



EUROPEAN MEDICINES AGENCY RELOCATION INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY: BRUSSELS GREATER AREA



PREMISES

- The offer indicates *The One* (29,511 m²), to be available for EMA mid-November 2018, and comments on how the building fulfils EMA requirements as regards the offices/ workstations, meeting rooms with conference facilities, lounges, a reception area with a security structure (without commenting on the surface or disability access), archives, physical and IT security systems and standards. The offer does not mention the availability of an auditorium.
- Two alternative options for buildings are also indicated, without providing detailed information on how they fulfil EMA requirements or when they would be available: *Greenhouse BXL* (22,000 m²) and a building to be developed in the hearth of the *Louvain-la-Neuve Science Park* (28,000 m²).
- The offer provides additional information on Belgium's readiness to assist the EMA in managing its location specific contracts under a comprehensive service level agreement for building related services.



ACCESSIBILITY

- The offer indicates the availability of direct flights between Brussels and all EU capitals, while providing information on the frequency of flights to 23 capitals ranging from 1 to 9 per day, without indicating the duration of such flights, except for Paris, Frankfurt and Amsterdam for which the duration ranges from 55min. to 1h10min.
- The offer indicates the availability of public transportation connections between the proposed location and the airport with a duration of 20 minutes, without indicating the frequency of these connections.
- The offer indicates the availability of 23,000 hotel rooms in the Brussels Greater Area, ranging from international branded hotels to family-owned boutique hotels.



EDUCATION FACILITIES

- The offer does not indicate the existence of nursery/day-care. The offer indicates the existence of 4 European schools, with a 5th to open in the near future for 2,500 pupils, without specifying their linguistic offer. The offer indicates international and foreign language schools, including Greek, Scandinavian, French, German and British schools, without providing specific information on the number of places available.
- The offer indicates the existence of masters' programmes in English, Dutch and French.
- The offer also indicates the availability of support from an expat welcome desk to assist EBA staff with school information.



LABOUR MARKET,
SOCIAL SECURITY,
MEDICAL CARE

- The offer indicates that children and spouses of EMA staff are subject to the EU social security provisions.
- The offer indicates that children and spouses of EMA staff have access to the Belgian medical care, including to medication and medical doctors who speak English, French and Dutch.
- The offer provides general information on the presence of European foreigners in the Belgian workforce and on diverse employers that could be of interest to children and spouses of EMA staff.



BUSINESS
CONTINUITY

- The offer indicates the delivery of the premises in time for the EMA to be fully operational by April 2019.
- The offer indicates the possibility for EMA to recruit relevant staff from Belgium's talent pool in research and development, innovation and the pharmaceutical sector. The offer argues that Belgium's quality of life is a factor to allow EMA to maintain staff.
- The offer provides information about the ability to ensure EMA's smooth transition by referring to the intention of Belgium to enhance its medicines agency's resources and the geographical proximity between EMA's current headquarters and Brussels. The offer also provides information about a Belgian task force for the coordination of measures to ensure EMA's business continuity.
- The offer indicates the availability of support to EMA staff and their families during the transition, as well as a contact point in the Embassy of Belgium in London and a possible on-site contact point.



GEOGRAPHICAL
SPREAD

Belgium hosts one EU decentralised agency, namely the Single Resolution Board (SRB) in Brussels.



A) RELOCATION PLAN

The offer indicates that EMA would be fully operational by April 2019, without providing information on when exactly the relocation would take place.

The offer anticipates EMA's smooth move, given the proximity between London and Brussels.

The offer indicates the creation of a task force for the coordination of implementation measures, without providing specific information on these measures, and provides general information on the Belgian government's intention to enhance the resources of its own medicines agency in order to ensure EMA remains operational.

B) PREMISES AND THE AGENCY'S NEEDS

The offer indicates the proposed premises: *The One* in Brussels, with two alternative sites proposed in Brussels Greater Area (*Greenhouse BXL* and a building in Louvain-la-Neuve Science Park). The offer indicates in a detailed way how *The One* fulfils EMA requirements, without providing information on some technical aspects.

C) TERMS FOR PREMISES

The offer indicates the financial terms for the lease of the premises, [*confidential*].

D) TERMS FOR MAINTENANCE, UPGRADING AND EXTENSION

The offer does not provide information on the terms concerning maintenance, upgrading and expansion. It indicates Belgium's intention to assist EMA as regards the management of contracts for maintenance and the availability of a service level agreement for building related services from the Belgian Building's Agency.

E) SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The offer does not provide information on special conditions to be offered with regard to costs and dedicated infrastructures.

F) BENEFITS

The offer indicates external security as a benefit to be granted to the Agency in addition to Protocol No 7.