian Centre for Artificial Intelligence that are trailblazers in AI research, education and practice. The Centre Responsible Digitality (ZEVEDI), a research and competence network, is another example. The Frankfurt region is also one of the world's leading locations for cybersecurity research, which plays an important role in AML. Projects like ATHENE, the largest research centre for cybersecurity in Europe, are based in the region. The activities of the Digital Hub Cybersecurity in Darmstadt, less than 20 minutes by train from Frankfurt, build on these local strengths and bring together know-how from the Fraunhofer Society as the world's leading organisation for application-oriented research, the Technical University of Darmstadt, Goethe University Frankfurt, and Darmstadt University of Applied Sciences.

IV. Research and knowledge hub

This bundle of renowned institutions is complemented by other research institutions and universities – all in all more than 40 of such scientific institutions are located in the region. Thus, the Frankfurt Rhine-Main region offers an attractive research and knowledge hub with a talent pool of 250,000 students. The strategic alliance of the Rhine-Main universities alone, consisting of Goethe University Frankfurt, Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz and the Technical University of Darmstadt, have 1,460 professors and offer 630 study programmes. They are also home to 25 non-university research institutions, including independent institutes of renowned scientific societies (including the Max Planck Society, the Helmholtz Association, the Fraunhofer Society and the Leibniz Association). Other research institutions include the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management, with its Frankfurt School Blockchain Center (FSBC), and the Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences.

Anti-money laundering as a priority

The fight against money laundering is a top priority for the EU as well as for Germany. For this reason, Germany works proactively at the European and international level as a trailblazer for stronger anti-money laundering regimes. It has backed up its advocacy in this area by adopting a wide range of measures recently and launching a national initiative to ramp up the fight against financial crime.

In its latest final evaluation report for Germany, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) acknowledges that Germany has implemented key measures to strengthen its AML/CFT system. In particular, the FATF praises German AML/CFT authorities for their heightened risk awareness and their improved cooperation. These improvements are attributable to, among other things, the compilation of national and sectoral risk assessments as well as the adoption of a national AML/CFT strategy. New formats for cooperation have been established that forge closer links between German AML/CFT authorities. This includes, for example, the "Interagency Steering Committee for Combating Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing", which serves as a forum for high-level consultations and deliberations. In the area of international cooperation, the FATF confirms that Germany has an effective legal and operational framework in place for mutual legal assistance, extradition and asset recovery (including repatriation). According to the FATF, Germany provides prompt mutual assistance.

At the same time, the FATF notes deficits such as a decentralised structure of Germany's AML/CFT system, insufficient prioritisation of anti-money laundering within Germany and too strong focus on the predicate offences. Germany is currently addressing those concerns with a bill on improving the fight against financial crime ("Gesetz zur Verbesserung der Bekämpfung von Finanzkriminalität") which has been approved by the federal cabinet on October 11th 2023. The central component of this legislation will be the establishment of a new federal authority, the "Bundesamt zur Bekämpfung von Finanzkriminalität" (Federal Financial Crime

Agency or BBF) that will pool analysis, criminal and administrative investigations as well as supervision under a single roof in order to ensure a centralised, holistic fight of money laundering. Investigating money laundering being the BBF's sole purpose, it is ensured that investigations of money laundering cases will not be deprioritised against other crimes as it happens in criminal investigations agencies with a general crime fighting mandate, but will always be pursued in a manner which recognizes the topic's importance. By consequently applying the "follow-the-money" approach, BBF will establish a strong focus on the money laundering activity itself instead of merely prosecuting predicate offences. The BBF is expected to take up operations in 2024, with headquarters located in Cologne. The FIU and the Central Office for Sanctions Enforcement are already based there, so that a quick and efficient set-up of the BBF can be ensured at this location. For an AMLA based in Frankfurt, this means: Thanks to a direct ICE connection (high-speed rail line), the central German office for combating financial crime, the BBF, is located in close proximity to the AMLA, just one hour away.

In detail:

1. The BBF's centrepiece will be the Money Laundering Investigation Centre ("Ermittlungszentrum Geldwäsche" or EZG), a new entity whose central priority will be to investigate significant international money laundering cases by applying the successful "follow-the-money" approach. Joint investigation teams will be set up with other law enforcement authorities. These teams will serve as effective interfaces and facilitate the pooling of findings. The EZG will provide Germany's security structures with a new "centre of gravity" for criminal investigations.
2. More efficient supervision of the non-financial sector: While retaining its decentralised system of supervisory authorities, Germany will set up a new Central Office for AML Supervision ("Zentralstelle für Geldwäschaufsicht" or ZfG) within the BBF. The ZfG will operate a statistics and reporting system that enables supervisory authorities to pursue a uniform risk-based strategy and assess the effectiveness of adopted measures. Moreover, supervisory structures will be made more centralised, with the aim of reducing the excess number of supervisory authorities in Germany. The ZfG will provide AMLA with a national-level counterpart for supervisory matters.
3. Reinforced register regime: The German government takes measures to improve the quality of data on legal entities as well as the links with other data sources. In addition, a real estate transaction register will be established. This will provide AML/CFT authorities and sanctions enforcement authorities with fully digital access to up-to-date data.

Education and training opportunities

Multifaceted education and training opportunities in the area of AML/CFT are already available in Germany. The Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) has a training programme, which includes in-person training on topics relating to money laundering. One of the main components of this training programme is "money laundering knowledge management". Training opportunities are also available in the non-financial sector. For example, chambers of industry and commerce and relevant supervisory chambers reach a wide audience by organising events, presentations and seminars for obliged entities. Furthermore, the private sector – especially financial institutions, many of those based in Frankfurt – offer a broad range of training opportunities, including online events and workshops.

Moreover, from 2024 onwards, the new BBF will significantly expand the education and training landscape in Germany, with offerings that focus specifically on complex money laundering cases, sanctions evasion and related financial flows. This approach is based on the awareness that all official institutions (and the financial

resources at their disposal) cannot achieve full effectiveness unless all relevant actors (including supervisory authorities, judicial authorities and obliged entities) have high levels of qualification and put a comprehensive “follow the money” approach into practice. This applies both to the BBF at the national level as well as to AMLA at the international level.

The centrepiece of the new education and training strategy will be the creation of a Centre of Excellence (CE) that will impart targeted expertise to BBF staff and to the staff of its key partners at the federal and state level (supervisory authorities, law enforcement authorities, obliged entities, etc.). The CE will focus on imparting workflows, methods and tools to detect and trace (concealed) financial flows with the aim of fighting (complex) money laundering cases and effectively enforcing sanctions. Its direct affiliation with the BBF will ensure maximum fit between the BBF’s practical needs and the CE’s offerings. AMLA and its staff will also be able to benefit from the CE’s activities, which will focus in particular on the following areas:

1. Education and training

The CE will develop a multifaceted education and training programme. Its core task will be to impart the expertise (workflows, methods, tools) that is needed to fight complex money laundering cases, sanctions evasion and related financial flows. Generally, its education and training measures will be carried out in cooperation with suitable national and international education and training institutions, thereby ensuring that its offerings will be open to AMLA staff.

2. International cooperation

The CE will engage in close cooperation with similar partner institutions at the international level (the Guardia di Finanza’s Economic and Financial Police School, FATF-TREIN, EUI, CEPOL, the Egmont Group’s ECOFEL, UN University, etc.). In addition to ongoing information-sharing on methodologies and subject matter, the CE plans to develop joint event formats, exchange programmes, and more. AMLA’s training unit would be an ideal point of contact as well.

3. Research collaboration

The CE will actively monitor the latest developments in research and instruction. Intensified efforts are particularly necessary in key areas of research that remain significantly underdeveloped (e.g. empirical studies on concealed financial flows). The CE will help shape international discussions and function as a link between the BBF’s operational activities and other relevant institutions and agencies. Cooperation with counterpart units at AMLA could prove highly beneficial for all sides.

4. Hub for knowledge- and information-sharing

The CE will round out its service portfolio by serving as a central information hub and building a network with national and international sources for the purpose of sharing knowledge on AML/CFT-related matters. These efforts will be targeted towards experts from all relevant sectors and will also aim to heighten the awareness of the general public. AMLA would be able to disseminate information through this network.

The CE’s programmes will be designed as modules. The modules will be based on a standardised catalogue of thematic “building blocks” to be developed by the CE; the CE will then combine these building blocks as necessary to fit the requirements of each specific education/training measure. Given the CE’s international orientation, these programmes can also be offered in English and, if necessary, in other languages. Working together with its counterpart units at AMLA, the CE can develop customised offerings for AMLA staff and tap Germany’s extensive network of experts for this purpose.

<p>Future AMLA staff will therefore have access to extensive educational and training opportunities in and around Frankfurt.</p> <p>Close cooperation with Union institutions, bodies and agencies</p> <p>To perform its duties effectively, efficiently and in a timely manner, it is essential that AMLA is based in a location that enables it to develop its full potential and quickly take EU-wide action where necessary. Frankfurt is the perfect location for ensuring close cooperation with Union institutions, bodies and agencies. But that's not all: cooperation with national authorities that have a deep knowledge base, such as scientific institutions, is also readily available in Frankfurt. Short distances in Frankfurt make it possible to exchange information with other authorities easily and quickly.</p> <p>I. Supervisory experience and synergies</p> <p>Frankfurt has a unique ecosystem of supervisory knowledge and infrastructure: It is home to the European Central Bank (ECB) and its supervisory arm (SSM), the Deutsche Bundesbank and the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin) with its role in the prevention of money laundering in the financial sector. Establishing AMLA within this outstanding environment of supervisory expertise will create synergies and a unique head start. Information-sharing especially between these authorities is key for effective supervision.</p> <p>During its set-up phase, AMLA will benefit from the ECB's experience in direct and indirect supervision. Frankfurt's short distances allow for enhanced interaction and communication between authorities and can thus contribute to strengthening the European financial system. Ongoing cooperation between the ECB's prudential supervision and AMLA's AML supervision with regard to directly supervised entities as well as on emerging issues – especially the development of a possible “digital euro” – would further strengthen both authorities and increase the efficacy of banking and AML supervision over time.</p> <p>II. Numerous cooperation opportunities in Frankfurt and the Rhine-Main region</p> <p>Located in Frankfurt, AMLA would also benefit from the close proximity to other authorities and institutions with links to AMLA's tasks.</p> <p>For example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the Federal Criminal Police Office (BKA) and the Hessian State Criminal Police Office as security authorities with overriding strategic and planning tasks, 2. the Anti Financial Crime Alliance (AFCA), a flagship project where public authorities and private companies (in particular, banks located in Frankfurt) cooperate strategically in combating money laundering and terrorism financing and 3. the Frankfurt office of the Global Legal Entity Identifier Foundation (GLEIF), which is responsible for the GLEIF's main operating activities and provides open, standardised and high-quality reference data on legal entities. 	
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PREMISES 1, see below for premises 2 and 3		
Criterion 1 - 'The date on which AMLA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation'		
Building		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
1) Description of the proposed premises 1 (address and general description)	TOWER185 (60327 Frankfurt am Main, Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 35-37), in the central business district	The application indicates the availability of TOWER 185 (60327 Frankfurt am Main, Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 35-37), completed in 2011, in the central business district as

	<p>TOWER185, which was completed in 2011, takes a prominent position at the juncture of Frankfurt’s trade fair complex, central banking district and European quarter. As the centrepiece of another dynamic business cluster in downtown Frankfurt, TOWER185 is a landmark within its surrounding cityscape. Ideal transport connections and a cosmopolitan blend of catering, retail and cultural establishments help to simplify and inspire day-to-day workflows. Thanks to TOWER185’s optimal location, all key destinations in Frankfurt can be reached quickly and easily. It takes just two minutes to walk to the nearest underground and tram station. The central train station is just an eight-minute walk away. Frankfurt Airport can be reached by car in 12 minutes, and by public transport in 15 minutes. The A648 and A66 motorways are four and seven minutes away by car, respectively.</p> <p>TOWER185, owned by Deka Immobilien Investment GmbH, rises up to 200 meters in height and is Germany’s largest tower in terms of gross floor area. It is located in the immediate vicinity of the Messeturm, another landmark of Frankfurt’s famous skyline. TOWER185 is designed and operated as the ultimate sustainable building and is equipped with state-of-the-art technology and connectivity, combined with a tenant-focused range of services, comfort and hospitality options. As a result, TOWER185 stands for a future-oriented global work culture. The building complies with high safety, energy, environmental and sustainability standards, with features including a smart building and energy management system to reduce carbon emissions, charging stations for electric cars and bikes (along with an extensive “bike service package” for tenants) to promote climate-friendly mobility, a rainwater harvesting system to reduce the use of fresh water, and abundant green areas throughout the property, including a green roof on the base building. Thanks to its high sustainability and safety standards as well as its high-quality outfitting concepts, the building offers an outstanding working environment that particularly attracts leading international corporations. Its state-of-the-art office configuration plans place Tower185 in the trailblazing generation of modern office buildings, as it continuously advances and adapts its features to the needs of its tenants. This includes flexible common spaces and customised office layouts that facilitate collaboration and concentration, thereby providing an optimal setting for agile methods of new work. All of this is supported with first-rate digital connectivity: in fact, TOWER185 was awarded platinum certification – the highest rating – by WiredScore in the categories of connectivity, infrastructure, documentation and accessibility. WiredScore is the only internationally recognised system for certifying the digital connectivity of buildings. All of this proves that TOWER185 is one of Frankfurt’s leading office properties where international, forward-looking companies perform their work using optimal digital infrastructure.</p> <p>TOWER185 is a multi-tenant property. Other major tenants are, among other things, PWC, Hyundai and the Association of Sparda Banks. Centralised tenant services are provided by a reliable, dedicated team consisting of the owner and property and facility management officers. The TOWER185 team places a high priority on visionary, tenant-focused building management. TOWER 185, like all of the high-rise properties proposed in this application, offers exclusive, physically self-contained spaces on contiguous floors accessible to AMLA only. The restricted access to the exclusive areas is, for example, ensured and implemented by access control systems on the ground floor and on all floors rented by AMLA as well as by elevator access control systems. Just like the other proposed properties TOWER185 is equipped with the latest security technologies.</p>	<p>proposed premises 1. It indicates that the premises building is 200 metres high and is designed as a sustainable building and equipped with technologies and connectivity, combined with a range of services and hospitality options. The application indicates that the premises comply with safety, energy, environmental, sustainability standards. The application indicates that the premises comprise flexible common spaces and customised office layouts. It indicates that the Tower is a multi-tenant property and offers physically self-contained spaces on contiguous floors accessible to AMLA only and respective security technologies.</p>
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Availability of the premises		
1) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works) as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Regulation	<p>TOWER185 is available immediately. The rental can take place as soon as the decision is made that TOWER185 is the preferred building for AMLA.</p> <p>Should time be needed until the property is fit out for AMLA’s particular needs,</p>	<p>The application indicates the immediate availability of premises 1 and that the rental can take place as soon as the decision on the AMLA seat is adopted. In addition, the application indicates that, should more time be needed until the premises are fit out, short-term interim accommodations with flexible lease conditions could be easily</p>

	Frankfurt's dynamic office market offers numerous premises where short-term interim accommodations with flexible lease conditions are available immediately. Frankfurt's market for office space in 2023 is very stable. This stability is backed up by Frankfurt's flourishing economy and the resulting strong demand for office space in the "metropolis on the Main". The ultramodern high-rises and skyscrapers that make up Frankfurt's skyline – and the Frankfurt real estate market in general – offer attractive, stylish and top-quality office space. Frankfurt has a total of over 11.5 million square metres of office space that can be leased. Many leading national and international companies have offices in Frankfurt and this naturally leads to a high demand for office space. However, this demand is satisfied by a wide-ranging supply of office space in various city districts, which is proven by a current ratio of unrented to rented office space in Frankfurt of about 9.1%. Another factor is the fundamental shift in working patterns, which was powerfully accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic. New work models involving remote working and desk-sharing – which have led to a growing shift away from fixed work stations – along with the ongoing digitalisation of workplaces are also having a beneficial impact on the availability of leasable office space. In light of the growth in flexible, hybrid work models, businesses and institutions are likely to require reduced amounts of office space. The current favourable circumstances in terms of office space supply and demand in Frankfurt mean that there are ideal conditions for AMLA to launch operations at full capacity from day one.	available, pointing to a current ratio of unrented to rented office space in Frankfurt of about 9.1%.
2) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)	7	The application indicates that 7 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works.
Organisation of the premises		
<i>Indicatively, and depending on the final number of staff (between 250 and 400 staff members), the size of the AMLA's premises should be between 6.000 to 10.000 square meters gross floor area above ground.</i>		
1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m ²)	10000	The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 10,000 m ² .
2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)	400	The application indicates that the hosting capacity of the premises 400 staff members.
3) Availability of one large conference room (including for the meetings of the General Board) (approx. 300 m ²)	Yes	The application indicates that there is a large conference room of approx. 300 m ² .
4) Number of meeting rooms for more than 40 persons	2	The application indicates that there are 2 meeting rooms for more than 40 persons
5) Number of meeting rooms for 13-15 persons	1	The application indicates that there is 1 meeting room for 13-15 persons.
6) Number of meeting rooms for 25-35 persons	2	The application indicates that there are 2 meeting rooms for 25-35 persons.
7) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering	Yes	The application indicates that there is a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering.
8) Availability of a dedicated area for FIU (around 30 individual offices)	Yes	The application indicates that there is a dedicated area for FIU.
9) Internal archives capacity of the premises	Yes	The application indicates that there is internal archives capacity of the premises. of 200 m ³ .
9.1) Archives volume (expressed in m ³)	200	
10) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - Available for AMLA	48	The application indicates that there are 48 parking spaces (inside and outside) available for AMLA.
11) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area	Yes	The application indicates that there is the possibility for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area by 1,000 m ² .

11.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m ²)	10000	
12) Are the premises EMAS verified?	Yes	The application indicates that the premises are EMAS verified.
13) Description of the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises including for environment performance standard	<p>New and existing buildings in Germany must meet strict legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards. These regulations are based on federal and state law, which in turn reflect the requirements set out in EU legislation. For example, German workplace law, which aims to protect the safety and health of workers, is based on Community law. Building codes, in turn, are the responsibility of the individual German states. Taken together, both sets of legislation establish a clear framework that allows for flexible solutions on a case-by-case basis, although primacy is always given to rules that ensure a higher level of worker protection. Furthermore, safety, energy and environmental performance standards in Germany are based on DIN standards that are set by the "Deutsches Institut für Normung" (German Institute for Standardisation or DIN), an independent platform that develops standards in Germany and around the world. Because of the strict regulations that apply in Germany, all of the buildings selected for inclusion in this application satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. With regard to sustainability and environmental performance standards, all of these buildings are certified by leading and renowned national and international building certification systems, namely the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM, frequently used for refurbished buildings), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB).</p> <p>TOWER185 is certified "Gold" under the LEED standard.</p>	The application indicates that new and existing buildings in Germany must meet legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards, which reflect the requirements of the EU legislation. It indicates that as a result the premises satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. In addition, the application indicates that the premises are certified by national and international building certification systems, namely the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM, used for refurbished buildings), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB). It indicates that TOWER185 is certified 'Gold' under the LEED standard.
14) Description of the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure	<p>All proposed AMLA properties feature state-of-the-art technological infrastructure that is standard in the Frankfurt real estate market. This will ensure the highest level of digital security and connectivity for AMLA. The property owners are fully aware that highly sensitive data is handled in the field of AML/CFT (e.g. the data in AMLA's database and data on directly supervised individual institutions), and that this necessitates security precautions above and beyond the average level.</p> <p>I. Digital connectivity</p> <p>All properties have access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G). This high-speed internet will be available via both cable and wireless LAN throughout the buildings. In addition, the properties will have their own servers for storing large volumes of highly sensitive data. In this context, it should also be pointed out that the world's leading internet exchange ("DE-CIX", with peak traffic of over 15 terabits per second) is located in Frankfurt.</p> <p>II. Digital security</p> <p>With regard to the security of the physical and IT infrastructure, all of the buildings presented in this application will be equipped with customised security features and corresponding access restrictions based on AMLA's specific requirements. These security measures include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bollards and barriers will offer sufficient resistance to stop vehicles. 2. All premises are equipped with safety glass. Bullet-proof or anti-blast film would need 	The application indicates that the premises provide for a technological infrastructure that ensures digital security and connectivity, taking into account the large volumes of sensitive data in the field of AML/CFT. In relation to connectivity, the application indicates in particular the access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G). In relation to digital security, the application indicates that the premises will be notably equipped with customised security features and corresponding access restrictions.

	<p>to be installed separately if needed.</p> <p>3. All floors of AMLA buildings offered are equipped with an autonomous surveillance, access control and security system. This includes AMLA technical controls such as metal detectors, visual controls and X-ray devices as well as access gates through revolving doors or turnstiles. Where AMLA leases only individual floors of a building, elevator access to these floors will be restricted to authorised personnel only (in the event that it is not possible to provide an exclusive elevator).</p> <p>4. Underground parking of employees and visitors will be controlled by security bars, monitoring and access ID. Deliveries and maintenance will have a separate access.</p> <p>5. Power and telecommunications cabling will be protected against interception or damage. Specifically, the fibre optic cables leading into the buildings were secured during construction so that no attack can be made on the cables from outside the building.</p> <p>6. In all of the AMLA buildings presented, dedicated space and infrastructure will be available on the office floors for setting up tenant-owned server rooms or other necessary installations, which will be explicitly separated from any other tenants in the building. Access to the server rooms can be further controlled via a keypad or card panel and CCTV, if required, to allow access only to selected individuals.</p> <p>7. Emergency generators can be added as part of the building infrastructure to allow systems to operate during power outages.</p> <p>8. A separate IT structure will be set up for the offices of FIU staff, including eavesdropping-proof floors and ceilings.</p>	
15) Other	<p>Availability of properties well suited to AMLA’s requirements</p> <p>Frankfurt has a dynamic office real estate market with 125,000 m2 of new office space completed in 2022, amounting to a total of 11.8 million m2 of office space in the city with almost one million m2 of vacant office space directly available. Most of the office properties are centrally located between the financial district, the central business district, respectively, and the headquarter of the European Central Bank (ECB). The modern offices comprehensively meet the latest sustainability, security, and comfort requirements. However, prices remain competitive, office space in Frankfurt, therefore, is still more affordable than in other EU metropolitan regions.</p> <p>With nearly 300 certified sustainable buildings in 2022, Frankfurt also continues to hold a top position in the “Green Building” competition. AMLA will therefore find sufficient supply of high-quality, sustainable, state-of-the-art, but still affordable commercial real estate in Frankfurt.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Frankfurt market offers AMLA a high degree of flexibility: AMLA will have the opportunity to start out with a smaller volume of office space for the first employees while reserving additional space for further expansion within the same building. It is thus not necessary for the initial phase of AMLA’s work to immediately use office space in the final AMLA building. This is particularly advantageous in view of the fact that renting smaller spaces is easy on the budget. Should the final AMLA building still be under construction in accordance with AMLA’s needs, the availability of other office space is ensured.</p>	<p>The application indicates that the Frankfurt’s office real estate market offers modern offices that meet the environmental, sustainability, security and comfort requirements, with competitive prices. The application indicates that AMLA will have the possibility to start out with a smaller volume of office space while reserving additional space for further expansion within the same premises.</p>

Financial terms

1) Description of the financial terms	<p>The German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide financial support to AMLA during its start-up period, when AMLA will not yet be collecting fees from direct supervisory activities.</p> <p>In order to provide AMLA with maximum flexibility in this respect, the federal, state, and city governments offer to provide AMLA with fast-start financing in the form of a lump-sum grant. Based on the European Commission's original proposal (including 250 AMLA staff) – a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated €10 million would be provided that would be paid out over a five-year period. AMLA could use this fast-start financing to help cover, for example, rent costs and incidental expenses (as assumed in the answers to the following questions).</p> <p>The federal, state, and city governments declare their willingness to review the possibility of providing additional funding, if the legislation that ultimately establishes the legal basis for AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs.</p>	The application indicates that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated EUR 10 million to AMLA that would be paid out over a five-year period and be used to cover for example rent costs and incidental expenses. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding, if the founding act of AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs.
2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)	36.5	The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is 36.5 EUR/m ² .
3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany intends to cover the rent for 5 years.
3.1) Will the applicant Member State cover the rent	For a given period of time	
3.2) If yes, for how many years?	5	
4) Monthly maintenance costs (expressed in EUR/m ²)	6.5	The application indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are 6.5 EUR/m ² , within the framework of the financial contribution from Germany as described under point 1.
5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany intends to cover the maintenance costs.
6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m ²)	0	The application indicates that the fit-out costs are: 0 EUR/m ² .
7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?	Yes	
8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the future upgrade and extension?	Depends	The application indicates that Germany may cover the future upgrade and extension.
9) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions	<p>All properties offered for AMLA belong to private owners, so civil law applies to contractual requirements. For commercial leases, the German Civil Code only sets out a framework of basic rules. These cover all areas from the conclusion of a lease agreement to its termination and are useful if parties do not wish to invest much time in negotiations on an individual contract. Most of these provisions are optional in order to ensure maximum flexibility, which is why the parties to a commercial lease are free to include almost whatever they wish in their contract. Such an arrangement also will allow AMLA to expand or upgrade its premises as needed. I. Full flexibility on future extensions AMLA will have full flexibility regarding future extensions of the rented property. For example, if AMLA only needs one floor of a property at the beginning, leasing the property can be done in stages. It is also possible to lease additional floors or parts of the property in time increments. These specifics can be included in the lease from the beginning or added to the contract at a later stage (based on the already existing contractual relationship). As soon as the decision on a property for AMLA becomes more concrete, the Frankfurt Development Agency will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. An expansion into other</p>	The application provides information on the German civil law framework which leaves flexibility for commercial lease contracts. This includes flexibility in relation to future extensions, in relation to future upgrades and in relation to extending the lease period, all of which is subject to negotiations. The application indicates that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. The application indicates that new rights to terminate the contract on exceptional grounds could also be introduced.

	<p>buildings would also be possible, as has been done with the ECB. The proposed buildings are situated in dynamic business districts. Commercial premises continue to be built in these districts, and there is always a certain rate of vacancy and movement. It is therefore safe to say that there will be no difficulty finding a building in very close proximity to the one chosen as headquarters. II. Full flexibility on future upgrades Full flexibility also applies to future upgrades of already leased properties. The realisation of such upgrades (e.g. more meeting rooms, more secure IT rooms, more storage rooms) is subject to negotiations and might require the tenant to bear part of the costs. The owner might take on a larger share of the costs if the upgrade increases the value of the premises and if the upgrade is requested by a tenant with a long lease period ahead. III. Full flexibility on extending the lease period An extension of the lease period is possible and can be negotiated at any time after the conclusion of the contract. Against the background that AMLA, as an EU agency, will be a reliable and long-standing tenant, great flexibility on the part of the owner is to be expected. All other aspects can be introduced into the negotiations, for example the duration of the new lease period or new rights to terminate the contract on exceptional grounds. As the owner would probably be interested in keeping AMLA as a tenant, the negotiations can be expected to run rather smoothly.</p>	
10) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)	5	The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 5 years.
11) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease	<p>Under German law, property lease agreements can be entered into for an indefinite or fixed period of time. Parties to a lease agreement decide freely on the duration of the agreement. The same freedom is given to them when it comes to the termination of the lease. This ensures maximum flexibility for AMLA. Usually, commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning five to ten years. For leases with a fixed term, the law specifies a limited number of reasons justifying early termination on exceptional grounds. Further possibilities for terminating the lease are subject to the parties' negotiations.</p> <p>Should AMLA need to terminate the lease before the contractual date, several options are available for reducing the financial burden, as terminating the lease before the contractual date usually requires a payment of compensation by the tenant. The tenant can, for example, present to the owner a follow-up tenant who is willing to lease the premises under the same conditions or sublease the premises. Taking one of these steps can significantly reduce the cost of vacating the premises before the lease period expires.</p>	The application indicates that lease agreements can be negotiated for an indefinite or fixed period and that usually commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning five to ten years. It indicates that the German law sets out a limited number of reasons on exceptional grounds justifying early termination of lease with fixed-term period. The application indicates that different options can be envisaged for reducing the financial impact of a termination of the lease before the contractual date.
12) Description of any special conditions with regard to the costs and dedicated infrastructure	<p>The properties being offered to AMLA will be leased by private owners, which means that the specific details of the lease agreement will be the subject of negotiations between AMLA and the owner. The "Wirtschaftsförderung Frankfurt" (Frankfurt Economic Development Agency) is ready and willing to assist AMLA in its negotiations to conclude a lease agreement.</p> <p>The following financial benefits for AMLA can already be highlighted in advance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The headquarters agreement which the Federal Republic of Germany would conclude with AMLA will include the same financial benefits as those that have been granted to other EU agencies in Germany, in addition to the benefits specified in Protocol 7. 2. The German federal government, the state of Hesse, and the city of Frankfurt will provide AMLA with financial support that can be used for costs incurred in connection with the leased property (please see description of financial terms). 3. AMLA will not incur any additional costs for outfitting and renovation, because these costs are already included in the rent price. Interior configurations (meeting rooms of various sizes, offices, etc.), IT connectivity and all security precautions are generally 	<p>The application indicates that the specific details of the lease agreement will be subject of negotiations between AMLA and the owner, and that assistance will be offered to AMLA in these negotiations.</p> <p>It refers to financial benefits in the headquarters agreement (see below point on any benefits in addition to Protocol 7), the financial support offered by the federal government, the state of Hesse, and the city of Frankfurt and that rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs.</p>

	<p>included in the rent price.</p> <p>Against this background, it will be possible for AMLA to calculate – well in advance – the specific costs of setting up in Frankfurt. This financial certainty will be tremendously helpful for AMLA, especially given the tight budgetary conditions in the EU and the fact that AMLA will not be able to obtain financing from the collection of fees until after it starts its direct supervisory activities. If Frankfurt is selected as AMLA headquarters, AMLA will know definitively from the outset what set-up costs can be expected.</p>	
13) Other	<p>see above no (3.2): The German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide financial support to AMLA during its start-up period is provided in the form of a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated €10 million that would be paid out over a five-year period.</p> <p>see above no (6): A high fit-out standard has already been taken into account in the rental costs indicated above. In the German real estate market, it is common for the fit-out standard agreed upon by tenant and owner to be reflected in the monthly rent price.</p> <p>see above no (10): 5-7 years (typical minimum duration of lease) Obligatory minimum duration of the lease also depends on the fit-out standard requested by tenant (the higher the standard, the longer the required lease agreement period). The maximum duration of the lease depends on the contractual agreement.</p> <p>A perfect blueprint for setting up AMLA in Frankfurt is the experience of EIOPA. EIOPA, which grew out of CEIOPS, leased premises in the Westhafen Tower, a commercial high-rise. EIOPA started out by leasing only one floor but reserved the option of further expansion in the same building. As EIOPA grew, two more floors and the conference floor were leased in addition. EIOPA has an open-plan office structure with a mix of individual and open-plan entities. It has its own reception and visitors are always escorted by EIOPA staff. From the outset, the city of Frankfurt promoted retail shops near the premises, because the Westhafen was a newly developed housing and office area with little retail infrastructure, located at Frankfurt’s former west river port. EIOPA was assisted from the start by the city of Frankfurt and by the Frankfurt Economic Development Agency in all aspects of hosting an EU authority.</p> <p>When the ECB was set up, Frankfurt and the German federal government negotiated a temporary solution that enabled the ECB to lease space in a high-rise formerly used by DZ Bank in the central business district. This preliminary solution provided the ECB with full operability (introduction of the euro) while the new headquarters in Frankfurt Ostend were constructed in the meantime.</p>	The application refers to the examples of EIOPA and ECB as examples for setting up an agency.
Summary Criterion 1		<p>The application indicates the availability of TOWER 185, completed in 2011, in the central business district as premises 1. The application indicates that the premises comply with safety, energy, environmental, sustainability standards, are designed as a sustainable building, equipped with technologies and connectivity, flexible common spaces and customised office layouts. The application indicates that the premises are situated in a multi-tenant property combined with a range of services and hospitality options and offers physically self-contained spaces on contiguous floors accessible to AMLA only. The application indicates that the premises are available immediately, that fit-out and adaptation works would require 7 months and that, should more time be needed until the premises are fit out, short-term interim accommodations with flexible lease conditions could be easily available. The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 10,000 m², and that the premises can host 400 people and are equipped with a</p>

		<p>large conference room of approx. 300 m² , meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons is, 1 for 13-15 persons and 2 for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, an internal archives capacity of 200 m³ and 48 parking spaces. The application indicates that the premises can be extended up to 10,000 m², are EMAS verified, satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications and are certified by national and international building certification systems. The application indicates that the premises provide for a technological infrastructure that ensures digital security and connectivity with access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G).</p> <p>The application indicates that rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs, that the monthly rental cost is 36.5 EUR/m², that the monthly maintenance cost is 6.5 EUR/m² and that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated of EUR 10 million that would be paid out over a five-year period and that Germany may cover the future upgrade and extension. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding if the founding act of AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs. The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 5 years and that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. The application indicates that lease agreements can be negotiated for an indefinite or fixed period and that usually commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning 5-10 years.</p>
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Criterion 2 – ‘Accessibility of the location’		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
Public transportation		
<p>1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals</p>	<p>Frankfurt is located on the Main river, with the world at its doorstep. The city has unrivalled access to air and rail travel.</p> <p>Average flight time to EU capitals: 2.5 h</p> <p>Daily train connections from Frankfurt: 1,100</p> <p>I. By air: Frankfurt’s sustainable airport</p> <p>Frankfurt is easily accessible via its international airport, with daily non-stop flights to all major cities in Europe and around the globe. Almost all European capitals can be reached by direct flights in 2.5 hours or less. Frankfurt’s airport is one of the main passenger airports in Europe and has the largest freight volume of any European airport. It can be reached from the city centre in a mere 15 minutes by train. Thanks to the AiRail terminal, air and rail connections (including high-speed trains) are optimally interlinked at the airport, allowing seamless transfers between transport modes.</p> <p>Country, City, Daily direct flights on average:</p> <p>Austria, Vienna, 12 Belgium, Brussels, 9 Bulgaria, Sofia, 5 Croatia, Zagreb, 5 Cyprus, Larnaca, 1</p>	<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has average flight time of 2.5 hours or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia, (168 daily flights), and 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates that Frankfurt airport is interlinked with other transport modes and pursues the goal of ensuring its climate-neutrality by 2045.</p>

Czech Republic, Prague, 4
Denmark, Copenhagen, 7
Estonia, Tallinn, 3
Finland, Helsinki, 5
France, Paris, 12
Germany, Berlin, 14
Greece, Athens, 5
Hungary, Budapest, 5
Ireland, Republic of, Dublin, 5
Italy, Rome, 6
Latvia, Riga, 4
Lithuania, Vilnius, 1
Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 4
Malta, Valletta, 3
Netherlands, Amsterdam, 12
Poland, Warsaw, 7
Portugal, Lisbon, 6
Romania, Bucharest, 4
Slovenia, Ljubljana, 3
Slovakia, Bratislava (airport Vienna), 12
Spain, Madrid, 8
Sweden, Stockholm, 6

The airport is also addressing the challenges of the environmental transformation: it is pursuing the goal of ensuring climate-neutral operations by 2045. To achieve this, it will obtain a large proportion of its electricity requirements from a dedicated offshore wind farm as of summer 2026. An innovation hub for alternative CO2-neutral aviation fuels is also being developed close to the airport at Industriepark Höchst.

II. By rail: Superior train network

Frankfurt is the central hub of a high-speed rail network, offering over 1,100 daily rail connections. Frankfurt Central Station is one of the main passenger stations in Europe, with around half a million passengers each day. There are daily high-speed train connections to other European capitals, including Brussels (three hours), Amsterdam (four hours) and Paris (less than four hours).

No. of weekly average train connections to the following cities:

Amsterdam: 49
Berlin: 210
Brussels: 50
Budapest: 49
Copenhagen: 21
Ljubljana: 7
Luxembourg: 49
Madrid: 7
Milan: 7
Paris: 44
Prague: 56
Vienna/Bratislava: 49

	Warsaw: 28 Zagreb: 7	
2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest airport to the premises	Train; Metro	The application indicates the availability of metro and train connections from the premises to the closest airport.
Frequency of train connections (expressed in minutes)	10	The application indicates that the frequency of the train connection is of 10 minutes and the duration 15 minutes.
Duration of train connections (expressed in minutes)	15	
Frequency of metro connections (expressed in minutes)	10	The application indicates that the frequency of the metro connection is of 10 minutes and the duration 15 minutes.
Duration of metro connections (expressed in minutes)	15	
3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises	Metro; Tram	The application indicates that metro and tram 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 the metro connections is of 5 minutes and the duration 2 minutes.
Duration of metro connections (expressed in minutes)	2	
Frequency of tram connections (expressed in minutes)	10	The application indicates that the frequency of the tram connections is of 10 minutes and the duration 5 minutes.
Duration of tram connections (expressed in minutes)	5	
Other	In addition to connections by air and rail from all over the Union, Frankfurt can also be reached by other means of transportation, such as by car. Within Frankfurt, the public transport system is well developed, so that getting around is assured at any time of day or night as well as on weekends. Alternatively, getting around Frankfurt is possible on foot, by bicycle or by car. I. By car Frankfurt is also very well connected to other regions in Germany via the well developed autobahn network. Other EU countries are also well connected via motorway. For example, Strasbourg and Luxembourg can be reached in approximately three hours. In a city like Frankfurt, where many destinations can be reached by public transport and bicycle, one does not have to own a car. Many car-sharing options are available for the occasions when a car is needed. There are also special car-sharing discounts for holders of local public transport subscriptions (in the form of monthly tickets). II. Public transport Public transport in Frankfurt is increasingly oriented towards climate-friendly mobility. For example, some regional trains are operated using emission-free hydrogen. These trains will be increasingly used for urban transport as well. In a regional public transport lab, new ideas are continuously being developed to make mobility more climate-friendly and efficient. The opinion of passengers is also important to the Frankfurt public transport association; for example, a mobility plan was drafted that incorporated input from passengers. To support public transportation use, the public transport association Rhein-Main (RMV) offers a wide range of tickets: from weekly, monthly and annual tickets to senior citizens' and schoolchildren's tickets with special reductions. Since last summer, a "Deutschlandticket" is also available for €49 per month that permits holders to use all local and regional trains throughout Germany. But even with tickets that are limited to the RMV area, the Taunus region and surrounding towns can be reached quickly and efficiently. Frequent regional train service is provided on weekends and at night. During the day, regional trains usually run every 10 to 20 minutes. In addition to climate-	The application provides some information on accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking.

	<p>friendly mobility, passenger safety is a top priority for RMV. On-train staff and CCTV are increasingly used to guarantee safe travel. As uniformed police officers are allowed to use public transport free of charge, this also strengthens safety on buses and trains. Furthermore, the interior of the trains is designed for safety, so that the passageways are free and spacious. 200 million people are transported through Frankfurt via underground trains and trams every year. III. Bike-sharing Public transport is not the only option for people who do not wish to travel by car. Bikes are an increasingly popular and common form of transport. Distances in Frankfurt are short and destinations, such as workplaces and schools, can be reached quickly by bike. Numerous bike-sharing programmes are available in Frankfurt, such as Nextbike (by Tier), Call-a-Bike (by Deutsche Bahn), the Main Lastenrad and electric scooters. Bike and scooter rental is easy, and is done using a mobile phone app. Rented bikes and scooters can be parked in the city either directly on the pavement or at the stations of bike providers. Frankfurt's cycle paths are high-quality, wide and safe, and the cycle path network is being expanded continuously. One of the city's initiatives in this area is the project "Bicycle City Frankfurt". Since 2019, this mobility strategy has massively expanded activities to promote cycling: for example, 29 km of cycle paths have been marked in red, 6,100 metres of new cycle paths have been created on main roads and 8,000 new bicycle parking spaces have been built. The surrounding area will also be linked up to the city with six new cycling express routes, which will enable AMLA employees to commute from their homes to Frankfurt by bike – along the Main from the suburbs in the west, coming from the city forest in the south or from the Taunus and Odenwald mountain ranges. The project has helped to increase the share of cycling to 23% of all transportation. IV. Walking Frankfurt's short distances are also easily manageable on foot. And not only for adults: In 2008, Frankfurt launched the "Schulweg Safari" project for schoolchildren. This project encourages children and parents to walk or cycle to school. There are special school route maps and information materials to help children get to school safely. The campaign thus also promotes children's independence and sense of responsibility.</p>	
Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises		
1) Number of 3 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	10	The application indicates the presence of 10 three star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
2) Number of 4 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	20	The application indicates the presence of 20 four star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
3) Number of 5 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	2	The application indicates the presence of 2 five star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
4) Number of 3 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	7	The application indicates the presence of 7 three star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.
5) Number of 4 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	11	The application indicates the presence of 11 four star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.
6) Number of 5 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	10	The application indicates the presence of 10 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.
7) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside AMLA premises	<p>TOWER185 is located near the Frankfurt Trade Fair and the banking district. Conferences and events can be held in close proximity at the following locations.</p> <p>Event locations: The facilities at Messe Frankfurt, such as the Congress Center, Forum, Festhalle and Kap Europa, offer large-size capacities that can host 2,000-15,000 participants. Smaller but more spectacular is Fifty Heights. This 220 m2 event space is used for all types of gatherings, including digital events, lectures, co-creation workshops and evening receptions. Its rooftop terrace offers a unique 360° view of the Rhine-Main region and the Taunus. Other venues, such as the Villa Bonn and Gesellschaftshaus Palmengarten, feature neo-classical architecture and a more traditionally stylish atmosphere for conferences as well as gala dinners. More intimate venues such as Design</p>	The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in proximity of the premises. It indicates a variety of locations ranging from large location that can host between 2,000-15,000 participants to smaller location. It also provides information on hotels that can serve as conference hotels.

Offices Frankfurt Wiesenhüttenplatz, Design Offices Frankfurt Barckhausstrasse and memox.world Taunusanlage are available for smaller and co-working oriented events.

Many medium-size and large-size hotels that can serve as conference hotels are located in the immediate vicinity. These include: NH Collection Spin Tower, nhow Frankfurt, Mövenpick Hotel Frankfurt-City, Maritim Hotel Frankfurt, Frankfurt Marriott Hotel, Meliá Frankfurt City, Radisson Blu Hotel Frankfurt, and Metropolitan Hotel by Fleming.

Additional venues and conference hotels are listed on the website of the Frankfurt Convention Bureau, which also provides a search option based on distance from the desired destination (e.g. airport). The above-mentioned conference hotels and event locations are in the immediate vicinity of the proposed building. They offer a wide range of space capacities, architectural styles and interior designs. Detailed descriptions and pictures are available on the Frankfurt Convention Bureau's website.

Conference event locations near TOWER185:

1. Fifty Heights

No of function rooms: 1
Largest room size m2: 120
Theatre style: 100
Banquet: 70
Classroom: 52
Reception: 120
Catering: in-house
Multistorey parking: 4,000

2. Kap Europa

No of function rooms: 14
Largest room size m2: 973
Theatre style: 1,020
Banquet: 620
Classroom: 644
Catering: in-house
Multistorey parking: 4,000

3. Forum

No of function rooms: 11
Largest room size m2: 2,432
Theatre style: 2,025
Banquet: 1,080
Classroom: 1,170
Catering: in-house
Parking spaces: 24,700

4. Gästehaus Palmengarten

No of function rooms: 7
Largest room size m2: 1,021
Theatre style: 970
Banquet: 780
Classroom: 450
Reception: 2,000
Catering: in-house
Multistorey parking: 220

5. Maritim Hotel

No of function rooms: 8
Largest room size m2: 393
Theatre style: 350
Banquet: 300
Classroom: 190
Reception: 62
Catering: in-house
Beds: 975
Parking spaces: 460

6. Marriott Hotel

No of function rooms: 23
Largest room size m2: 875
Theatre style: 775
Banquet: 648
Classroom: 540
Reception: 1,000
Catering: in-house
Beds: 776
Multistorey parking: 610

7. Steigenberger Icon Frankfurter Hof

No of function rooms: 16
Largest room size m2: 460
Theatre style: 450
Banquet: 320
Classroom: 250
Reception: 450
Catering: in-house
Beds: 407
Multistorey parking: 220

8. Hilton Frankfurt City Center

No of function rooms: 16

Largest room size m2: 480
Theatre style: 550
Banquet: 290
Classroom: 250
Reception: 800
Catering: in-house
Beds: 684
Parking spaces: 75

9. Sofitel Frankfurt Opéra

No of function rooms: 5
Largest room size m2: 320
Theatre style: 200
Banquet: 180
Classroom: 160
Reception: 200
Catering: in-house
Beds: 150
Multistorey parking: 320

10. Radisson Blu Hotel

No of function rooms: 17
Largest room size m2: 600
Theatre style: 490
Banquet: 320
Classroom: 320
Reception: 340
Catering: in-house
Beds: 790
Multistorey parking: 240

11. Festhalle Messe

No of function rooms: 4
Largest room size m2: 5,646
Theatre style: 15,000
Banquet: 2,200
Classroom: 2,100
Catering: in-house
Parking spaces: 24,700

12. Congress Center

No of function rooms: 13
Largest room size m2: 1,830
Theatre style: 2,200

	<p>Banquet: 1,480 Classroom: 1,130 Catering: in-house Parking spaces: 24,700</p> <p>13. Villa Bonn</p> <p>No of function rooms: 10 Largest room size m2: 100 Theatre style: 100 Banquet: 160 Reception: 300 Catering: in-house Parking spaces: 40</p>	
8) Other	<p>Frankfurt has outstanding accommodation infrastructure to host AMLA’s guests. Frankfurt and its surroundings meet all the requirements for professional conferencing and pleasant short-term work stays: The hotel landscape in the metropolitan region of Frankfurt is ideally suited for conferences, business trips and all other occasions. In the city alone there are 252 hotels with 58,545 beds. Frankfurt has 12 hotels with 5,974 beds in the 5* segment, 73 hotels with 24,742 beds in the 4* segment, and 167 hotels with 27,829 beds in the other categories. In a general price comparison based on pre-pandemic data from 2019, Frankfurt was in the lower midfield with an average price of €103 per night. This is significantly less than Paris (€154), Amsterdam (€149), Milan (€123), and Madrid (€119), for example. 2. Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent. Tenants can make use of a wide range of services provided (e.g. cleaning and laundry services). The existing accommodation capacity in Frankfurt can already satisfy AMLA’s future annual demand for hotel bookings and other short-term rentals – and at very competitive prices compared with other European destinations.</p>	<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent, with a wide range of services.</p>
Summary Criterion 2		<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has an average flight time of 2.5 hours or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia, (168 daily flights), and that there are 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates the availability of train and metro connections (10 minutes frequency and 15 minutes duration both) from the premises to the closest airport. The application indicates the availability of metro (10 minutes frequency, 2 minutes duration) and tram (10 minutes frequency, 5 minutes duration) connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises.</p> <p>In addition, the application provides some information on the accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking.</p> <p>The application indicates the presence of 10 three star hotels, 20 four star hotels, 2 five star hotels at walking distance from the premises, of 7 three star hotels, 11 four star hotels, 10 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises. The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in proximity of the premises in a variety of locations that can host from 2,000-15,000 participants to smaller locations. The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that</p>

Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent with a wide range of services.

Criterion 3 – ‘Existence of adequate education facilities for the children of AMLA’s staff’		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
1) Number of nurseries	870	The application indicates the presence of 870 nurseries.
2) Language options offered by nurseries	Bulgarian; Portuguese; Italian; Romanian; French; German; Greek; Spanish; English; Polish	The application indicates that Bulgarian, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish are the languages offered by the nurseries.
3) Additional information concerning nurseries (names, location, language regimes offered, etc.)	<p>There are numerous bilingual and multilingual childcare services in Frankfurt and the metropolitan area. In addition to German, the range of languages offered includes French, English, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese, Chinese, Italian, Polish, Greek, Romanian, Turkish, and Arabic.</p> <p>"Kinderkrippe" is for children under the age of 3 and "Kindergarten" is for children between the ages of 3 and 6. Many facilities also offer both types of care. The cost of childcare varies, depending on the region and type of facility. In Frankfurt, a full-day care place for children from the age of 3 in a municipal kindergarten is free of charge. Both European Schools in the Frankfurt metropolitan area offer pre-primary schooling for 4 and 5 year olds, in the languages offered in the early learning programme, similar to other European Schools.</p> <p>Sample list of nurseries and Kindergarten</p> <p>Arcobaleno Träger 55 e.V. Kindergarten Frankfurt Ages: 3-6 Students: 25 Languages: DE, IT Address: Hedderichstr. 71 60596 Frankfurt am Main Tel.: +49 (0)69 60628698 Email: arcobaleno@traeger55.de www.traeger55.de/kita-arcobaleno</p> <p>Europäische Schule Frankfurt am Main (European Baccalaureate) Frankfurt Ages: 4-17 Students: 1,600 Languages: DE, EN, ES, FR, IT Address: Praunheimer Weg 126 60439 Frankfurt am Main Tel: +49(0) 69 928 8740</p>	The application indicates the availability of bilingual and multilingual childcare services with, in addition to English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian Spanish, also Russian, Chinese, Turkish and Arabic. The application indicates that the European Schools in the Frankfurt metropolitan area offer pre-primary schooling for 4- and 5- year old in the languages offered in the early learning programme, similar to other European Schools. In addition, the application provides information on costs of nurseries.

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<https://www.esffm.org>

Europäische Schule RheinMain
(European Baccalaureate)
Bad Vilbel
Ages: 4-17
Students: 1,700
Languages: DE, EN
Address:
Theodor-Heuss-Str. 65
61118 Bad Vilbel
Tel: +49(0) 6101 505660
Email: info@es-rm.eu
www.es-rm.eu

Frankfurt International School
(IB Diploma)
Oberursel
Private school
Ages: 3-17
Students: 1,780
Languages: DE, EN, ES, FR, JAP, KOR, NL
(FIS International School Wiesbaden: BG, CN, DE, EN, ES, FR, IT)
Address:
An der Waldlust 15
61440 Oberursel
Tel: +49(0) 6171 202 4474
Email: admissions@fis.edu
www.fis.edu

Griechisch-Deutscher Kindergarten
Frankfurt am Main
Ages: 3-6
Languages: DE, GR
Address:
Adalbertstr. 23
60486 Frankfurt am Main
Tel.: +49 (0)69 774385
Email: kita@griechische-gemeinde-frankfurt.org
www.griechische-gemeinde-frankfurt.org

ISF International School Frankfurt Rhein-Main
(IB Diploma, AP, IGCSE)
Frankfurt am Main
Private school
Ages: 3-17
Students: 900

Languages: DE, EN, ES, FR, JAP, KOR
Address:
Strasse zur Internationalen Schule 33
65931 Frankfurt am Main
Tel: +49(0) 69 954319 710
Email: info@isf-sabis.net
www.isf.sabis.net

K.I.D.S. Kindergarten e.V. Kindergarten
Frankfurt am Main
Ages: 3-6
Languages: DE, EN
Students: 20
Address:
Sebastian-Rinz-Str. 22
60323 Frankfurt am Main
Tel.: +49 (0)69 558403
Email: newkids@kids-kindergarten.de
www.kids-kindergarten.de

Le Jardin Multilinguale Kindereinrichtungen
Kinderkrippe & Kindergarten
Frankfurt am Main
Ages: 2 months-6 years
Languages: DE, EN, ES, FR
Students: 350
Address:
Trakehner Str. 7-9c
60487 Frankfurt am Main
Tel.: +49 (0)69 66969880
Email: info@le-jardin.eu
www.le-jardin.eu

Metropolitan School Frankfurt
(IB Diploma, IGCSE)
Frankfurt am Main
Private school
Ages: 3-17
Students: 675
Languages: DE, EN, ES, FR
Address:
Eschborner Landstr. 134-142
60489 Frankfurt am Main
Tel: +49(0) 69 9686 4050
Email: office@m-school.de
www.m-school.de

Metropolitan International School

	<p>(A-levels, IGCSE) Viernheim Private school Ages: 4-18 Students: 280 Languages: DE, EN, ES Address: Walter-Gropius-Allee 3 68519 Viernheim Tel: +49(0) 6204 7087796 Email: contact@metroschool.de www.metropolitan-international-school.de</p>	
4) Availability of European Schools or accredited European Schools	Yes	The application indicates that there are European Schools or accredited European Schools.
4.1) Language options offered by the European Schools or accredited European Schools	Bulgarian; Estonian; Irish; Portuguese; Croatian; Finnish; Italian; Romanian; Czech; French; Latvian; Slovak; Danish; German; Lithuanian; Slovenian; Dutch; Greek; Maltese; Spanish; English; Hungarian; Polish; Swedish	The application indicates that Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Irish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovenian, Slovak, Spanish, and Swedish are the languages offered by the European Schools.
4.2) Additional information concerning European Schools or accredited European Schools (names, location, language regimes offered, etc.)	<p>There are 2 European Schools in the Frankfurt area:</p> <p>Europäische Schule Frankfurt am Main (European Baccalaureate) Frankfurt am Main Ages: 4-17 Students: 1,600 Languages: All languages, with special focus on DE, EN, ES, FR, IT Address: Praunheimer Weg 126 60439 Frankfurt am Main Tel: +49(0) 69 928 8740 Email: list-frf-contact@eursc.eu</p> <p>Europäische Schule RheinMain (European Baccalaureate) Bad Vilbel Ages: 4-17 Students: 1,700 Main languages: All languages, with special focus on DE, EN Address: Theodor-Heuss-Str. 65 61118 Bad Vilbel Tel: +49(0) 6101 505660 Email: info@es-rm.eu www.es-rm.eu</p> <p>The European School Frankfurt is one of thirteen European Schools in six EU member states. As such</p>	The application indicates that there are two European Schools in the Frankfurt, one European school providing education in all EU languages and with a special focus on English, French, German, Italian and Spanish, and one accredited European School providing education in all EU languages with a special focus on English and German. The application provides further information on these schools, including on their location and accessibility, the number of students, facilities and equipment.

	<p>it has a contingent of places for children of EU officials and offers an excellent education from nursery right up to the European Baccalaureate. The European Baccalaureate is recognized by all EU member states as well as by Switzerland, Canada and the United States. Currently, the school is located in the northwest of Frankfurt (Praunheimer Weg), about 15 minutes by car from Frankfurt’s central business district and connected to the public transport network with its own bus stop and a nearby local railway (S-Bahn) station. To show its appreciation and support for the growing European School, Frankfurt has offered a new and very attractive site for the construction of a bigger facility with its “Ratsweg” property. The site is located very close to the ECB and can be easily reached from the city centre (and thus from the potential AMLA headquarters) in 7 minutes by public transport or 17 minutes by car. The site is also directly connected to the cycle path network. The school will be adjacent to the new building of the “Familienbad Bornheim” swimming pool (completion 2024) and the local East Park in the new neighbourhood. The neighbouring ice rink, the PSD Bank Arena (a venue for both football and American football), the nearby Frankfurt Zoo and rowing opportunities on the Main river also add to the attractiveness of the school’s new location.</p> <p>There is a second European School in the Frankfurt metropolitan area: the European School RheinMain (ESRM). This school is one of the 23 accredited European Schools, offering the full range of services as set out in the European Schools curriculum. The ESRM is located in Bad Vilbel, a medium-sized city approximately 15 km from Frankfurt’s city centre. There is a local railway (S-Bahn) station in Bad Vilbel; trains to Frankfurt’s city centre take 22 minutes. The ESRM is authorized to offer the European Baccalaureate, like other European Schools in other member states and in Germany. The ESRM, like all the European Schools, offers special facilities for children with learning difficulties under the official SEN (Special Educational Needs) regulations. Just as in the European School Frankfurt, special mother tongue courses are offered for pupils with a first language other than the language of the main classes (SWALS: students without a language section). At the ESRM, only native speakers can teach the first and second languages. Classes usually have 24 pupils, both at the primary and the secondary level. Within the rules set under the ES system, the ESRM has the option of organising and rearranging the classroom environment to meet the needs of children.</p>	
5) Number of international schools providing primary and secondary education	39	The application indicates the presence of 39 international schools providing primary and secondary education.
6) Language options offered by the international schools	Bulgarian; Croatian; Italian; French; Latvian; German; Dutch; Greek; Spanish; English	The application indicates that Bulgarian, Croatian, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian and Spanish are the languages offered by the international schools.
7) Additional information concerning international schools (names, location, language regimes offered, etc.)	<p>I. Focus on individuality</p> <p>The German educational system is based on the idea that one size does not fit all. It endeavours to strengthen the students’ personality and promote independence and self-organisation. It allows the students to dress according to their wishes, as clothing is part of one’s self. It encourages the students to question what they read and hear, to differentiate between facts and opinions, debate them and form their own convictions. The German educational system prefers group work, experiments and presentations over teacher-centred instruction.</p> <p>II. Safety</p> <p>Schools in Germany are open and safe establishments. School doors are neither being locked nor controlled during the day, creating an agreeable and fertile open learning environment which benefits the students’ psychological well-being and their academic achievements. As Germany is a safe country with a low crime rate and a well-developed public transport service, students in urban areas usually use public transport to reach their school comfortably. In smaller cities and rural areas, the</p>	<p>The application indicates that 39 private and state schools offer the International Baccalaureate and other qualifications. The application indicates that most of the international schools offer pre-school education from age 4, that there are bilingual and trilingual nurseries and that all international schools in Frankfurt are prepared to expand their capacities to integrate the children of AMLA’s staff.</p> <p>In addition, the application provides information on the German educational system and on the security of the schools and provides a list of international schools and a list of German and other secondary schools with bilingual options.</p>

majority of students arrive by bike or school bus. However, most schools have ample parking so that students can easily be brought to school by car.

III. International schools

Currently, a total of 52 private and state schools in the Frankfurt Rhine-Main region offer the International Baccalaureate or other internationally recognized school-leaving qualifications. In addition, there is a large selection of schools that are multilingual or otherwise internationally oriented, but do not offer international educational qualifications. These include, in particular, bilingual elementary schools, bilingual secondary schools and European Schools. Most of the international schools offer pre-school education from age 4. Bilingual and trilingual nurseries are similarly widespread throughout most boroughs of Frankfurt and its suburbs.

All international schools in Frankfurt are prepared to expand their capacities to integrate the children of AMLA staff. An enrolment request should include the child's age, class level and estimated entry date. If one of the schools is not able to take a child at a specific class level, the headmaster's office takes action to find a suitable place in one of the other international schools.

Sample list of schools:

Frankfurt International School (IB Diploma) Oberursel

Private school

Ages: 3-17

Students: 1,780

Languages: EN (+ DE, ES, FR, JAP, KOR, NL)

(FIS International School Wiesbaden: BG, CN, DE, EN, FR, ES, ITA, NL)

ISF International School Frankfurt Rhein-Main (IB Diploma, AP, IGCSE) Frankfurt am Main

Private school

Ages: 3-17

Students: 900

Languages: EN (+ DE, ES, FR, JAP, KOR)

Metropolitan School Frankfurt (IB Diploma, IGCSE) Frankfurt am Main

Private school

Ages: 3-17

Students: 675

Languages: EN (+ DE, FR, ES)

Metropolitan International School (A-levels, IGCSE) Viernheim

Private school

Ages: 4-18

Students: 280

Languages: EN, DE (+ ES)

State International School (IB Diploma, IGCSE) Seeheim-Jugenheim

State school

Ages: 6-17

Students: 360

Languages: EN (+ DE, FR, ES, IT, LAT)

IV. German and other secondary schools with bilingual options

Most German secondary schools offer the “allgemeine Hochschulreife” (Abitur), the senior school-leaving certificate, as well as the “mittlerer Schulabschluss”, the junior school-leaving certificate. Some German schools also offer qualifications that are recognized in other countries. These include the AbiBac (combined French Baccalaureate and German Abitur), the AbiStat (combined Italian and German Abitur), and the International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma.

Sample list of German and other secondary schools with bilingual options:

Freiherr-vom-Stein-Schule (Abitur, AbiStat)
Frankfurt am Main
State school
Ages: 10-18
Students: 978
Languages: DE, IT (+ EN, FR, ES, LAT)

Goethe-Gymnasium (Abitur, IB certificates)
Frankfurt am Main
State school
Ages: 10-18
Students: 1,218
Languages: DE, EN (+ FR, LAT, JAP, RUS)

Lycée Français Victor Hugo (French Baccalaureat, AbiBac)
Frankfurt am Main
Private school
Ages: 6-18
Students: 970
Languages: DE, FR (+ EN, ES, LAT)

Tilemannschule Limburg (German Abitur and another educational achievement, e.g. the French Baccalauréat or the Italian Maturità)
Limburg
State school
Ages: 10-18
Students: 1,000
Languages: EN, FR (DE, ES, GR, KOR, LAT)

Ziehenschule (Abitur, AbiBac)
Frankfurt am Main
State school
Ages: 10-18
Students: 1,376
Languages: DE, FR

Bilingual or multilingual primary schools:

Erasmus Frankfurter Stadtschule
Primary school
Frankfurt am Main
Private school
Ages: 6-10

	<p>Students: 300 Languages: DE, EN, ES</p> <p>Holzhausenschule Primary school Frankfurt am Main State school Ages: 6-10 Students: 467 Languages: DE, GR, IT</p> <p>Textorschule Primary school Frankfurt am Main Ages: 6-10 Students: 400 Languages: DE, FR</p>	
8) Number of higher education facilities (university level or equal)	40	The application indicates the presence of 40 higher education facilities (university level or equal).
9) Language options offered by higher education facilities	German; English	The application indicates that English and German are the languages offered by the higher education facilities.
10) Description of higher education facilities (Universities and academic disciplines)	<p>In the state of Hesse there are 15 state institutions of higher education, comprising six universities, four art academies, and five universities of applied sciences (Hochschulen für Angewandte Wissenschaften). There are also a number of state-recognized institutions of higher education run by non-state bodies, amounting to around 40 institutions of higher education in Hesse in total. All institutions of higher education welcome international students. An increasing number of universities offer courses taught in English as well as courses at undergraduate and graduate level leading to the internationally recognized BA, BSc and MA degrees. Universities also award PhDs. The institutions of higher education in Hesse teach and carry out research in all major disciplines, maintaining a high standard of excellence. They are well known both for their academic reputation and for their first-class facilities. Their strong teaching and research tradition attracts highly qualified students from all over the world.</p> <p>The international office (Akademisches Auslandsamt) or the student services centre (Studierendensekretariat/Studienservice) at the university of choice is the first point of contact for international students.</p> <p>Overall, Frankfurt offers 102 study programs in English at its universities. Goethe University (34,000 students, of which 15% are international) offers 34 English study programs. Frankfurt School of Finance and Management (approx. 3,400 students) currently offers 18 English study programs. 34% of its students are international students. Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences (approx. 15,000 students) offers 8 English study programs and is attended by 23% international students. Another example is the International School of Management (3,400 students) with 27% international students and 26 English study programs.</p> <p>Sample list of higher education institutions including no. of students:</p> <p>1. Public broad universities</p> <p>Technische Universität Darmstadt: 24,969</p>	The application indicates that there are 15 State institutions of higher education, comprising 6 universities, 4 art academies, and 5 universities of applied sciences, a number of state-recognised institutions of higher education run by non-state bodies, amounting to around 40 institutions of higher education in total, leading to the internationally recognised BA, BSc, MA degrees and PhDs. The application provides information on a series of study programmes delivered in English by universities, finance and management schools, indicating that Frankfurt offers 102 study programmes at its universities.

	<p>Goethe-Universität Frankfurt am Main: 43,461</p> <p>2. Universities and colleges for applied sciences run by the state of Hesse</p> <p>Hochschule Darmstadt: 16,180 Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences: 15,362 Hochschule RheinMain (Wiesbaden/Rüsselsheim): 13,482</p> <p>3. Art universities and colleges run by the state of Hesse</p> <p>Hochschule für Gestaltung Offenbach am Main: 780 Hochschule für Musik und Darstellende Kunst Frankfurt am Main: 916 Hochschule für Bildende Künste–Städelschule Frankfurt am Main: 117 Kunsthochschule Kassel: 1,000</p> <p>4. Clerical universities and colleges</p> <p>Lutherische Theologische Hochschule (Oberursel): 16 Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Sankt Georgen (Frankfurt/Main): 236</p> <p>5. Private universities and colleges</p> <p>Frankfurt School of Finance & Management: 3,389 Hochschule Fresenius (Idstein und Wiesbaden): 3,500 Wilhelm Büchner Hochschule - Private Fernhochschule Darmstadt: 5,442</p>	
11) Other	<p>Education and training in Frankfurt (non-university)</p> <p>In addition to the extensive study programmes offered by Frankfurt's universities, the city of Frankfurt also offers a wide range of other education and training options. These include, in particular, the courses offered by the adult education centres ("Volkshochschule" or VHS) as well as dual vocational training, which is a combination of standardised theory and practice and thus enjoys international recognition as a showcase model of the German education system. Furthermore, the Chambers of Industry and Commerce (IHK) and the Chambers of Skilled Crafts (HWK) offer a wide range of continuing education opportunities.</p> <p>The VHS Frankfurt am Main promotes the process of lifelong learning. As Frankfurt's municipal further education institution, it offers a diverse, comprehensive, high-quality and cost-effective range of courses for the entire population. The educational counselling of the VHS Frankfurt am Main supports the design of individual educational paths, conveys information in a competent and comprehensible manner and supports the decision-making and solution-finding process. The VHS Frankfurt am Main actively participates in educationally relevant cooperative projects and networks within Frankfurt, in Hesse and nationwide. With its participation in nationwide and international projects, it places its educational work in the context of European educational programmes. With over 150 full-time employees and more than 1,000 course instructors, the VHS Frankfurt am Main organises around 5,800 events a year. In addition to VHS courses, these include educational holidays, guided tours and excursions, a large number of lectures and information events, some of which are free of charge. In addition to German as a foreign language, the VHS offers around 30 foreign languages, including Croatian, Danish, Dutch, English, French, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Swedish, and Spanish.</p> <p>In Germany there is a special way of learning one's profession: dual vocational training. In the dual</p>	<p>The application indicates that there is a wide range of other education and training options, notably adult education centres, offering classes in 30 foreign languages, as well as dual vocational training.</p>

	<p>system, trainees are employed in a company and complete the practical part of their training there, while attending the accompanying vocational school, where the theoretical part of the training takes place. The combination of standardised theory and practice, where trainees earn their own money from day one, prepares them particularly well for what companies expect from them: not only specialised knowledge, but also practical experience in applying this knowledge. Dual vocational training usually lasts between two and three and a half years. There are currently about 325 recognised training courses in Germany. In the Frankfurt city area, 16 vocational schools offer almost the entire spectrum of commercial and industrial-technical training. The Frankfurt am Main Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) and the Frankfurt-Rhein-Main Chamber of Skilled Crafts and Small Businesses (HWK) provide particular support in the search for a training place and the choice of training company, e.g. in the fields of automobiles, energy supply, finance and insurance, public service and skilled crafts.</p> <p>The IHKs in Germany provide a wide range of higher vocational education and training qualifications in accordance with the Vocational Training Act, which is constantly being updated and expanded. They also offer CET guidance for companies and those interested in education. The range of continuing education offered by the Frankfurt am Main Chamber of Industry and Commerce includes certificate courses, seminars, workshops and other courses in areas such as business administration, business start-ups, management and leadership, human resources and project management. Furthermore, the IHK Frankfurt am Main provides support in the assessment and recognition of vocational training completed abroad. The HWK Frankfurt-Rhein-Main offers a similarly broad range of training and further education courses with a focus on the skilled trades.</p>	
Summary 3		<p>The application indicates the presence of 870 nurseries, providing Bulgarian, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian and Spanish languages. The application indicates that there are numerous bilingual and multilingual childcare services providing other additional EU and foreign languages. The application indicates that the 2 European Schools in the Frankfurt metropolitan area offer pre-primary schooling in the languages offered in the early learning programme, similar to other European Schools. The application indicates that the 2 European Schools or accredited European Schools provide education in Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Irish, Latvia, Lithuanian Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovenian, Slovak, Spanish, and Swedish. The application indicates the presence of 39 international schools, which provide primary and secondary education in Bulgarian, Croatian, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian and Spanish languages and which are prepared to expand their capacities to integrate children of AMLA’s staff. The application indicates the presence of 40 higher education facilities (university level or equal), that offer education in English and German. The application indicates that there are 15 state institutions of higher education (comprising 6 universities, 4 art academies and 5 universities of applied sciences), a number of state-recognised institutions of higher education run by non-state bodies, leading to the internationally recognised BA, BSc, MA degrees and PhDs. The application provides information on a series of study programmes delivered in English by universities, finance and management schools, and indicates that Frankfurt offers 102 study programmes. The application indicates that there is a wide range of other education and training options, notably adult education centres, offering classes in 30 foreign languages, as well as dual vocational training.</p>

Criterion 4 – ‘Appropriate access to the labour market, social security and medical care for both children and spouses’		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
1) Number of hospitals available in the vicinity of the premises	13	The application indicates the presence of 13 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises.
2) Description of access to medical care (access to hospitals and other medical facilities, doctors, spoken languages, etc.)	<p>The German social insurance system was introduced as early as the 19th century and later served as an international role model. Today, Germany still has one of the world’s best social security systems by many standards. No other EU state allocates more resources (in relation to GDP) to health care than Germany. When it comes to the number of hospital beds or physician density, the German system sets high standards. During the Covid-19 pandemic, Germany’s large reserve of intensive care beds enabled it to provide support to numerous emergency cases from other EU countries. In the Frankfurt Rhine-Main region, residents and visitors have access to approximately 25 clinics, many of them with highly specialised departments in all medical disciplines. The city of Frankfurt am Main will offer excellent medical care for AMLA's employees and their families. In the city of Frankfurt alone, a total of 13 hospitals provide comprehensive medical care. This includes an efficient university hospital and 12 other hospitals that offer a high level of expertise and specialisation and are among the leading hospitals in Germany in many specialist areas. International patients will find very good conditions for their treatment here. For example, the Universitätsklinikum at Goethe University Frankfurt has special arrangements for patients from other countries: in addition to an International Office that provides foreign-language support for patients (in English, for example), the hospital has recently started using the Translatly app. This app can be used to request ad hoc video-based translation assistance from a pool of students who speak foreign languages. This is a smart solution to enable optimal communication in the clinic for foreign-language patients. The medical staff at BG Unfallklinik can provide full services in English and the staff at Klinikum Frankfurt Höchst provides assistance in over 50 languages.</p> <p>Universitätsklinikum Frankfurt No. of beds: 1,112 Theodor-Stern-Kai 7 60590 Frankfurt am Main http://www.kgu.de/</p> <p>Klinikum Frankfurt Höchst GmbH No. of beds: 828 Gotenstr. 6-8 65929 Frankfurt am Main https://www.varisano.de/klinikum-frankfurt-hoechst</p> <p>Agaplesion Frankfurter Diakoniekliniken, Standort Markus Krankenhaus No. of beds: 583 Wilhelm-Epstein-Str. 4 60431 Frankfurt am Main http://www.markus-krankenhaus.de/</p> <p>Krankenhaus Nordwest No. of beds: 423 Steinbacher Hohl 2-26 60488 Frankfurt am Main http://www.krankenhaus-nordwest.de/</p> <p>BG Unfallklinik Frankfurt am Main gGmbH No. of beds: 367</p>	<p>The application indicates that the agency’s employees and families have access to approximately 25 clinics, many of them with specialised departments in all medical disciplines. The application indicates that there are 13 hospitals including a university hospital that offer many specialist areas. The application indicates that some hospitals have concluded special arrangements for patients from other countries. One clinic provides its services in over 50 languages, others use a translation app for foreign-language support for patients and video-based translation assistance.</p> <p>The application indicates that many doctors of all specialties speak English and other languages and provides information on specialist doctors covering 18 EU languages: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, Finnish, French, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovakian, Slovenian, Spanish and Swedish.</p>

Friedberger Landstr. 430
60389 Frankfurt
<https://www.bg-kliniken.de/unfallklinik-frankfurt>

Bürgerhospital und Clementine Kinderhospital gGmbH, Standort Bürgerhospital
No. of beds: 339
Nibelungenallee 37-41
60318 Frankfurt am Main
<https://www.buergerhospital-ffm.de/>

Frankfurter Rotkreuz-Kliniken
No. of beds: 323
Königswarterstr. 8-16
60316 Frankfurt
<http://www.rotkreuzkliniken.de/index.html>

Sankt-Katharinen-Krankenhaus GmbH
No. of beds: 248
Seckbacher Landstr. 65
60389 Frankfurt
<http://www.sankt-katharinen-ffm.de/>

Hospital zum Heiligen Geist
No. of beds: 238
Lange Str. 4-6
60311 Frankfurt am Main
<http://www.hospital-zum-heiligen-geist.de/>

Krankenhaus Sachsenhausen
No. of beds: 221
Schulstr. 31
60594 Frankfurt
<http://www.krankenhaus-sachsenhausen.de/>

Agaplesion Frankfurter Diakoniekliniken, Standort: Bethanien Krankenhaus
No. of beds: 213
Im Prüfling 21-25
60389 Frankfurt am Main
<http://www.bethanien-krankenhaus.de/>

St. Elisabethen-Krankenhaus
No. of beds: 201
Ginnheimer Str. 3
60487 Frankfurt am Main
<http://www.elisabethen-krankenhaus-frankfurt.de/>

Bürgerhospital und Clementine Kinderhospital gGmbH
No. of beds: 76
Theobald-Christ-Str. 16
60316 Frankfurt am Main
<http://www.clementine-kinderhospital.de/>

	<p>Moreover, there is a large number of practices in Frankfurt where doctors of all specialities offer their services not only in German but also in English or other EU languages. AMLA employees and their families will thus have access to excellent medical care in Frankfurt and the entire region, which is both easily accessible and available in a wide range of languages.</p> <p>Number of specialist doctors (within a radius of 5 kilometres of Frankfurt's Old Town) who speak foreign languages:</p> <p>BG: 11 CZ: 4 EN: 965 ES: 87 FI: 1 FR: 285 GR: 39 HR: 22 HU: 8 IT: 60 LT: 2 LV: 1 NL: 12 PL: 26 PT: 13 RO: 32 SE: 4 SK: 2 SI: 1</p>	
<p>3) Description of access to medical care and social security for AMLA children and spouses not covered by the EU Staff Regulations (benefits, conditions, assistance, etc.)</p>	<p>In the event that Frankfurt is selected to host AMLA, the headquarters agreement between the Federal Republic of Germany and AMLA will specify that EU employees (together with spouses and children) do not have to pay social security contributions. However, they have the possibility to join Germany's statutory health insurance scheme if they wish to – regardless of age, medical history and current health status. They will not have to answer any health-related questions or pay any risk premiums in connection with pre-existing conditions. From the first day of insurance onwards, statutory health insurance providers must provide full coverage of costs for insured persons, including costs related to pre-existing conditions. Most medical benefits provided by the statutory health insurance scheme are standardised and therefore identical under all statutory providers. Everyone who has statutory health insurance in Germany is also automatically enrolled in the long-term care insurance scheme.</p> <p>Furthermore, persons with statutory health insurance can arrange for their spouses, registered partners and/or children until the age of 25 to be co-insured at no cost, on the condition that the respective spouses, partners and/or children themselves have little to no income. In 2023, the income cap to qualify for cost-free family co-insurance is €485 per month. Even though such co-insured family members do not have to pay their own contributions, they can make use of all benefits offered by health insurance providers except for statutory sick pay.</p> <p>Under the statutory health insurance system, each insured person receives a chip card that they bring to doctor's appointments. The billing and payment process with doctors and hospitals is carried out by health insurance providers, which means that insured persons do not have to pay in advance or deal with paperwork. Insured persons are also free to choose their own doctors.</p> <p>AMLA staff has the option to enroll in private health insurance rather than statutory health</p>	<p>The application indicates that AMLA's employees, their spouses and children will not have to pay social security contributions but have the possibility to join Germany's statutory health insurance scheme, which provides full coverage of costs and long-term care insurance scheme. The application indicates that persons with statutory health insurance can arrange for their spouses, registered partners and/or children to be co-insured at no cost, if the latter have little to no income. The application indicates that insured persons are free to choose their own doctors, receive a chip card and do not have to pay in advance or deal with paperwork. In addition, the application indicates that the AMLA's staff has the option to enrol in private health insurance, which does however not cover family members.</p>

	<p>insurance. Cost-free co-insurance for family members is not provided under the private system – rather, spouses, partners and children must conclude separate insurance contracts and pay separate contributions. In contrast to the statutory system, contributions to private health insurance providers are based not only on income but also age, health status and the selected insurance plan. As is the case with other types of private insurance, people who opt for private health insurance generally enjoy freedom of contract.</p>	
<p>4) Situation of the national labour market and its capacity to offer international job opportunities (number and capacity of international companies acting in the region) for children and spouses of AMLA staff</p>	<p>AMLA staff spouses, partners and children above a certain age will have an unrestricted right to work, regardless of their nationality. This right will also be included in the headquarters agreement.</p> <p>The Rhine-Main region is one of the most dynamic economic regions in Europe. Its well-functioning labour market provides ample opportunities for the family members of AMLA employees. In August 2023, unemployment in Germany stood at a mere 3.0% (average in the EU 5.9%).</p> <p>Even though the (financial) services sector is strongly represented in and around Frankfurt, there are also job opportunities in other industries. The Frankfurt Rhine-Main region is home to a large number of companies in many different sectors, including chemicals, pharmaceuticals, logistics, machinery and equipment, vehicle engineering, and IT. The Frankfurt Airport alone offers a broad range of job and career opportunities. Skilled labour is particularly in demand. Stated in specific figures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Frankfurt Rhine-Main Region is home to approx. 5,000 international companies in which the foreign parent company holds a share of over 50%. 2. 1,228 international companies in the region have an average of at least 50 employees. This includes 74 Global Fortune 500 companies, 44 of which have offices in the city of Frankfurt. Frankfurt is also among the top 10 locations in the European ecosystem for start-ups. 3. Around 280 banks and over 1,000 financial services companies are located in the region. Numerous financial authorities are also based in Frankfurt, including the ECB, EIOPA and the Deutsche Bundesbank, making Frankfurt one of the largest and most international financial centres. Frankfurt has also become a leading location for international consultants, law firms and auditing companies. The latter have grown strongly, especially since Brexit. <p>Sample list of employers:</p> <p>Frankfurt am Main:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allianz AG; 800 staff • Aventis Pharma Deutschland GmbH; 6,500 staff • BASF • BNP Paribas; 1,200+ staff • Commerzbank AG; 8,900 staff • Continental Teves AG & Co. oHG; 4,000 staff • Dell GmbH, Frankfurt, Unterschweinstiege; 2,700+ staff • Delta Air Lines, Inc.; 50 staff • Deutsche Bahn AG; 28,000+ staff • Deutsche Bank AG; 9,700 staff • Deutsche Börse, Frankfurt am Main, Eschborn; 11,078+ staff • Deutsche Bundesbank; approx. 5,000 staff 	<p>The application indicates that the headquarters agreement will specify that the AMLA’s staff with their spouses, partners and children above a certain age will have an unrestricted right to work, regardless of their nationality. The application provides information and figures on the economic situation of the region, with job opportunities in many different sectors and that the Frankfurt Rhine-Main region is home to 5 000 international companies.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • European Central Bank; 3,500+ staff • Fraport AG (airport management and maintenance group); approx. 20,000 staff • Goldman Sachs; approx. 1,000 staff • Helaba – Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen; 5,000 staff • Hessischer Rundfunk (state broadcasting corporation); approx. 2,000 staff • Infracore GmbH & Co. Höchst KG; approx. 22,000 staff • ING; approx. 6,000 staff • J.P. Morgan; approx. 4,300 staff • KPMG AG Wirtschaftsprüfungsgesellschaft; 2,300+ staff • Lufthansa Group; 30,000-35,000 staff • Microsoft Deutschland GmbH; 220 staff • Nestlé Deutschland AG; 900 staff • SAMSON AG; 1,600 staff • Siemens AG; 3,500 staff • Telefónica Germany GmbH & Co. OHG; 68 staff • UBS; approx. 2,000 staff • WISAG group; 5,000+ staff • Zurich Group; approx. 4,300 staff <p>Inner region (max. 10 km outside of the city limits):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boeing International B.V. & Co. Holding KGaA, Neu-Isenburg; 750+ staff • Cisco Systems, Eschborn; 270+ staff • Deutsche Börse AG, Eschborn; 3,000+ staff • Ernst & Young Group, Eschborn; 2,500+ staff • Ernst & Young Group, Schwalbach and Kronberg; 7,875+ staff • Fresenius; 10,156 staff • Hitachi Kokusai Data Systems GmbH, Dreieich; 90+ staff • Hitachi Kokusai Electric Europe GmbH, Neu-Isenburg; 7+ staff • HP Inc., Schwalbach; 100+ staff • PepsiCo Deutschland GmbH, Neu-Isenburg; 550+ staff • Samsung Electro Mechanics GmbH, Eschborn, Schwalbach; 287+ staff • SAP SE, Eschborn; 500+ staff 	
<p>5) Availability of services assisting expatriates and foreign nationals in seeking jobs</p>	<p>The state of Hesse places a high priority on welcoming AMLA staff and their families to Hesse and providing them with practical support. For example, the state’s “WELCOMECENTER”, which is based in Frankfurt, is a central point of contact for multilingual services and advice. The centre serves the entire state of Hesse and provides individual assistance in all matters relating to arriving, staying and working in Hesse. The centre’s services are free of charge. The WELCOMECENTER can be contacted in person or by video, email or telephone, even before a relocation to Frankfurt.</p> <p>Contact: WELCOMECENTER Hessen Telephone: +49 (0) 69 971 72 122 Telephone: 0800 666 57 88 (calls free of charge within Germany) email: info@welcomecenterhessen.com Website: www.work-in-hessen.de</p> <p>The WELCOMECENTER also hosts a monthly get-together in one of Frankfurt’s many restaurants. These events give people the opportunity to make new acquaintances, exchange ideas and forge networks.</p> <p>When future AMLA employees relocate to Frankfurt, they can also rely on comprehensive</p>	<p>The application provides information on bodies available to assist expatriates and foreign nationals. It indicates notably the Welcome Center and the Frankfurt Economic Development Agency, which has supported ECB, SSM and EIOPA with a wide range of relocation support services. The application provides also information on German language courses delivered by Goethe-Institut and Volkshochschulen (VHS).</p>

	<p>advice and support from the Frankfurt Economic Development Agency. With the ECB, SSM and EIOPA, similar relocation processes have already been carried out successfully in the city – Frankfurt clearly has the required experience. Multilingual relocation services in Frankfurt such as the Frankfurt Economic Development Agency offer a wide range of support covering housing searches, moving, various types of registration with authorities, insurance, childcare, schools, and sports. Assistance connecting with international communities can also be provided. A welcome tour of Frankfurt combining tourist attractions with practical tips was well received by ECB staff in the past and will also be offered to future AMLA staff. Relocation services can also provide assistance in negotiating with service providers, completing necessary forms, and even arranging for pet relocation and veterinary support.</p> <p>People from all over the world quickly gain a foothold in Frankfurt, in no small part thanks to the high level of English language competency in the region. And those who want to learn the German language will find numerous opportunities to do so in Frankfurt: one of the best addresses for learning German is certainly the Goethe-Institut, the globally active cultural institute of the Federal Republic of Germany. It is represented worldwide with 135 institutes in 91 countries. In Hesse, the Goethe-Institut, based in Frankfurt am Main, offers a large number of varied courses for every language level. Relatively inexpensive language courses are also offered by the Volkshochschulen (VHS) - public educational institutions for adults.</p>	
6) Other	<p>Frankfurt is an international city through and through, partly due to its long tradition as an international trade fair location. For decades, people from all over the world have been welcomed with open arms. The Rhine-Main region is a melting pot whose prosperity derives from its cultural diversity. Some 30 % of Frankfurt's inhabitants hold a foreign passport and people from 170 countries call the city their home. People from all over the world quickly gain a foothold here, as there is a high level of English language competency in the region and assistance is provided by lawyers, tax advisors and others in nearly every official EU language. Existing international networks, including international schools and kindergartens, sports clubs, and cultural institutions make it easy to get started. The region also offers exceptionally trained, English-speaking young people with international backgrounds for all types of positions. Many of the region's 250,000 students even study in English programmes. I. Foreign practitioners There is also a large number of international law firms located in Frankfurt that specialise in international and cross-border matters and offer positions which do not require German language skills, as day-to-day work is often conducted in English. All of the global law firms with offices in Germany are present in Frankfurt, often with 50 or more employees. These law firms include Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Linklaters, Hengeler Mueller, Clifford Chance, Gleiss Lutz, Latham & Watkins, Allen & Overy LLP, Baker McKenzie, CMS, DLA Piper UK LLP, Hogan Lovells International LLP, Milbank LLP, Noerr, Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, White & Case LLP, Taylor Wessing, Dentons, Jones Day, Ashurst, Kirkland and more. Number of lawyers in Frankfurt with foreign language skills: BG: 19 CZ: 9 DK: 1 EE: 1 EN: 231 ES: 209 FI: 3 FR: 555 GR: 26 HR: 26 HU: 7 IT: 131 LT: 3 LV: 1 NL: 13 PL: 39 PT: 30 RO: 14 SE: 13 SI: 1 SK: 2 Number of tax consultants in Frankfurt with foreign language skills: BG: 1 CZ: 1 EN: 266 ES: 17 FI: 1 FR: 53 GR: 3 HR: 4 HU: 3 IT: 12 LT: 1 PL: 13 PT: 8 RO: 1 SE: 1 SK: 2 II. Housing and real estate market, cost of living Frankfurt is a city with an outstanding quality of life, but a very reasonable cost of living. According to studies, the city ranks 17th worldwide, and 5th in Europe, in terms of quality of life, while ranking only 62nd when it comes to cost of living. For example, cinema ticket prices for adults start at €9, international theatre tickets at €22 and opera tickets at €16. Discounts are available for children and subscribers. Public transport is highly accessible thanks to a monthly €49 ticket which is valid on local and regional public transport throughout the whole of Germany. A single trip ticket within Frankfurt costs €2.10. Sports clubs are also reasonably priced, starting at €5 per month for children. Gyms for adults start at €22 per month, with higher-priced venues offering additional services such as spas and saunas. In Frankfurt and the Rhine-</p>	<p>The application provides information on the Frankfurt's cultural diversity and its international dimension, with some 30% of Frankfurt's inhabitants holding a foreign passport and people from 170 countries. The application provides information on the number of international lawyers and tax consultants seeking foreign languages skills and on law firms where German language is not a prerequisite for recruitment. The application provides information on quality of life and cost of living, on cultural offers and leisure, sport and nature activities.</p>

	<p>Main region, AMLA employees can benefit from rents and real estate prices that are quite reasonable compared to other European centres of trade and finance. Housing options range from refurbished 19th-century "Gründerzeit"-villas, to flats in skyscrapers, to detached family houses.</p> <p>III. Culture With a large international community and a vibrant cultural scene, Frankfurt boasts many leisure activities, including a rich array of renowned museums, theatres and entertainment options. The city has 35 theatres in total, including seven foreign-language theatres, two opera houses and 60 museums and art galleries. There is also a variety of cultural events in Frankfurt all year around, like the "Museumsuferfest" (Museum Embankment Festival) with 2.5 million visitors, the World Club Dome, where 180,000 guests celebrate in what has been called the "biggest club in the world" and the open air music and cabaret festival in the Günthersburgpark.</p> <p>IV. Leisure, sports and nature Frankfurt and its surrounding area are known for a diverse range of high-quality restaurants and clubs. The number of Michelin-starred restaurants has recently risen to 9 and according to a worldwide ranking by Forbes magazine, Frankfurt is home to one of the 10 "Coolest Restaurants To Eat At In 2023". The city boasts roughly 50 parks and the Taunus and Odenwald mountain ranges can be seen on the horizon to the north and south, respectively. Many forests, castles, lakes and vineyards in the environs of Frankfurt, all conveniently reachable by public transport, are waiting to be explored. Moreover, the Rhine-Main region has an extensive sports landscape with 426 sports clubs and fitness centres, 11 public swimming pools, tennis courts, golf courses and international sporting events. For example, in 2024 Frankfurt will be one of the cities hosting the European Men's Football Championship.</p>	
<p>Summary Criterion 4</p>		<p>The application indicates the presence of 13 hospitals including a university hospital, in the vicinity of the premises. The application indicates that some hospitals have concluded special arrangements for patients from other countries. One clinic provides its services in over 50 languages, others use a translation app for foreign-language support for patients and video-based translation assistance. The application indicates that many doctors of all specialties speak English and other 18 EU languages.</p> <p>The application indicates that agency's employees, their spouses and children will not have to pay social security contributions and have the possibility to join Germany's statutory health insurance scheme which provides full coverage of costs and long-term care insurance. The application indicates that persons with statutory health insurance can arrange for their spouses, registered partners and/or children to be co-insured at no cost, if the latter have little or no income. The application indicates that insured persons are free to choose their own doctors, receive a chip card and do not have to pay in advance.</p> <p>The application indicates that AMLA staff with their spouses, partners and children above a certain age will have an unrestricted right to work, regardless of their nationality. It indicates that the Frankfurt Rhine-Main region is home to 5,000 international companies. The application provides information on bodies available to assist expatriates and foreign nationals.</p> <p>The application provides information on the number of international lawyers and tax consultants seeking foreign languages skills and on law firms where German language is not a prerequisite for recruitment. It provides information on Frankfurt's cultural diversity, international dimension, quality of life and cost of living, and on its cultural offers.</p>

Criterion 5 – ‘Geographical balance’		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
Description	We should include all institutions and bodies as well as interinstitutional service and executive agencies in addition to decentralized EU agencies in order to look holistically at the distribution of any EU entities. This includes for example the European Court of Justice, both seats of the European Parliament, but also the European Data Protection Supervisor as well as the European Union Satellite Center, the European Investment Bank and the Euratom Supply Agency.	The application indicates that Germany considers that all institutions and bodies as well as interinstitutional service and executive agencies in addition to decentralised EU agencies should be taken into account in relation to geographical balance.
Summary Criterion 5		The application indicates that Germany considers that all institutions and bodies as well as interinstitutional service and executive agencies in addition to decentralised EU agencies should be taken into account in relation to geographical balance.

Any benefits granted in addition to Protocol 7		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
1) Does the applicant Member State offer additional privileges?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany offers additional privileges to those in Protocol 7.
1.1) If yes, which ones?	By submitting this application for the city of Frankfurt to be the seat of AMLA, the German federal government commits to concluding a headquarters agreement with AMLA, incorporating the offers outlined in this dossier. The agreement between the German federal government and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) in Cologne can serve as a basis for the agreement to be concluded with AMLA. It will grant the Executive Director of AMLA full diplomatic immunity, as enjoyed by the directors of diplomatic representations in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations signed on 18 April 1961. Further privileges, like those provided for in the EASA Agreement, will include appropriate measures to remit or refund the amount of certain indirect taxes or sales taxes. In sum, all provisions contained in the EASA Agreement can be applied to the headquarters agreement with AMLA.	The application indicates that the future headquarters agreement will incorporate the offers outlined in this application and be aligned to the one concluded between the German federal government and the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). It indicates that measures to remit or refund certain indirect taxes or sales taxes will be granted, as well as full diplomatic immunity for the Executive Director.

Headquarters Agreement		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
Applicant Member State's commitment to confirming the conditions included in the application in a headquarters agreement with AMLA	Yes	The application indicates that Germany commits to confirm the conditions included in the application in a headquarters agreement with AMLA.

Premises 2		
Criterion 1 - 'The date on which AMLA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation'		
Building		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
1) Description of the proposed premises 2 (address and general description)	<p>FLOW (Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. 11, Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. 13, Rita-Maiburg-Str. 20, 60549 Frankfurt am Main; new development), in the Gateway Gardens district</p> <p>Gateway Gardens is Frankfurt's newest city district, accommodating companies like Siemens, Lufthansa, KION, DB Schenker, Goldbeck, Scheffler and HOLM. It is located next to Frankfurt's dynamic airport – the largest in Germany. The new Flow complex is a short distance from Terminal 2 and offers direct and easy access to this major European air transport hub. Frankfurt Airport offers daily non-stop connections to 300 international destinations – a benefit appreciated by institutions and businesses, their staff and their visitors from all over the world.</p> <p>FLOW, owned by a 100% subsidiary of Europa-Center AG, a real estate developer based in Hamburg, Germany, is a smart business campus on an entirely new international level. The Gateway Gardens district offers optimal connections to the nearby A3/A5 motorway interchange (two minutes by car) and all local public transport networks (a three-minute walk to the nearest urban railway (S-Bahn) station and a one-minute walk to the nearest bus stop). The ICE long-distance railway station is within walking distance. Around 200 ICE connections connect the airport with the rest of Germany and other European countries daily. The S-Bahn urban railway station ensures short and convenient connections to the city centre and other districts and suburbs. Car drivers have access to abundant parking options as well as charging stations for electric vehicles. There is also ample bicycle parking along with showers and lockers.</p> <p>The airy architecture of the building complex – with extensive glass façades on all floors – conveys spaciousness and vitality. An excellent selection of materials, textures and colours is available to personalise the design and furnishing of the individual rooms. Office spaces are complemented by attractive reception areas, professional conference rooms and comfortable team zones and lounges.</p> <p>The FLOW complex is divided into several above-ground buildings constructed on top of a contiguous three-storey structure below ground level. FLOW complies with the latest standards in energy efficiency as well as insulation (heat, cooling and sound) and also features sophisticated installations for rainwater usage. The basement levels are mainly used for car parking and bicycle storage and are constructed under nearly the entire site. FLOW forms an open and inviting gateway facing a park to the north with a view of a green courtyard. Some of the five high-quality entrance areas are located directly on Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. or can be reached easily via the courtyard. The 14-storey high-rise building is accessed via a driveway from Rita-Maiburg-Str. The self-contained building sections with their own addresses mean that FLOW is suitable for both single-tenant and house-in-house solutions, with exclusive and individually designed entrances. The office space benefits from the customisable floor plans which can be perfectly tailored to suit the tenant's requirements. Whether classic single-person offices, spacious open-plan solutions or collaborative office concepts, all imaginable space configurations are possible in FLOW. This means that AMLA staff will be able to move into office space that immediately fulfils the specifications for a flexible and state-of-the-art working environment.</p> <p>FLOW has already been awarded a preliminary DGNB Gold certification. DGNB is the best-known sustainability certification for properties in Germany. This offers tenants the</p>	<p>The application indicates the availability of FLOW, located at Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. 11, Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. 13, Rita-Maiburg-Str. 20, 60549 Frankfurt am Main, as premises 2. They face a park with a view of a green courtyard and has direct access to the adjacent Frankfurt city forest, The application indicates that the premises are equipped with car and bicycle parking, showers and lockers and electric charging stations. The application indicates that the office spaces can be personalised and configured with a choice of selected materials, colours and textures, and be prolonged with reception areas, conference rooms, team zones, collaborative offices and lounges. The application indicates that the complex in which the premises are located is divided into several above-ground buildings constructed on top of a contiguous three-storey structure below ground level, comply with standards in energy efficiency, insulation and rainwater usage. The application indicates that the premises are suitable for both single-tenant and house-in-house solutions, with exclusive and individually entrances. The application indicates that the premises have been awarded for their environmental performance standards and offer a range of catering and entertainment and leisure options.</p>

	certainty that the office space they will occupy is in a building designed in compliance with the highest environmental performance standards. The DGNB certification system criteria include environmental compatibility and the user-friendliness of the project. Green roofs, courtyard landscaping, and direct access to the adjacent Frankfurt city forest further enhance the pleasant working environment that AMLA staff can enjoy. The Gateway Gardens district also offers a wide range of catering and entertainment options, including shops, restaurants, cafés, bars, and leisure activities. AMLA staff will be able to satisfy all of their day-to-day needs in the direct vicinity of their workplaces.	
Availability of the premises		
1) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works) as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Regulation	<p>FLOW will be available in September 2024.</p> <p>Should time be needed until the property is fit out for AMLA's particular needs, Frankfurt's dynamic office market offers numerous premises where short-term interim accommodations with flexible lease conditions are available immediately. Frankfurt's market for office space in 2023 is very stable. This stability is backed up by Frankfurt's flourishing economy and the resulting strong demand for office space in the "metropolis on the Main". The ultramodern high-rises and skyscrapers that make up Frankfurt's skyline – and the Frankfurt real estate market in general – offer attractive, stylish and top-quality office space. Frankfurt has a total of over 11.5 million square metres of office space that can be leased. Many leading national and international companies have offices in Frankfurt and this naturally leads to a high demand for office space. However, this demand is satisfied by a wide-ranging supply of office space in various city districts, which is proven by a current ratio of unrented to rented office space in Frankfurt of about 9.1%. Another factor is the fundamental shift in working patterns, which was powerfully accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic. New work models involving remote working and desk-sharing – which have led to a growing shift away from fixed work stations – along with the ongoing digitalisation of workplaces are also having a beneficial impact on the availability of leasable office space. In light of the growth in flexible, hybrid work models, businesses and institutions are likely to require reduced amounts of office space. The current favourable circumstances in terms of office space supply and demand in Frankfurt mean that there are ideal conditions for AMLA to launch operations at full capacity from day one.</p>	The application indicates that the premises will be available in September 2024. In addition, the application indicates that, should more time be needed until the premises are fit out, numerous other premises with flexible lease conditions could be available immediately.
2) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)	9	The application indicates that 9 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works.
Organisation of the premises		
<i>Indicatively, and depending on the final number of staff (between 250 and 400 staff members), the size of the AMLA's premises should be between 6.000 to 10.000 square meters gross floor area above ground.</i>		
1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m ²)	22600	The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 22,600 m ² .
2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)	400	The application indicates that the hosting capacity of the premises is 400 staff members.
3) Availability of one large conference room (including for the meetings of the General Board) (approx. 300 m ²)	Yes	The application indicates that there is a large conference room of approx. 300 m ² .
4) Number of meeting rooms for more than 40 persons	2	The application indicates that there are 2 meeting rooms for more than 40 persons.
5) Number of meeting rooms for 13-15 persons	1	The application indicates that there is 1 meeting room for 13-15 persons.
6) Number of meeting rooms for 25-35 persons	2	The application indicates that there are 2 meeting rooms for 25-35 persons.
7) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering	Yes	The application indicates that there is a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering.

8) Availability of a dedicated area for FIU (around 30 individual offices)	Yes	The application indicates that there is a dedicated area for FIU.
9) Internal archives capacity of the premises	Yes	The application indicates that there is internal archives capacity of the premises of 200 m ³ .
9.1) Archives volume (expressed in m ³)	200m ³	
10) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - Available for AMLA	180	The application indicates that there are 180 parking spaces (inside and outside) available for AMLA.
11) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area	Depends	The application indicates that there is the possibility for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area by 22,600 m ² .
11.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m ²)	22600	
12) Are the premises EMAS verified?	Yes	The application indicates that the premises are EMAS verified.
13) Description of the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises including for environment performance standard	<p>FLOW is certified with a “Gold Pre-Certificate” under the DGNB standard.</p> <p>New and existing buildings in Germany must meet strict legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards. These regulations are based on federal and state law, which in turn reflect the requirements set out in EU legislation. For example, German workplace law, which aims to protect the safety and health of workers, is based on Community law. Building codes, in turn, are the responsibility of the individual German states. Taken together, both sets of legislation establish a clear framework that allows for flexible solutions on a case-by-case basis, although primacy is always given to rules that ensure a higher level of worker protection. Furthermore, safety, energy and environmental performance standards in Germany are based on DIN standards that are set by the "Deutsches Institut für Normung" (German Institute for Standardisation or DIN), an independent platform that develops standards in Germany and around the world. Because of the strict regulations that apply in Germany, all of the buildings selected for inclusion in this application satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. With regard to sustainability and environmental performance standards, all of these buildings are certified by leading and renowned national and international building certification systems, namely the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM, frequently used for refurbished buildings), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB).</p>	The application indicates that the premises meet legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards, which reflect the requirements set out in EU legislation and satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. In addition, the application indicates that the premises are certified by national and international building certification systems, namely the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB).
14) Description of the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure	<p>All proposed AMLA properties feature state-of-the-art technological infrastructure that is standard in the Frankfurt real estate market. This will ensure the highest level of digital security and connectivity for AMLA. The property owners are fully aware that highly sensitive data is handled in the field of AML/CFT (e.g. the data in AMLA’s database and data on directly supervised individual institutions), and that this necessitates security precautions above and beyond the average level.</p> <p>I. Digital connectivity</p> <p>All properties have access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G). This high-speed internet will be available via both cable and wireless LAN throughout the buildings. In addition, the properties will have their own servers for storing large volumes of highly sensitive data. In this context, it should also be pointed out that the world’s leading internet exchange ("DE-CIX", with peak traffic of over 15 terabits per second) is located in Frankfurt.</p>	The application indicates that the premises provide for a technological infrastructure that ensures digital security and connectivity, taking into account the large volumes of sensitive data in the field of AML/CFT. In relation to connectivity the application indicates in particular the access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G). In relation to digital security, the application indicates that the premises will be equipped with customised security features and corresponding access restrictions.

	<p>II. Digital security</p> <p>With regard to the security of the physical and IT infrastructure, all of the buildings presented in this application will be equipped with customised security features and corresponding access restrictions based on AMLA’s specific requirements. These security measures include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bollards and barriers will offer sufficient resistance to stop vehicles. 2. All premises are equipped with safety glass. Bullet-proof or anti-blast film would need to be installed separately if needed. 3. All floors of AMLA buildings offered are equipped with an autonomous surveillance, access control and security system. This includes AMLA technical controls such as metal detectors, visual controls and X-ray devices as well as access gates through revolving doors or turnstiles. Where AMLA leases only individual floors of a building, elevator access to these floors will be restricted to authorised personnel only (in the event that it is not possible to provide an exclusive elevator). 4. Underground parking of employees and visitors will be controlled by security bars, monitoring and access ID. Deliveries and maintenance will have a separate access. 5. Power and telecommunications cabling will be protected against interception or damage. Specifically, the fibre optic cables leading into the buildings were secured during construction so that no attack can be made on the cables from outside the building. 6. In all of the AMLA buildings presented, dedicated space and infrastructure will be available on the office floors for setting up tenant-owned server rooms or other necessary installations, which will be explicitly separated from any other tenants in the building. Access to the server rooms can be further controlled via a keypad or card panel and CCTV, if required, to allow access only to selected individuals. 7. Emergency generators can be added as part of the building infrastructure to allow systems to operate during power outages. 8. A separate IT structure will be set up for the offices of FIU staff, including eavesdropping-proof floors and ceilings. 	
15) Other	<p>Availability of properties well suited to AMLA’s requirements</p> <p>Frankfurt has a dynamic office real estate market with 125,000 m2 of new office space completed in 2022, amounting to a total of 11.8 million m2 of office space in the city with almost one million m2 of vacant office space directly available. Most of the office properties are centrally located between the financial district, the central business district, respectively, and the headquarter of the European Central Bank (ECB). The modern offices comprehensively meet the latest sustainability, security, and comfort requirements. However, prices remain competitive, office space in Frankfurt, therefore, is still more affordable than in other EU metropolitan regions.</p> <p>With nearly 300 certified sustainable buildings in 2022, Frankfurt also continues to hold a top position in the “Green Building” competition. AMLA will therefore find sufficient supply of high-quality, sustainable, state-of-the-art, but still affordable commercial real estate in Frankfurt.</p>	<p>The application indicates that the Frankfurt’s office real estate market offers offices that meet the environmental, sustainability, security and comfort requirements, with competitive prices. The application indicates that the agency will have the possibility to start out with a smaller volume of office space while reserving additional space for further expansion within the same premises.</p>

	<p>Furthermore, the Frankfurt market offers AMLA a high degree of flexibility: AMLA will have the opportunity to start out with a smaller volume of office space for the first employees while reserving additional space for further expansion within the same building. It is thus not necessary for the initial phase of AMLA's work to immediately use office space in the final AMLA building. This is particularly advantageous in view of the fact that renting smaller spaces is easy on the budget. Should the final AMLA building still be under construction in accordance with AMLA's needs, the availability of other office space is ensured.</p>	
Financial terms		
1) Description of the financial terms	<p>The German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide financial support to AMLA during its start-up period, when AMLA will not yet be collecting fees from direct supervisory activities.</p> <p>In order to provide AMLA with maximum flexibility in this respect, the federal, state, and city governments offer to provide AMLA with fast-start financing in the form of a lump-sum grant. Based on the European Commission's original proposal (including 250 AMLA staff) – a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated €10 million would be provided that would be paid out over a five-year period. AMLA could use this fast-start financing to help cover, for example, rent costs and incidental expenses (as assumed in the answers to the following questions).</p> <p>The federal, state, and city governments declare their willingness to review the possibility of providing additional funding, if the legislation that ultimately establishes the legal basis for AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs.</p>	The application indicates that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated EUR 10 million would be provided to AMLA that would be paid out over a five-year period and be used to cover for example rent costs and incidental expenses. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding, if the founding act of AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs.
2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)	26	The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is 26 EUR/m ² .
3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany intends to cover the rent for 5 years, within the framework of the financial contribution from Germany as described under point 1.
3.1) Will the applicant Member State cover the rent	For a given period of time	
3.2) If yes, for how many years?	5	
4) Monthly maintenance cost (expressed in EUR/m ²)	4.5	The application indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are 4.5 EUR/m ² .
5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany intends to cover the maintenance costs, within the framework of the financial contribution from Germany as described under point 1.
6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m ²)	0	The application indicates that the fit-out costs are: 0 EUR/m ² .
7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany intends to cover the fit-out costs, within the framework of the financial contribution from Germany as described under point 1.
8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the future upgrade and extension?	Depends	The application indicates that Germany may cover the future upgrade and extension.
9) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions	All properties offered for AMLA belong to private owners, so civil law applies to contractual requirements. For commercial leases, the German Civil Code only sets out a framework of basic rules. These cover all areas from the conclusion of a lease agreement to its termination and are useful if parties do not wish to invest much time in negotiations on an individual contract. Most of these provisions are optional in order to ensure maximum	The application provides information on the German civil law framework which leaves flexibility for commercial lease contracts. This includes flexibility in relation to future extensions, in relation to future upgrades and in relation to extending the lease period, all of which is subject to negotiations. The application indicates that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. The application

	<p>flexibility, which is why the parties to a commercial lease are free to include almost whatever they wish in their contract. Such an arrangement also will allow AMLA to expand or upgrade its premises as needed. I. Full flexibility on future extensions AMLA will have full flexibility regarding future extensions of the rented property. For example, if AMLA only needs one floor of a property at the beginning, leasing the property can be done in stages. It is also possible to lease additional floors or parts of the property in time increments. These specifics can be included in the lease from the beginning or added to the contract at a later stage (based on the already existing contractual relationship). As soon as the decision on a property for AMLA becomes more concrete, the Frankfurt Development Agency will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. An expansion into other buildings would also be possible, as has been done with the ECB. The proposed buildings are situated in dynamic business districts. Commercial premises continue to be built in these districts, and there is always a certain rate of vacancy and movement. It is therefore safe to say that there will be no difficulty finding a building in very close proximity to the one chosen as headquarters. II. Full flexibility on future upgrades Full flexibility also applies to future upgrades of already leased properties. The realisation of such upgrades (e.g. more meeting rooms, more secure IT rooms, more storage rooms) is subject to negotiations and might require the tenant to bear part of the costs. The owner might take on a larger share of the costs if the upgrade increases the value of the premises and if the upgrade is requested by a tenant with a long lease period ahead. III. Full flexibility on extending the lease period An extension of the lease period is possible and can be negotiated at any time after the conclusion of the contract. Against the background that AMLA, as an EU agency, will be a reliable and long-standing tenant, great flexibility on the part of the owner is to be expected. All other aspects can be introduced into the negotiations, for example the duration of the new lease period or new rights to terminate the contract on exceptional grounds. As the owner would probably be interested in keeping AMLA as a tenant, the negotiations can be expected to run rather smoothly.</p>	<p>indicates that new rights to terminate the contract on exceptional grounds could also be introduced.</p>
<p>10) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 5 years.</p>
<p>11) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease</p>	<p>Under German law, property lease agreements can be entered into for an indefinite or fixed period of time. Parties to a lease agreement decide freely on the duration of the agreement. The same freedom is given to them when it comes to the termination of the lease. This ensures maximum flexibility for AMLA. Usually, commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning five to ten years. For leases with a fixed term, the law specifies a limited number of reasons justifying early termination on exceptional grounds. Further possibilities for terminating the lease are subject to the parties' negotiations.</p> <p>Should AMLA need to terminate the lease before the contractual date, several options are available for reducing the financial burden, as terminating the lease before the contractual date usually requires a payment of compensation by the tenant. The tenant can, for example, present to the owner a follow-up tenant who is willing to lease the premises under the same conditions or sublease the premises. Taking one of these steps can significantly reduce the cost of vacating the premises before the lease period expires.</p>	<p>The application indicates that the main elements of the lease can be negotiated. The application indicates that the German law sets out a limited number of reasons on exceptional grounds justifying early termination of lease with fixed-term period. The application indicates that different options can be envisaged for reducing the financial impact of a termination of the lease before the contractual date.</p>
<p>12) Description of any special conditions with regard to the costs and dedicated infrastructure</p>	<p>The properties being offered to AMLA will be leased by private owners, which means that the specific details of the lease agreement will be the subject of negotiations between AMLA and the owner. The "Wirtschaftsförderung Frankfurt" (Frankfurt Economic Development Agency) is ready and willing to assist AMLA in its negotiations to conclude a lease agreement.</p> <p>The following financial benefits for AMLA can already be highlighted in advance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The headquarters agreement which the Federal Republic of Germany would conclude with AMLA will include the same financial benefits as those that have been granted to 	<p>The application indicates that the specific details of the lease agreement will be subject of negotiations between AMLA and the owner, and that assistance will be offered to AMLA in these negotiations. It refers to financial benefits in the headquarters agreement, the financial support offered by the federal government, the state of Hesse, and the city of Frankfurt and that rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs.</p>

	<p>other EU agencies in Germany, in addition to the benefits specified in Protocol 7.</p> <p>2. The German federal government, the state of Hesse, and the city of Frankfurt will provide AMLA with financial support that can be used for costs incurred in connection with the leased property (please see description of financial terms).</p> <p>3. AMLA will not incur any additional costs for outfitting and renovation, because these costs are already included in the rent price. Interior configurations (meeting rooms of various sizes, offices, etc.), IT connectivity and all security precautions are generally included in the rent price.</p> <p>Against this background, it will be possible for AMLA to calculate – well in advance – the specific costs of setting up in Frankfurt. This financial certainty will be tremendously helpful for AMLA, especially given the tight budgetary conditions in the EU and the fact that AMLA will not be able to obtain financing from the collection of fees until after it starts its direct supervisory activities. If Frankfurt is selected as AMLA headquarters, AMLA will know definitively from the outset what set-up costs can be expected.</p>	
13) Other	<p>see above no (3.2): The German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide financial support to AMLA during its start-up period is provided in the form of a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated €10 million that would be paid out over a five-year period.</p> <p>see above no (6): A high fit-out standard has already been taken into account in the rental costs indicated above. In the German real estate market, it is common for the fit-out standard agreed upon by tenant and owner to be reflected in the monthly rent price.</p> <p>see above no (10): 5-7 years (typical minimum duration of lease) Obligatory minimum duration of the lease also depends on the fit-out standard requested by tenant (the higher the standard, the longer the required lease agreement period). The maximum duration of the lease depends on the contractual agreement.</p> <p>A perfect blueprint for setting up AMLA in Frankfurt is the experience of EIOPA. EIOPA, which grew out of CEIOPS, leased premises in the Westhafen Tower, a commercial high-rise. EIOPA started out by leasing only one floor but reserved the option of further expansion in the same building. As EIOPA grew, two more floors and the conference floor were leased in addition. EIOPA has an open-plan office structure with a mix of individual and open-plan entities. It has its own reception and visitors are always escorted by EIOPA staff. From the outset, the city of Frankfurt promoted retail shops near the premises, because the Westhafen was a newly developed housing and office area with little retail infrastructure, located at Frankfurt's former west river port. EIOPA was assisted from the start by the city of Frankfurt and by the Frankfurt Economic Development Agency in all aspects of hosting an EU authority.</p> <p>When the ECB was set up, Frankfurt and the German federal government negotiated a temporary solution that enabled the ECB to lease space in a high-rise formerly used by DZ Bank in the central business district. This preliminary solution provided the ECB with full operability (introduction of the euro) while the new headquarters in Frankfurt Ostend were constructed in the meantime.</p>	The application refers to the examples of EIOPA and ECB as examples for setting up an agency.
Summary Criterion 1		The application indicates the availability of FLOW, located at Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. 11, Amelia-Mary-Earhart-Str. 13, Rita-Maiburg-Str. 20, 60549 Frankfurt am Main, as premises 2. The application indicates that premises 2 comply with standards in energy efficiency, are suitable for both single-tenant

		<p>and house-in-house solutions with exclusive and individually entrances, provides office spaces which can be personalised and configured with reception areas, conference rooms, team zones, collaborative offices and lounges. The application indicates that premises 2 are equipped with car and bicycle parkings, showers and lockers and electric charging stations application. The application indicates that premises 2 have been awarded for their environmental performance standards and situated in a building offering a range of catering, entertainment and leisure options.</p> <p>The application indicates that premises 2 will be available in September 2024. The application indicates that 9 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works. The application indicates that total surface of the premises is 22,600 m² with an hosting capacity of 400 people and that the premises will offer a large conference room of approx. 300 m², meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 1 meeting room for 13-15 persons and 2 meeting rooms for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, an internal archives capacity of 200 m³, 180 parking spaces and that there is the possibility for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area by 22,600 m². The application indicates that the premises are EMAS verified, meet legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy and environmental performance standards, which reflect the requirements set out in EU legislation and, as a result, satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. In addition, the application indicates that the premises are certified by national and international building certification systems. The application indicates that the premises meet the digital security and connectivity standards.</p> <p>The application indicates that rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs, that the monthly rental cost is 26 EUR/m², that the monthly maintenance cost is 4,5 EUR/m² and that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated of EUR 10 million that would be paid out over a five-year period and that Germany will possibly cover the future upgrade and extension. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding if the founding act of AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs. The application indicates that the duration of the lease is 5 years and that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner.</p> <p>The application indicates that lease agreements can be negotiated for an indefinite or fixed period and that usually commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning 5-10 years.</p>
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Criterion 2 – ‘Accessibility of the location’		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
Public transportation		
1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals	<p>Frankfurt is located on the Main river, with the world at its doorstep. The city has unrivalled access to air and rail travel.</p> <p>Average flight time to EU capitals: 2.5 h</p> <p>Daily train connections from Frankfurt: 1,100</p> <p>I. By air: Frankfurt’s sustainable airport</p>	<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has average flight time of 2.5 hours or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia, (168 daily flights), and 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates that Frankfurt airport is interlinked with other transport modes and pursues the goal of ensuring its climate-neutrality by 2045.</p>

Frankfurt is easily accessible via its international airport, with daily non-stop flights to all major cities in Europe and around the globe. Almost all European capitals can be reached by direct flights in 2.5 hours or less. Frankfurt's airport is one of the main passenger airports in Europe and has the largest freight volume of any European airport. It can be reached from the city centre in a mere 15 minutes by train. Thanks to the AiRail terminal, air and rail connections (including high-speed trains) are optimally interlinked at the airport, allowing seamless transfers between transport modes.

Country, City, Daily direct flights on average:

Austria, Vienna, 12
Belgium, Brussels, 9
Bulgaria, Sofia, 5
Croatia, Zagreb, 5
Cyprus, Larnaca, 1
Czech Republic, Prague, 4
Denmark, Copenhagen, 7
Estonia, Tallinn, 3
Finland, Helsinki, 5
France, Paris, 12
Germany, Berlin, 14
Greece, Athens, 5
Hungary, Budapest, 5
Ireland, Republic of, Dublin, 5
Italy, Rome, 6
Latvia, Riga, 4
Lithuania, Vilnius, 1
Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 4
Malta, Valletta, 3
Netherlands, Amsterdam, 12
Poland, Warsaw, 7
Portugal, Lisbon, 6
Romania, Bucharest, 4
Slovenia, Ljubljana, 3
Slovakia, Bratislava (airport Vienna), 12
Spain, Madrid, 8
Sweden, Stockholm, 6

The airport is also addressing the challenges of the environmental transformation: it is pursuing the goal of ensuring climate-neutral operations by 2045. To achieve this, it will obtain a large proportion of its electricity requirements from a dedicated offshore wind farm as of summer 2026. An innovation hub for alternative CO₂-neutral aviation fuels is also being developed close to the airport at Industriepark Höchst.

II. By rail: Superior train network

Frankfurt is the central hub of a high-speed rail network, offering over 1,100 daily rail connections. Frankfurt Central Station is one of the main passenger stations in Europe, with around half a million passengers each day. There are daily high-speed train connections to other European capitals, including Brussels (three hours), Amsterdam

	(four hours) and Paris (less than four hours). No. of weekly average train connections to the following cities: Amsterdam: 49 Berlin: 210 Brussels: 50 Budapest: 49 Copenhagen: 21 Ljubljana: 7 Luxembourg: 49 Madrid: 7 Milan: 7 Paris: 44 Prague: 56 Vienna/Bratislava: 49 Warsaw: 28 Zagreb: 7	
2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest airport to the premises	Train; Bus	The application indicates the availability of train and bus connections from the premises to the closest airport
Frequency of train connections (expressed in minutes)	15	The application indicates that the frequency of the train connection is of 15 minutes and the duration 2 minutes.
Duration of train connections (expressed in minutes)	2	
Frequency of bus connections (expressed in minutes)	7	The application indicates that the frequency of the bus connection is 7 minutes and the duration 20 minutes.
Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes)	20	
3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises	Local train; Bus	The application indicates that train and bus connections are available from the closest international/national train station to the premises.
Frequency of local train connections (expressed in minutes)	15	The application indicates that the frequency of the train connections is of 15 minutes and the duration 2 minutes.
Duration of local train connections (expressed in minutes)	2	
Frequency of bus connections (expressed in minutes)	3	The application indicates that the frequency of the bus connections is of 3 minutes and the duration 20 minutes.
Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes)	20	
Other	In addition to connections by air and rail from all over the Union, Frankfurt can also be reached by other means of transportation, such as by car. Within Frankfurt, the public transport system is well developed, so that getting around is assured at any time of day or night as well as on weekends. Alternatively, getting around Frankfurt is possible on foot, by bicycle or by car. Frankfurt is also very well connected to other regions in Germany via the well developed autobahn network. Other EU countries are also well connected via motorway. For example, Strasbourg and Luxembourg can be reached in approximately three hours. In a city like Frankfurt, where many destinations can be reached by public transport and bicycle, one does not have to own a car. Many car-	The application provides some information accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking.

sharing options are available for the occasions when a car is needed. There are also special car-sharing discounts for holders of local public transport subscriptions (in the form of monthly tickets).II. Public transportPublic transport in Frankfurt is increasingly oriented towards climate-friendly mobility. For example, some regional trains are operated using emission-free hydrogen. These trains will be increasingly used for urban transport as well. In a regional public transport lab, new ideas are continuously being developed to make mobility more climate-friendly and efficient. The opinion of passengers is also important to the Frankfurt public transport association; for example, a mobility plan was drafted that incorporated input from passengers. To support public transportation use, the public transport association Rhein-Main (RMV) offers a wide range of tickets: from weekly, monthly and annual tickets to senior citizens' and schoolchildren's tickets with special reductions. Since last summer, a "Deutschlandticket" is also available for €49 per month that permits holders to use all local and regional trains throughout Germany. But even with tickets that are limited to the RMV area, the Taunus region and surrounding towns can be reached quickly and efficiently. Frequent regional train service is provided on weekends and at night. During the day, regional trains usually run every 10 to 20 minutes. In addition to climate-friendly mobility, passenger safety is a top priority for RMV. On-train staff and CCTV are increasingly used to guarantee safe travel. As uniformed police officers are allowed to use public transport free of charge, this also strengthens safety on buses and trains. Furthermore, the interior of the trains is designed for safety, so that the passageways are free and spacious. 200 million people are transported through Frankfurt via underground trains and trams every year. III. Bike-sharingPublic transport is not the only option for people who do not wish to travel by car. Bikes are an increasingly popular and common form of transport. Distances in Frankfurt are short and destinations, such as workplaces and schools, can be reached quickly by bike. Numerous bike-sharing programmes are available in Frankfurt, such as Nextbike (by Tier), Call-a-Bike (by Deutsche Bahn), the Main Lastenrad and electric scooters. Bike and scooter rental is easy, and is done using a mobile phone app. Rented bikes and scooters can be parked in the city either directly on the pavement or at the stations of bike providers. Frankfurt's cycle paths are high-quality, wide and safe, and the cycle path network is being expanded continuously. One of the city's initiatives in this area is the project "Bicycle City Frankfurt". Since 2019, this mobility strategy has massively expanded activities to promote cycling: for example, 29 km of cycle paths have been marked in red, 6,100 metres of new cycle paths have been created on main roads and 8,000 new bicycle parking spaces have been built. The surrounding area will also be linked up to the city with six new cycling express routes, which will enable AMLA employees to commute from their homes to Frankfurt by bike – along the Main from the suburbs in the west, coming from the city forest in the south or from the Taunus and Odenwald mountain ranges. The project has helped to increase the share of cycling to 23% of all transportation.IV. Walking Frankfurt's short distances are also easily manageable on foot. And not only for adults: In 2008, Frankfurt launched the "Schulweg Safari" project for schoolchildren. This project encourages children and parents to walk or cycle to school. There are special school route maps and information materials to help children get to school safely. The campaign thus also promotes children's independence and sense of responsibility.

Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises

1) Number of 3 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	3	The application indicates the presence of 3 three star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
2) Number of 4 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	6	The application indicates the presence of 6 four star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
3) Number of 5 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	0	The application indicates that there are no five star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.

4) Number of 3 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	3	The application indicates the presence of 3 three star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.
5) Number of 4 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	25	The application indicates the presence of 25 four star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.
6) Number of 5 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	12	The application indicates the presence of 12 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.
7) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside AMLA premises	<p>FLOW is located near Frankfurt Airport in the Gateway Gardens business district, which is surrounded by forest, two central motorways (A3 and A5) and event locations with close proximity to the airport and public transport. These include Fraport Besucherzentrum, FRALounge, Fraport Conference Center, Frankfurt Airport VIP-Terminal, Lufthansa Aviation Training Center Frankfurt, and HOLM The Lufthansa Aviation Training Center not only provides training facilities for Lufthansa staff, but also offers a conference venue of a special kind. A conference centre with numerous smaller rooms directly in Gateway Gardens is the House of Logistics and Mobility (HOLM), while Fraport Conference Center is ideally situated between the AirRail Terminal at the airport and the departure hall of Terminal 1.</p> <p>There are numerous conference hotels at Frankfurt Airport, including: b'mine Frankfurt Airport, Holiday Inn Frankfurt Airport, InterCityHotel Frankfurt Airport, Park Inn by Radisson Frankfurt Airport, Hyatt Place Frankfurt Airport, Best Western Hotel Airport Frankfurt, Steigenberger Airporthotel, Marriott & Sheraton Frankfurt Airport Hotel & Conference Center, and Hilton Frankfurt Airport. Most of these hotels offer capacities of 250 to 600 beds.</p> <p>Additional venues and conference hotels are listed on the website of the Frankfurt Convention Bureau, which also provides a search option based on distance from the desired destination (e.g. airport). The above-mentioned conference hotels and event locations are in the immediate vicinity of the proposed building. They offer a wide range of space capacities, architectural styles and interior designs. Detailed descriptions and pictures are available on the Frankfurt Convention Bureau's website.</p> <p>Conference event locations near FLOW (Gateway Gardens):</p> <p>1. Holiday Inn Airport</p> <p>No of function rooms: 6 Largest room size m2: 150 Theatre style: 110 Banquet: 80 Classroom: 70 Reception: 120 Catering: in-house Beds: 320 Multistorey parking: 50</p> <p>2. Hyatt Place Frankfurt Airport</p> <p>No of function rooms: 5 Largest room size m2: 120 Theatre style: 110 Banquet: 80 Classroom: 60</p>	The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in close proximity of the premises in a series of locations with all types of gatherings, spaces, capacities, architectural styles and interior designs, including rooftop terraces.

Reception: 110
Catering: in-house
Beds: 624
Multistorey parking: 110

3. Best Western Hotel Airport
No of function rooms: 1
Largest room size m2: 70
Theatre style: 20
Banquet: 20
Classroom: 20
Reception: 20
Catering: restaurant
Beds: 266
Multistorey parking: 72

4. Park Inn by Radisson Frankfurt Airport
No of function rooms: 5
Largest room size m2: 80
Theatre style: 60
Banquet: 25
Classroom: 45
Catering: restaurant
Beds: 257
Parking spaces: 96

5. Hilton Frankfurt Airport Center
No of function rooms: 13
Largest room size m2: 490
Theatre style: 400
Classroom: 272
Reception: 500
Catering: restaurant
Beds: 309
Multistorey parking: 130

6. House of Logistics and Mobility (HOLM)
No of function rooms: 7
Largest room size m2: 540
Theatre style: 150
Banquet: 70
Classroom: 30

7. Fraport Conference Center Frankfurt
No of function rooms: 31
Largest room size m2: 335
Theatre style: 150

	<p>Banquet: 80 Classroom: 70 Reception: 75 Catering: external catering possible Multistorey parking: 10,000</p>	
8) Other	<p>Frankfurt has outstanding accommodation infrastructure to host AMLA’s guests. Frankfurt and its surroundings meet all the requirements for professional conferencing and pleasant short-term work stays: The hotel landscape in the metropolitan region of Frankfurt is ideally suited for conferences, business trips and all other occasions. In the city alone there are 252 hotels with 58,545 beds. Frankfurt has 12 hotels with 5,974 beds in the 5* segment, 73 hotels with 24,742 beds in the 4* segment, and 167 hotels with 27,829 beds in the other categories. In a general price comparison based on pre-pandemic data from 2019, Frankfurt was in the lower midfield with an average price of €103 per night. This is significantly less than Paris (€154), Amsterdam (€149), Milan (€123), and Madrid (€119), for example. 2. Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent. Tenants can make use of a wide range of services provided (e.g. cleaning and laundry services). The existing accommodation capacity in Frankfurt can already satisfy AMLA’s future annual demand for hotel bookings and other short-term rentals – and at very competitive prices compared with other European destinations.</p>	<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent. with a wide range of services.</p>
Summary Criterion 2		<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has an average flight time of 2.5 hours or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia (168 daily flights) and that there are 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates the availability of train (15 minutes frequency, 2 minutes duration) and bus (7 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) connections from the closest airport to the premises. The application indicates the availability of a local train (15 minutes frequency, 2 minutes duration) and bus (3 minutes frequency, 20 minutes duration) from the closest international/national train station to the premises. In addition, the application provides some information on the accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking.</p> <p>The application indicates the presence of 3 three star hotels and 8 four star hotels at walking distance from the premises, of 3 three star hotels, 25 four star hotels, 12 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.</p> <p>The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in close proximity of the premises in a variety of locations. The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent with a wide range of services.</p>

PREMISES 3		
Criterion 1 - 'The date on which AMLA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation'		
Building		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
1) Description of the proposed premises 3 (address and general description)	<p>Messeturm (Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 49, 60308 Frankfurt am Main; complete refurbishment), in the central business district</p> <p>The Messeturm is centrally located in Frankfurt's renowned and unique high-rise area, the central business district. Other tenants include the Bank of New York, Wells Fargo, Microsoft, Refinitiv, Thomson Reuters, the Bank of Korea, and the Consulate General of Japan, to name just a few. This central business, also frequently referred to as the financial district or banking district, is in direct proximity to Frankfurt's city centre with its recently refurbished historical core, the central train station, the Main river and the prestigious Westend district, which offers many excellent restaurants and shops. A wide variety of hotels in all price categories can also be found throughout the central business district. Nearly 12,000 hotel rooms with 20,000 beds are situated within walking distance of the Messeturm.</p> <p>The 63-floor Messeturm, once Europe's tallest building, already established a benchmark upon its completion in 1990 and remains a special and prominent landmark in Frankfurt's skyline today. The Messeturm underwent a complete refurbishment and optimisation in 2022, with a special emphasis placed on sustainable building operations and innovative materials, state-of-the-art technology, strict safety standards, and high-quality interior design that meets today's flexible office space and work environment requirements. As part of this comprehensive modernisation project, the range of amenities in the Messeturm has been expanded and now includes a restaurant, a café-bar, a laundry service, and a business centre. Located near Frankfurt's exhibition and conference centre and within eyeshot of the city's central train station, the Messeturm has its own postal code and is the only building in Frankfurt with its own access point to Frankfurt's subway system. All of these qualities make the Messeturm one of the city's most reputable business addresses.</p> <p>Many of Frankfurt's most popular areas and destinations are within easy walking distance from the Messeturm: it takes just one minute to walk to the Messegelände exhibition grounds, three minutes to the Skyline Plaza shopping centre, and 10 minutes to the central train station. As one of Frankfurt's central hubs, the Messeturm is also ideally connected to the city's roadways: it takes just 15 minutes to drive to Frankfurt Airport, five minutes to the A5 motorway, and eight minutes to the A3 and A66 motorways. Its underground parking garage has a total of 917 parking spaces on two basement levels and provides direct pedestrian access to the entrance hall. The modern car park is operated by the international car park operator APCOA and offers e-charging stations. At present, AMLA can be offered at least 150 parking spaces. This number can be further increased by using double occupancy models (contingents).</p> <p>AMLA's future office space in the Messeturm meets the highest safety, energy, environmental and sustainability standards and is therefore in full compliance with the European Commission's specifications. In this context a new BREEAM "Excellent" certification is in progress. These high standards apply both to office units as well as to meeting rooms, which all feature first-rate outfitting. During the renovations described above, the Messeturm was adapted to meet the requirements of today's office users. This includes the option to implement flexible workspace plans – called "dynamic collaborative spaces" – where individual staff members do not have assigned desks but rather work in the same zone with members of the same unit. In general, these flexible workspaces consist</p>	<p>The application indicates the availability of Messeturm (Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 49, 60308 Frankfurt am Main) as premises 3 which is situated in direct proximity to Frankfurt's city centre in the banking district. The application indicates that the building hosting premises 3 underwent a complete refurbishment in 2022, offers flexible office spaces and includes a series of amenities, commercial and business services. The application indicates that premises 3 have parking places with e-charging stations and provides direct pedestrian access to the entrance hall. The application indicates that premises 3 are engaged in a certification process and can be equipped with lifts exclusively available for AMLA.</p>

	of open-plan offices with different zones depending on the type of work, encompassing individual desks for individual work, closed quiet rooms for concentration, common spaces (such as kitchens), and project-working spaces with modular tables. It would also be possible to make individual lifts exclusively available for AMLA.	
Availability of the premises		
1) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works) as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Regulation	<p>The Messeturm is available immediately. The rental can take place as soon as the decision is made that the Messeturm is the preferred building for AMLA.</p> <p>Should time be needed until the property is fit out for AMLA's particular needs, Frankfurt's dynamic office market offers numerous premises where short-term interim accommodations with flexible lease conditions are available immediately. Frankfurt's market for office space in 2023 is very stable. This stability is backed up by Frankfurt's flourishing economy and the resulting strong demand for office space in the "metropolis on the Main". The ultramodern high-rises and skyscrapers that make up Frankfurt's skyline – and the Frankfurt real estate market in general – offer attractive, stylish and top-quality office space. Frankfurt has a total of over 11.5 million square metres of office space that can be leased. Many leading national and international companies have offices in Frankfurt and this naturally leads to a high demand for office space. However, this demand is satisfied by a wide-ranging supply of office space in various city districts, which is proven by a current ratio of unrented to rented office space in Frankfurt of about 9.1%. Another factor is the fundamental shift in working patterns, which was powerfully accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic. New work models involving remote working and desk-sharing – which have led to a growing shift away from fixed work stations – along with the ongoing digitalisation of workplaces are also having a beneficial impact on the availability of leasable office space. In light of the growth in flexible, hybrid work models, businesses and institutions are likely to require reduced amounts of office space. The current favourable circumstances in terms of office space supply and demand in Frankfurt mean that there are ideal conditions for AMLA to launch operations at full capacity from day one.</p>	The application indicates the immediate availability of premises 3 and that the rental can take place as soon as the decision on the AMLA seat is adopted. In addition, the application indicates that, should more time be needed until the premises are fit out, short-term interim accommodations with flexible lease conditions could be easily available.
2) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)	12	The application indicates that 12 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works.
Organisation of the premises		
<i>Indicatively, and depending on the final number of staff (between 250 and 400 staff members), the size of the AMLA's premises should be between 6.000 to 10.000 square meters gross floor area above ground.</i>		
1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m ²)	12800	The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 12,800 m ² .
2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)	400	The application indicates that the hosting capacity of the premises is 400 staff members.
3) Availability of one large conference room (including for the meetings of the General Board) (approx. 300 m ²)	Yes	The application indicates that there is a large conference room of approx. 300 m ² .
4) Number of meeting rooms for more than 40 persons	2	The application indicates that there are 2 meeting rooms for more than 40 persons.
5) Number of meeting rooms for 13-15 persons	1	The application indicates that there is 1 meeting room for 13-15 persons.
6) Number of meeting rooms for 25-35 persons	2	The application indicates that there are 2 meeting rooms for 25-35 persons.
7) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering	Yes	The application indicates that there is a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering.
8) Availability of a dedicated area for FIU (around 30 individual offices)	Yes	The application indicates that there is a dedicated area for FIU.

9) Internal archives capacity of the premises	Yes	The application indicates that there is internal archives capacity of the premises of 200 m ³ .
9.1) Archives volume (expressed in m ³)	200	
10) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - Available for AMLA	150	The application indicates that there are 150 parking spaces (inside and outside) available for AMLA.
11) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area	Depends	The application indicates that there is the possibility for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area by 12,800 m ² .
11.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m ²)	12800	
12) Are the premises EMAS verified?	Yes	The application indicates that the premises are EMAS verified.
13) Description of the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises including for environment performance standard	<p>The Messeturm itself has a “Silver” certification under LEED and is soon to be certified as “Excellent” under BREEAM.</p> <p>New and existing buildings in Germany must meet strict legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards. These regulations are based on federal and state law, which in turn reflect the requirements set out in EU legislation. For example, German workplace law, which aims to protect the safety and health of workers, is based on Community law. Building codes, in turn, are the responsibility of the individual German states. Taken together, both sets of legislation establish a clear framework that allows for flexible solutions on a case-by-case basis, although primacy is always given to rules that ensure a higher level of worker protection. Furthermore, safety, energy and environmental performance standards in Germany are based on DIN standards that are set by the "Deutsches Institut für Normung" (German Institute for Standardisation or DIN), an independent platform that develops standards in Germany and around the world. Because of the strict regulations that apply in Germany, all of the buildings selected for inclusion in this application satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. With regard to sustainability and environmental performance standards, all of these buildings are certified by leading and renowned national and international building certification systems, namely the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM, frequently used for refurbished buildings), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB). All of the selected buildings have smart building and energy management systems to reduce carbon emissions. Each building provides abundant natural light, with floor-to-ceiling windows in lobbies, lounge areas and office units. Some of the windows can also be opened. Customised office space design will facilitate collaboration and concentration among AMLA staff, thereby providing an optimal setting for agile methods of new work. Common areas and technical installations use green power to a great extent. The buildings also place a priority on reducing the use of fresh water and maximising green mobility. For example, one of the selected buildings has a rainwater harvesting system as well as charging infrastructure for electric cars and bikes. Charging stations have become a standard for all newly constructed as well as refurbished buildings.</p>	The application indicates that new and existing buildings in Germany must meet legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards, which reflect the requirements of the EU legislation. It indicates that as a result the premises satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. In addition, the application indicates that the premises are certified by national and international building certification systems, namely the Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method (BREEAM, used for refurbished buildings), Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) and the German Sustainable Building Council (DGNB). The application also indicates that the premises provide abundant natural light, uses rainwater harvesting system and green power to a great extent.
14) Description of the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure	<p>All proposed AMLA properties feature state-of-the-art technological infrastructure that is standard in the Frankfurt real estate market. This will ensure the highest level of digital security and connectivity for AMLA. The property owners are fully aware that highly sensitive data is handled in the field of AML/CFT (e.g. the data in AMLA’s database and data on directly supervised individual institutions), and that this necessitates security precautions above and beyond the average level.</p> <p>I. Digital connectivity</p>	The application indicates that the premises provide for a technological infrastructure that ensures digital security and connectivity, taking into account the large volumes of sensitive data in the field of AML/CFT. In relation to connectivity the application indicates in particular the access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G). In relation to digital security, the application indicates that the premises will be equipped with customised security features and corresponding access restrictions.

	<p>All properties have access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G). This high-speed internet will be available via both cable and wireless LAN throughout the buildings. In addition, the properties will have their own servers for storing large volumes of highly sensitive data. In this context, it should also be pointed out that the world's leading internet exchange ("DE-CIX", with peak traffic of over 15 terabits per second) is located in Frankfurt.</p> <p>II. Digital security</p> <p>With regard to the security of the physical and IT infrastructure, all of the buildings presented in this application will be equipped with customised security features and corresponding access restrictions based on AMLA's specific requirements. These security measures include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bollards and barriers will offer sufficient resistance to stop vehicles. 2. All premises are equipped with safety glass. Bullet-proof or anti-blast film would need to be installed separately if needed. 3. All floors of AMLA buildings offered are equipped with an autonomous surveillance, access control and security system. This includes AMLA technical controls such as metal detectors, visual controls and X-ray devices as well as access gates through revolving doors or turnstiles. Where AMLA leases only individual floors of a building, elevator access to these floors will be restricted to authorised personnel only (in the event that it is not possible to provide an exclusive elevator). 4. Underground parking of employees and visitors will be controlled by security bars, monitoring and access ID. Deliveries and maintenance will have a separate access. 5. Power and telecommunications cabling will be protected against interception or damage. Specifically, the fibre optic cables leading into the buildings were secured during construction so that no attack can be made on the cables from outside the building. 6. In all of the AMLA buildings presented, dedicated space and infrastructure will be available on the office floors for setting up tenant-owned server rooms or other necessary installations, which will be explicitly separated from any other tenants in the building. Access to the server rooms can be further controlled via a keypad or card panel and CCTV, if required, to allow access only to selected individuals. 7. Emergency generators can be added as part of the building infrastructure to allow systems to operate during power outages. 8. A separate IT structure will be set up for the offices of FIU staff, including eavesdropping-proof floors and ceilings. 	
15) Other	<p>Availability of properties well suited to AMLA's requirements</p> <p>Frankfurt has a dynamic office real estate market with 125,000 m2 of new office space completed in 2022, amounting to a total of 11.8 million m2 of office space in the city with almost one million m2 of vacant office space directly available. Most of the office properties are centrally located between the financial district, the central business district, respectively, and the headquarter of the European Central Bank (ECB). The modern offices</p>	<p>The application indicates that the Frankfurt's office real estate market offers modern offices that meet the environmental, sustainability, security and comfort requirements. The application indicates that AMLA will have the possibility to start out with a smaller volume of office space while reserving additional space for further expansion within the same premises.</p>

	<p>comprehensively meet the latest sustainability, security, and comfort requirements. However, prices remain competitive, office space in Frankfurt, therefore, is still more affordable than in other EU metropolitan regions.</p> <p>With nearly 300 certified sustainable buildings in 2022, Frankfurt also continues to hold a top position in the “Green Building” competition. AMLA will therefore find sufficient supply of high-quality, sustainable, state-of-the-art, but still affordable commercial real estate in Frankfurt.</p> <p>Furthermore, the Frankfurt market offers AMLA a high degree of flexibility: AMLA will have the opportunity to start out with a smaller volume of office space for the first employees while reserving additional space for further expansion within the same building. It is thus not necessary for the initial phase of AMLA’s work to immediately use office space in the final AMLA building. This is particularly advantageous in view of the fact that renting smaller spaces is easy on the budget. Should the final AMLA building still be under construction in accordance with AMLA’s needs, the availability of other office space is ensured.</p>	
Financial terms		
1) Description of the financial terms	<p>The German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide financial support to AMLA during its start-up period, when AMLA will not yet be collecting fees from direct supervisory activities.</p> <p>In order to provide AMLA with maximum flexibility in this respect, the federal, state, and city governments offer to provide AMLA with fast-start financing in the form of a lump-sum grant. Based on the European Commission’s original proposal (including 250 AMLA staff) – a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated €10 million would be provided that would be paid out over a five-year period. AMLA could use this fast-start financing to help cover, for example, rent costs and incidental expenses (as assumed in the answers to the following questions).</p> <p>The federal, state, and city governments declare their willingness to review the possibility of providing additional funding, if the legislation that ultimately establishes the legal basis for AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs.</p>	The application indicates that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated EUR 10 million would be provided to AMLA that would be paid out over a five-year period and be used to cover for example rent costs and incidental expenses. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding, if the founding act of AMLA gives rise to additional financial needs.
2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)	33	The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is 33 EUR/m ² .
3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany intends to cover the rent for 5 years, within the framework of the financial contribution from Germany as described under point 1.
3.1) Will the applicant Member State cover the rent	For a given period of time	
3.2) If yes, for how many years?	5	
4) Monthly maintenance costs (expressed in EUR/m ²)	8.5	The application indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are 8.5 EUR/m ² .
5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany intends to cover the maintenance costs, within the framework of the financial contribution from Germany as described under point 1.
6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m ²)	0	The application indicates that the fit-out costs are: 0 EUR/m ²
7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?	Yes	The application indicates that Germany intends to cover the fit-out costs, within the framework of the financial contribution from Germany as described under point 1.
8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the future upgrade and extension?	Depends	The application indicates that Germany may cover the future upgrade and extension.

9) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions	<p>All properties offered for AMLA belong to private owners, so civil law applies to contractual requirements. For commercial leases, the German Civil Code only sets out a framework of basic rules. These cover all areas from the conclusion of a lease agreement to its termination and are useful if parties do not wish to invest much time in negotiations on an individual contract. Most of these provisions are optional in order to ensure maximum flexibility, which is why the parties to a commercial lease are free to include almost whatever they wish in their contract. Such an arrangement also will allow AMLA to expand or upgrade its premises as needed.</p> <p>I. Full flexibility on future extensions AMLA will have full flexibility regarding future extensions of the rented property. For example, if AMLA only needs one floor of a property at the beginning, leasing the property can be done in stages. It is also possible to lease additional floors or parts of the property in time increments. These specifics can be included in the lease from the beginning or added to the contract at a later stage (based on the already existing contractual relationship). As soon as the decision on a property for AMLA becomes more concrete, the Frankfurt Development Agency will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. An expansion into other buildings would also be possible, as has been done with the ECB. The proposed buildings are situated in dynamic business districts. Commercial premises continue to be built in these districts, and there is always a certain rate of vacancy and movement. It is therefore safe to say that there will be no difficulty finding a building in very close proximity to the one chosen as headquarters.</p> <p>II. Full flexibility on future upgrades Full flexibility also applies to future upgrades of already leased properties. The realisation of such upgrades (e.g. more meeting rooms, more secure IT rooms, more storage rooms) is subject to negotiations and might require the tenant to bear part of the costs. The owner might take on a larger share of the costs if the upgrade increases the value of the premises and if the upgrade is requested by a tenant with a long lease period ahead.</p> <p>III. Full flexibility on extending the lease period An extension of the lease period is possible and can be negotiated at any time after the conclusion of the contract. Against the background that AMLA, as an EU agency, will be a reliable and long-standing tenant, great flexibility on the part of the owner is to be expected. All other aspects can be introduced into the negotiations, for example the duration of the new lease period or new rights to terminate the contract on exceptional grounds. As the owner would probably be interested in keeping AMLA as a tenant, the negotiations can be expected to run rather smoothly.</p>	<p>The application provides information on the German civil law framework which leaves flexibility for commercial lease contracts. This includes flexibility in relation to future extensions, in relation to future upgrades and in relation to extending the lease period, all of which is subject to negotiations. The application indicates that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. The application indicates that new rights to terminate the contract on exceptional grounds could also be introduced.</p>
10) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)	5	The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 5 years.
11) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease	<p>Under German law, property lease agreements can be entered into for an indefinite or fixed period of time. Parties to a lease agreement decide freely on the duration of the agreement. The same freedom is given to them when it comes to the termination of the lease. This ensures maximum flexibility for AMLA. Usually, commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning five to ten years. For leases with a fixed term, the law specifies a limited number of reasons justifying early termination on exceptional grounds. Further possibilities for terminating the lease are subject to the parties' negotiations.</p> <p>Should AMLA need to terminate the lease before the contractual date, several options are available for reducing the financial burden, as terminating the lease before the contractual date usually requires a payment of compensation by the tenant. The tenant can, for example, present to the owner a follow-up tenant who is willing to lease the premises under the same conditions or sublease the premises. Taking one of these steps can significantly reduce the cost of vacating the premises before the lease period expires.</p>	<p>The application indicates that lease agreements can be negotiated for an indefinite or fixed period and that usually commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning five to ten years. It indicates that the German law sets out a limited number of reasons on exceptional grounds justifying early termination of lease with fixed-term period. The application indicates that different options can be envisaged for reducing the financial impact of a termination of the lease before the contractual date.</p>
12) Description of any special conditions with regard to the costs and dedicated infrastructure	<p>The properties being offered to AMLA will be leased by private owners, which means that the specific details of the lease agreement will be the subject of negotiations between AMLA and the owner. The Messeturm is managed by OFFICEFIRST Real Estate GmbH for MesseTurm PropCo S.à.r.l., Luxembourg, the owner of the Messeturm. The "Wirtschaftsförderung Frankfurt" (Frankfurt Economic Development Agency) is ready and</p>	<p>The application indicates that the specific details of the lease agreement will be the subject of negotiations between AMLA and the owner, and that assistance will be offered to AMLA in these negotiations.</p> <p>It refers to financial benefits in the headquarters agreement (see below point on benefits in addition to Protocol 7), the financial support offered by the federal</p>

	<p>willing to assist AMLA in its negotiations to conclude a lease agreement.</p> <p>The following financial benefits for AMLA can already be highlighted in advance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The headquarters agreement which the Federal Republic of Germany would conclude with AMLA will include the same financial benefits as those that have been granted to other EU agencies in Germany, in addition to the benefits specified in Protocol 7. 2. The German federal government, the state of Hesse, and the city of Frankfurt will provide AMLA with financial support that can be used for costs incurred in connection with the leased property (please see description of financial terms). 3. AMLA will not incur any additional costs for outfitting and renovation, because these costs are already included in the rent price. Interior configurations (meeting rooms of various sizes, offices, etc.), IT connectivity and all security precautions are generally included in the rent price. <p>Against this background, it will be possible for AMLA to calculate – well in advance – the specific costs of setting up in Frankfurt. This financial certainty will be tremendously helpful for AMLA, especially given the tight budgetary conditions in the EU and the fact that AMLA will not be able to obtain financing from the collection of fees until after it starts its direct supervisory activities. If Frankfurt is selected as AMLA headquarters, AMLA will know definitively from the outset what set-up costs can be expected.</p>	<p>government, the state of Hesse, and the city of Frankfurt and that rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs.</p>
<p>13) Other</p>	<p>see above no (3.2): The German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide financial support to AMLA during its start-up period is provided in the form of a lump-sum grant totalling an estimated €10 million that would be paid out over a five-year period.</p> <p>see above no (6): A high fit-out standard has already been taken into account in the rental costs indicated above. In the German real estate market, it is common for the fit-out standard agreed upon by tenant and owner to be reflected in the monthly rent price.</p> <p>see above no (10): 5-7 years (typical minimum duration of lease) Obligatory minimum duration of the lease also depends on the fit-out standard requested by tenant (the higher the standard, the longer the required lease agreement period). The maximum duration of the lease depends on the contractual agreement.</p> <p>A perfect blueprint for setting up AMLA in Frankfurt is the experience of EIOPA. EIOPA, which grew out of CEIOPS, leased premises in the Westhafen Tower, a commercial high-rise. EIOPA started out by leasing only one floor but reserved the option of further expansion in the same building. As EIOPA grew, two more floors and the conference floor were leased in addition. EIOPA has an open-plan office structure with a mix of individual and open-plan entities. It has its own reception and visitors are always escorted by EIOPA staff. From the outset, the city of Frankfurt promoted retail shops near the premises, because the Westhafen was a newly developed housing and office area with little retail infrastructure, located at Frankfurt's former west river port. EIOPA was assisted from the start by the city of Frankfurt and by the Frankfurt Economic Development Agency in all aspects of hosting an EU authority.</p> <p>When the ECB was set up, Frankfurt and the German federal government negotiated a temporary solution that enabled the ECB to lease space in a high-rise formerly used by DZ Bank in the central business district. This preliminary solution provided the ECB with full</p>	<p>The application refers to the examples of EIOPA and ECB as examples for setting up an agency.</p>

	operationality (introduction of the euro) while the new headquarters in Frankfurt Ostend were constructed in the meantime.	
Summary Criterion 1		<p>The application indicates the availability of Messeturm, Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 49, 60308 Frankfurt am Main, as premises 3 which is situated in direct proximity to Frankfurt's city centre in the banking district. The application indicates that premises 3 offer flexible office spaces and include a series of amenities. The application indicates that premises 3 have parking places with e-charging stations and provide direct pedestrian access to the entrance hall. The application indicates that premises 3 are engaged in a certification process and can be equipped with lifts exclusively available for AMLA. The application indicates that premises 3 are available immediately and that 12 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works. The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 12,800 m², that the premises have an hosting capacity of 400 people and offer a large conference room of approx. 300 m², meeting rooms (2 for more than 40 persons, 1 meeting room for 13-15 persons and 2 meeting rooms for 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, an internal archives volume of 200 m³, 150 parking spaces and the possibility for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area by 12,800 m². The application indicates that new and existing buildings in Germany must meet legal and technical specifications to ensure compliance with safety, energy, and environmental performance standards, which reflect the requirements of the EU legislation. It indicates that, as a result, the premises satisfy the conditions set out in the Manual of Standard Building Specifications. In addition, the application indicates that the premises are certified by national and international building certification systems. The application indicates that premises 3 provide for a technological infrastructure that ensures digital security and connectivity, in particular the access to high-speed internet (fibre or 5G) and corresponding access restrictions.</p> <p>The application indicates that the German federal government, the state of Hesse and the city of Frankfurt will provide a lump-sum grant totaling an estimated of EUR 10 million to AMLA that would be paid out over a five-year period and be used to cover, for example, rent costs and incidental expenses. The application indicates the possibility of providing additional funding if the founding act of AMLA gives raise to additional financial needs. The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is 33 EUR/m², that the rent price includes outfitting and renovation costs, that the monthly maintenance costs are 8.5 EUR/m². The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 5 years and that a local entity will assist AMLA in starting negotiations with the owner. The application indicates that lease agreements can be negotiated for an indefinite or fixed period and that usually commercial lease agreements have a fixed contract period spanning 5-10 years.</p>

Criterion 2 – ‘Accessibility of the location’		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
Public transportation		
1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals	<p>Frankfurt is located on the Main river, with the world at its doorstep. The city has unrivalled access to air and rail travel.</p> <p>Average flight time to EU capitals: 2.5 h</p>	<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has average flight time of 2.5 hours or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia, (168 daily flights), and 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates that Frankfurt airport is interlinked with other transport modes and pursues the goal of ensuring its climate-neutrality by 2045.</p>

Daily train connections from Frankfurt: 1,100

I. By air: Frankfurt's sustainable airport

Frankfurt is easily accessible via its international airport, with daily non-stop flights to all major cities in Europe and around the globe. Almost all European capitals can be reached by direct flights in 2.5 hours or less. Frankfurt's airport is one of the main passenger airports in Europe and has the largest freight volume of any European airport. It can be reached from the city centre in a mere 15 minutes by train. Thanks to the AiRail terminal, air and rail connections (including high-speed trains) are optimally interlinked at the airport, allowing seamless transfers between transport modes.

Country, City, Daily direct flights on average

- Austria, Vienna, 12
- Belgium, Brussels, 9
- Bulgaria, Sofia, 5
- Croatia, Zagreb, 5
- Cyprus, Larnaca, 1
- Czech Republic, Prague, 4
- Denmark, Copenhagen, 7
- Estonia, Tallinn, 3
- Finland, Helsinki, 5
- France, Paris, 12
- Germany, Berlin, 14
- Greece, Athens, 5
- Hungary, Budapest, 5
- Ireland, Republic of, Dublin, 5
- Italy, Rome, 6
- Latvia, Riga, 4
- Lithuania, Vilnius, 1
- Luxembourg, Luxembourg, 4
- Malta, Valletta, 3
- Netherlands, Amsterdam, 12
- Poland, Warsaw, 7
- Portugal, Lisbon, 6
- Romania, Bucharest, 4
- Slovenia, Ljubljana, 3
- Slovakia, Bratislava (airport Vienna), 12
- Spain, Madrid, 8
- Sweden, Stockholm, 6

The airport is also addressing the challenges of the environmental transformation: it is pursuing the goal of ensuring climate-neutral operations by 2045. To achieve this, it will obtain a large proportion of its electricity requirements from a dedicated offshore wind farm as of summer 2026. An innovation hub for alternative CO₂-neutral aviation fuels is also being developed close to the airport at Industriepark Höchst.

II. By rail: Superior train network

Frankfurt is the central hub of a high-speed rail network, offering over 1,100 daily rail

	<p>connections. Frankfurt Central Station is one of the main passenger stations in Europe, with around half a million passengers each day. There are daily high-speed train connections to other European capitals, including Brussels (three hours), Amsterdam (four hours) and Paris (less than four hours).</p> <p>No. of weekly average train connections to the following cities:</p> <p>Amsterdam: 49 Berlin: 210 Brussels: 50 Budapest: 49 Copenhagen: 21 Ljubljana: 7 Luxembourg: 49 Madrid: 7 Milan: 7 Paris: 44 Prague: 56 Vienna/Bratislava: 49 Warsaw: 28 Zagreb: 7</p>	
2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest airport to the premises	Train	The application indicates the availability of train connections from the premises to the closest airport
Frequency of train connections (expressed in minutes)	10	The application indicates that the frequency of the train connection is of 10 minutes and the duration 15 minutes.
Duration of train connections (expressed in minutes)	15	
3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises	Metro; Tram	The application indicates that metro and tram 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 the metro connections is of 5 minutes and the duration 2 minutes.
Duration of metro connections (expressed in minutes)	2	
Frequency of tram connections (expressed in minutes)	6	The application indicates that the frequency of the tram connections is of 6 minutes and the duration 5 minutes.
Duration of tram connections (expressed in minutes)	5	
4) Other	In addition to connections by air and rail from all over the Union, Frankfurt can also be reached by other means of transportation, such as by car. Within Frankfurt, the public transport system is well developed, so that getting around is assured at any time of day or night as well as on weekends. Alternatively, getting around Frankfurt is possible on foot, by bicycle or by car. Frankfurt is also very well connected to other regions in Germany via the well developed autobahn network. Other EU countries are also well connected via motorway. For example, Strasbourg and Luxembourg can be reached in approximately three hours. In a city like Frankfurt, where many destinations can be reached by public transport and bicycle, one does not have to own a car. Many car-sharing options are available for the occasions when a car is needed. There are also special car-sharing discounts for holders of local public transport subscriptions (in the	The application provides some information on accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking.

form of monthly tickets).II. Public transportPublic transport in Frankfurt is increasingly oriented towards climate-friendly mobility. For example, some regional trains are operated using emission-free hydrogen. These trains will be increasingly used for urban transport as well. In a regional public transport lab, new ideas are continuously being developed to make mobility more climate-friendly and efficient. The opinion of passengers is also important to the Frankfurt public transport association; for example, a mobility plan was drafted that incorporated input from passengers. To support public transportation use, the public transport association Rhein-Main (RMV) offers a wide range of tickets: from weekly, monthly and annual tickets to senior citizens' and schoolchildren's tickets with special reductions. Since last summer, a "Deutschlandticket" is also available for €49 per month that permits holders to use all local and regional trains throughout Germany. But even with tickets that are limited to the RMV area, the Taunus region and surrounding towns can be reached quickly and efficiently. Frequent regional train service is provided on weekends and at night. During the day, regional trains usually run every 10 to 20 minutes. In addition to climate-friendly mobility, passenger safety is a top priority for RMV. On-train staff and CCTV are increasingly used to guarantee safe travel. As uniformed police officers are allowed to use public transport free of charge, this also strengthens safety on buses and trains. Furthermore, the interior of the trains is designed for safety, so that the passageways are free and spacious. 200 million people are transported through Frankfurt via underground trains and trams every year. III. Bike-sharingPublic transport is not the only option for people who do not wish to travel by car. Bikes are an increasingly popular and common form of transport. Distances in Frankfurt are short and destinations, such as workplaces and schools, can be reached quickly by bike. Numerous bike-sharing programmes are available in Frankfurt, such as Nextbike (by Tier), Call-a-Bike (by Deutsche Bahn), the Main Lastenrad and electric scooters. Bike and scooter rental is easy, and is done using a mobile phone app. Rented bikes and scooters can be parked in the city either directly on the pavement or at the stations of bike providers. Frankfurt's cycle paths are high-quality, wide and safe, and the cycle path network is being expanded continuously. One of the city's initiatives in this area is the project "Bicycle City Frankfurt". Since 2019, this mobility strategy has massively expanded activities to promote cycling: for example, 29 km of cycle paths have been marked in red, 6,100 metres of new cycle paths have been created on main roads and 8,000 new bicycle parking spaces have been built. The surrounding area will also be linked up to the city with six new cycling express routes, which will enable AMLA employees to commute from their homes to Frankfurt by bike – along the Main from the suburbs in the west, coming from the city forest in the south or from the Taunus and Odenwald mountain ranges. The project has helped to increase the share of cycling to 23% of all transportation.IV. Walking Frankfurt's short distances are also easily manageable on foot. And not only for adults: In 2008, Frankfurt launched the "Schulweg Safari" project for schoolchildren. This project encourages children and parents to walk or cycle to school. There are special school route maps and information materials to help children get to school safely. The campaign thus also promotes children's independence and sense of responsibility.

Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises		
1) Number of 3 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	10	The application indicates the presence of 10 three star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
2) Number of 4 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	20	The application indicates the presence of 20 four star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
3) Number of 5 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	2	The application indicates the presence of 2 five star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
4) Number of 3 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	7	The application indicates the presence of 7 three star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.

5) Number of 4 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	11	The application indicates the presence of 11 four star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.
6) Number of 5 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises	10	The application indicates the presence of 10 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.
7) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside AMLA premises	<p>The Messeturm is located near the Frankfurt Trade Fair and the banking district. Conferences and events can be held in close proximity at the following locations:</p> <p>Event locations: the facilities at Messe Frankfurt, such as the Congress Center, Forum, Festhalle and Kap Europa, offer large-size capacities that can host 2,000-15,000 participants. Smaller but more spectacular is Fifty Heights. This 220 m2 event space is used for all types of gatherings, including digital events, lectures, co-creation workshops and evening receptions. Its rooftop terrace offers a unique 360° view of the Rhine-Main region and the Taunus. Other venues, such as the Villa Bonn and Gesellschaftshaus Palmengarten, feature neo-classical architecture and a more traditionally stylish atmosphere for conferences as well as gala dinners. More intimate venues such as Design Offices Frankfurt Wiesenhüttenplatz, Design Offices Frankfurt Barckhausstrasse and memox.world Taunusanlage are available for smaller and co-working oriented events.</p> <p>Many medium-size and large-size hotels that can serve as conference hotels are located in the immediate vicinity. These include: NH Collection Spin Tower, nhow Frankfurt, Mövenpick Hotel Frankfurt-City, Maritim Hotel Frankfurt, Frankfurt Marriott Hotel, Meliá Frankfurt City, Radisson Blu Hotel Frankfurt, and Metropolitan Hotel by Fleming.</p> <p>Additional venues and conference hotels are listed on the website of the Frankfurt Convention Bureau, which also provides a search option based on distance from the desired destination (e.g. airport). The above-mentioned conference hotels and event locations are in the immediate vicinity of the Messeturm. They offer a wide range space capacities, architectural styles and interior designs. Detailed descriptions and pictures are available on the Frankfurt Convention Bureau's website.</p> <p>Conference event locations near the Messeturm:</p> <p>1. Fifty Heights No of function rooms: 1 Largest room size m2: 120 Theatre style: 100 Banquet: 70 Classroom: 52 Reception: 120 Catering: in-house Multistorey parking: 4,000</p> <p>2. Kap Europa No of function rooms: 14 Largest room size m2: 973 Theatre style: 1,020 Banquet: 620 Classroom: 644 Catering: in-house Multistorey parking: 4,000</p>	The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in close proximity of the premises. It indicates a variety of locations ranging from location that can host between 2,000-15,000 participants to smaller location. It also provides information on hotels that can serve as conference hotels

3. Forum
No of function rooms: 11
Largest room size m2: 2,432
Theatre style: 2,025
Banquet: 1,080
Classroom: 1,170
Catering: in-house
Parking spaces: 24,700

4. Gästehaus Palmengarten
No of function rooms: 7
Largest room size m2: 1,021
Theatre style: 970
Banquet: 780
Classroom: 450
Reception: 2,000
Catering: in-house
Multistorey parking: 220

5. Maritim Hotel
No of function rooms: 8
Largest room size m2: 393
Theatre style: 350
Banquet: 300
Classroom: 190
Reception: 62
Catering: in-house
Beds: 975
Parking spaces: 460

6. Marriott Hotel
No of function rooms: 23
Largest room size m2: 875
Theatre style: 775
Banquet: 648
Classroom: 540
Reception: 1,000
Catering: in-house
Beds: 776
Multistorey parking: 610

7. Steigenberger Icon Frankfurter Hof
No of function rooms: 16
Largest room size m2: 460
Theatre style: 450
Banquet: 320
Classroom: 250

	<p>Reception: 450 Catering: in-house Beds: 407 Multistorey parking: 220</p> <p>8. Hilton Frankfurt City Center No of function rooms: 16 Largest room size m2: 480 Theatre style: 550 Banquet: 290 Classroom: 250 Reception: 800 Catering: in-house Beds: 684 Parking spaces: 75</p> <p>9. Sofitel Frankfurt Opéra No of function rooms: 5 Largest room size m2: 320 Theatre style: 200 Banquet: 180 Classroom: 160 Reception: 200 Catering: in-house Beds: 150 Multistorey parking: 320</p> <p>10. Radisson Blu Hotel No of function rooms: 17 Largest room size m2: 600 Theatre style: 490 Banquet: 320 Classroom: 320 Reception: 340 Catering: in-house Beds: 790 Multistorey parking: 240</p>	
8) Other	<p>Frankfurt has outstanding accommodation infrastructure to host AMLA’s guests. Frankfurt and its surroundings meet all the requirements for professional conferencing and pleasant short-term work stays: The hotel landscape in the metropolitan region of Frankfurt is ideally suited for conferences, business trips and all other occasions. In the city alone there are 252 hotels with 58,545 beds. Frankfurt has 12 hotels with 5,974 beds in the 5* segment, 73 hotels with 24,742 beds in the 4* segment, and 167 hotels with 27,829 beds in the other categories. In a general price comparison based on pre-pandemic data from 2019, Frankfurt was in the lower midfield with an average price of €103 per night. This is significantly less than Paris (€154), Amsterdam (€149), Milan (€123), and Madrid (€119), for example. 2. Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent. Tenants can make use of a wide range of services provided (e.g. cleaning and laundry services). The existing accommodation</p>	<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent. with a wide range of services.</p>

	<p>capacity in Frankfurt can already satisfy AMLA’s future annual demand for hotel bookings and other short-term rentals – and at very competitive prices compared with other European destinations.</p>	
<p>Summary Criterion 2</p>		<p>The application indicates that Frankfurt airport has average flight time of 2.5 h or less to all the EU capitals, except Nicosia (168 daily flights) and that there are 633 weekly train connections including to Brussels (3 hours), Amsterdam (4 hours) and Paris (less than 4 hours). The application indicates that from the airport to the premises the frequency of the train connection is 10 minutes and the train connection lasts 15 minutes. The application indicates the frequency (metro 5 minutes, tram 6 minutes) and the duration (metro 2 minutes, tram 5 minutes) from the closest international/national train station to the premises. In addition, the application provides some information on the accessibility of Frankfurt by car and on the public transport system, including regional trains, as well as bike-sharing and walking.</p> <p>The application indicates the presence of 10 three star hotels, 20 four star hotels, 2 five star hotels at walking distance from the premises, of 7 three star hotels, 11 four star hotels, 10 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises. The application indicates that conferences and events can be held in close proximity of the premises in a variety of locations that can host from 2,000-15,000 participants to smaller location. The application indicates that Frankfurt provides many accommodation infrastructures for hosting conferences, business trips and all other occasions. The application indicates that 252 hotels of different categories with 58,545 beds are available in Frankfurt and surroundings. The application indicates that Frankfurt also has a large supply of furnished apartments for short-term rent with a wide range of services.</p>