

Commission assessment of Spain’s application to host AMLA (Madrid)

‘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.’

	Member State application	Commission assessment
Description	<p>Spain is an ideal location for AMLA for its outstanding reputation and its availability of highly qualified and specialised staff.</p> <p>Spain has robust AML/CFT institutions: the Commission for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Monetary Offences is an effective coordination mechanism for AML/CFT policies, and its executive service, SEPBLAC, is a strong financial intelligence unit (FIU) and supervisor. The Commission for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Monetary Offences enables the key AML/CFT authorities to coordinate effectively in the development and implementation of AML/CFT policies and activities. Additionally, there are numerous interagency working groups and mechanisms to facilitate operational coordination. The Commission acts through its Executive Service (SEPBLAC) and its Secretariat (the Sub-directorate General of Inspection and Control of Capital Movements of the Treasury).</p> <p>Spain has an institutional design similar to the one proposed for AMLA, with SEPBLAC acting both as a supervisor and FIU. This institutional design boosts supervision efficiency through ML/TF risk analyses based on financial intelligence information. There is a high degree of communication within SEPBLAC between its two key functions (of FIU and supervisory authority), which enhances both its ability to understand the risks and its ability to supervise obliged entities in a risk-based way.</p> <p>The Spanish financial intelligence system has received the highest international rating. The Mutual Evaluation Report by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) points out as one of its “key findings” that “Spain has a well-functioning FIU (Sepblac) which produces high quality operational and strategic analyses“.</p> <p>Spain has a dual-track supervisory regime, with a single supervisor (SEPBLAC) responsible for AML/CFT supervision in all financial and Designated Non-Financial Businesses and Professions (DNFBP) sectors, in cooperation with sectoral supervisors, the Bank of Spain, the National Securities Market Commission (CNMV) and the Directorate-General for Insurance and Pension Funds to conduct financial institution-specific inspections as needed. In the DNFBP sectors, there is a range of other supervisors, professional bodies, self-regulatory bodies (SRBs), and central prevention bodies.</p> <p>SEPBLAC has direct access (without prior judicial authorisation) to a broad range of information, including: public registries of land, companies, real estate, and movable property; the notary profession’s Single Computerised Index; Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) and other reports filed by reporting entities; information on cross-border declarations and seizures; criminal records; supervisory information from the sector supervisors; and tax information, which is an important factor to help mitigate ML risks arising from tax crimes. All the information received, processed, maintained or disseminated by Sepblac is suitably protected. Policies in order to ensure its security and confidentiality, including proper procedures for its handling, filing, dissemination, protection and access have been adopted.</p> <p>Spain has a broad network of law enforcement agencies (LEAs) and intelligence services, including specialised units focused on ML/TF, which are part of the Ministry of the Interior. Two national police forces—the National Police and the Civil Guard—have nation-wide competence to investigate all crimes. There is a judicial police: dedicated law enforcement units which support specialised</p>	<p><i>[the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers]</i></p> <p>The application refers to Spain’s reputation and indicates that Spain’s candidacy is fully supported at the political and social level, by the three public administrations (State, Region and City Council), as well as all its political parties.</p> <p><i>[to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff]</i></p> <p>The application indicates the availability of highly qualified and specialised staff.</p> <p><i>[to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant]</i></p> <p>Spain’s application lists the training provided by authorities such as Civil Guard and National Police, Police and Civil Guard official academy, SEPBLAC (Spain’s FIU) and the judicial police to their staff. The application mentions that training including case studies and practical examples is also provided to obliged entities by SEPBLAC, judicial police and private associations. The application also indicates that Bachelor and master’s degrees in AML/CFT are available through the collaboration of several Spanish universities with state authorities such as Civil Guard and National Police.</p> <p><i>[to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies]</i></p> <p>The application indicates that Spain closely works with Europol in asset tracing and recovery within the European Union via the ORA (the Asset Recovery Office of Europol). It further provides information on Spain’s contributions to Europol’s counter-terrorism department giving examples of the close level of cooperation between the Spanish authorities and the EU.</p> <p><i>[to avoid reputational risks, to consider how ML/TF risks are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF reports]</i></p> <p>The application describes Spain’s AML/CFT competent authorities and their duties in the AML/CFT framework. It indicates that Spain has a centralised coordination mechanism for AML/CFT policies, the Commission for the Prevention of Money Laundering and Monetary Offences, involving the main AML/CFT authorities and focused on development and implementation of AML/CFT policies. The application also indicates that there are several interagency working groups for operational coordination.</p> <p>The application also indicates that Spain has an institutional design similar to the one proposed for AMLA, with Spain’s FIU (SEPBLAC) acting as both supervisor and FIU. The application indicates that Spain’s FIU was reported by the latest MER’s Key Findings as having “high quality operational and strategic analyses”. The application indicates that Spain’s FIU has direct access to several sources of information, such as registries, tax information, criminal records etc. The application also provides information on the public private cooperation.</p>

<p>prosecutors and investigating judges. The Customs Surveillance authorities are authorised to investigate and pursue certain crimes, the Centre of Intelligence against Organised Crime is responsible for gathering criminal intelligence and de-conflicting police investigations at the operational level. The country's main intelligence service is the National Intelligence Service.</p> <p>On terrorism and TF, coordination is done through the National Centre for Counter-terrorism Coordination. This body has deep operational connections with all the relevant agencies, and is able to effectively coordinate analysis, strategy, and tactical counter-terrorist activity.</p> <p>Spain also counts on centralised prevention bodies for collegiate professions. Such a body exists for the notary profession and the registrars. Membership of these bodies is mandatory for all notaries and registrars. The Centralized Body for the Prevention of Money Laundering (OCP) of the Notaries is a unique AML/CFT – specialized body that facilitates the work of notaries by providing a handbook of proceedings, conducting training sessions, and by investigating and communicating suspicious transactions to the SEPBLAC. Registrar's Anti-Money Laundering Registry Center (CRAB) also carries out a comprehensive and integrated analysis of suspicious activities submitted by registrars using its own tools and expertise.</p> <p>Spain provides specific training in order to have a high-qualified staff contributing to the fight against AML/CFT activities. According to the FATF report, Spanish Law Enforcement Authorities and prosecutorial entities have outstanding financial, human and technical resources. This ensures that the staff working in AML/CFT field maintain high professional standards and the appropriate skills.</p> <p>The Civil Guard and National Police offer specialised Master's programmes and degrees, which take place in their own study centres, attached to the Carlos III and the Salamanca Universities. Furthermore, specific studies are offered by the Police and Civil Guard official academy, such as FRONTEX training.</p> <p>There is also training provided by SEPBLAC and the judicial police. Some of the highlights of these specific training courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coopera plan, annual conferences for the exchange of information between the Civil Guard and the obligated entities to establish the guidelines of the preventive obligations. • Conferences at national and international universities. • 260 people have been trained annually on CFT. • National Police give ML technical assistance to foreign police and tax authorities: in the last 3 years, they have participated in 47 international courses. • 18 iKN – AML Forum in 3 countries and with the participation of more than 7,000 professionals (2022). <p>Relevant international training collaborations are ongoing, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light-EU Programme, AML/CFT training for lawyers and notaries and crypto asset training. A handbook of good practices was produced. • Beca-NET, a network of professionals from the private and public sectors to fight against FT. 	<p>The application indicates that the FATF has assessed Spain with fully compliant or largely compliant ratings on 38 out of 40 recommendations, no ratings of low effectiveness and only one moderate rating on the FATF 11 Immediate Outcomes.</p>
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- Global Program ML – GPML with the United Nations. One of the main consultants is from Spain and gives training to more than 15 different countries.
 - CEPOL, European Police College.
 - Life Nature Guardian Project, EU training in environmental policy against ML.
- SEPBLAC is also experienced in providing obliged entities with training opportunities in different topics, including AML/CFT activities, offences of taxation or fraud, among others. In this sense, SEPBLAC led a public-private partnership in 2018 to provide obliged entities with operational information on criminal activity in Campo de Gibraltar and to increase the volume and quality of information sent by entities for further analysis and exploitation.
- Overall, Spain offers specialised training in the AML/CFT field, which has allowed it to have a highly-qualified staff, fully prepared to face the responsibilities demanded by AMLA. Some of the main sources of AML/CFT training include:
- AML/CFT Masters/ Bachelor degree can be coursed at several Universities:
 - o Universidad Rey Juan Carlos: “Higher university course in the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing”.
 - o Universidad Pontificia Comillas: “Specialisation Programme in Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing”.
 - o UNED: “Regulatory Compliance, Prevention of Money Laundering and Liability of Legal Entities. Internal Procedures and IT Tools” (online).
 - o Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (UAM): “Expert Diploma in Pega Systems Technology applied to Money Laundering Prevention”.
 - The Civil Guard’s own university centre associated with the Carlos III University (CUGC) offers:
 - o Degree in Public Security Management.
 - o Diploma of University Expert in Economic Investigation and Money Laundering.
 - University Training Centre of the National Police (with an agreement with the University of Salamanca) offers:
 - o Degree in Police Studies.
 - o Master's Degree in Security and Police Function (University of Salamanca).
 - Both SEPBLAC and judicial police provide training to obliged entities on procedures or best practices on AML/CFT with case studies and practical views.
 - Private associations provide AML/CFT training to their obliged entities.

- Members of the AML/CFT Spanish authorities staff actively collaborate in international training.

Spain is used to providing a wide range of international cooperation including mutual legal assistance (MLA), extradition, and other forms of cooperation, and is able to do so in a timely manner. These mechanisms are particularly effective in the EU context, as there is a comprehensive legal framework that provides simplified procedures for judicial cooperation, extradition, and the execution of foreign confiscation orders.

Spanish authorities are proactive in seeking international cooperation to go after criminals and their assets. Spain has successfully investigated and prosecuted a number of large complex ML cases involving transnational criminal organisations through international cooperation with their operational and law enforcement counterparts. FIU-to-FIU cooperation is excellent. Between 2019 and 2021, requests for collaboration have increased by 63% and 122 international FIUs have been involved.

A positive feature is that Spain is able to provide assistance to requests for co-operation made on the basis of non-conviction-based confiscation proceedings and related provisional measures in circumstances that go beyond those required by R.38.

Furthermore, Spain is able to execute extradition requests in relation to ML/TF without undue delay through clear processes for the timely execution of extradition requests. The system has two positive features: extradition mechanisms for EU member states are simplified and do not require dual criminality (Law 3/2003 art. 12); and, in urgent cases, the defendant may be provisionally arrested, pending receipt of the formal extradition request (Law 4/1985 art. 8).

Spain provides constructive and timely MLA and extradition across the range of international co-operation requests, and the quality of assistance provided is high, as was confirmed by the FATF from feedback which was received from 24 countries.

Moreover, Spain plays a very significant role in asset tracing and recovery within the European Union via the ORA (the Asset Recovery Office of Europol), with the support of the National Police and the Civil Guard. From 2007 to 2010, 50% of the requests for asset tracing submitted by all of the countries in the EU were received in Spain.

Spain is the Member State with the highest number of contributions to Europol's counter-terrorism department (TFTP). Some case examples of the close level of cooperation between the Spanish authorities and the EU include:

- GAR-SI SAHEL, 2017. An EU-FIAPP project led by Spain and directed by the Civil Guard that sought to improve operational capacities, as well as combatting organized crime and terrorism in the G-5 Sahel countries. The GAR-SI SAHEL Project has already trained 1,734 gendarmes, cooperating to guarantee stability in the area and the fight against organised crime and terrorism.
- RED AMON, 2015. International network that promotes cooperation in AML investigations. Spain is a member of this network, and Europol provides secretariat support and helps organize annual meetings (in 2015 was held in Spain).
- AZALEAS OPERATION, 2011. The Spanish Police and the FBI arrested 21 members of an ML network that held 25M€ in cash. The money was found in two hiding places in a villa in Madrid, the largest amount ever found in a single raid, according to the Interior Ministry.

- EMPERADOR OPERATION, 2012. International investigation into an organized crime group that was involved in ML and illegal gambling activities. The operation was conducted by Spanish LEAs, in collaboration with Europol and LEAs from other countries.

One of the main pillars of the AML/CFT system in Spain is the high awareness and commitment of obliged entities, including financial institutions and the legal profession (registrars and notaries) involved in AML/CFT prevention.

According to FATF Recommendation 21, Spain is totally compliant with the reporting of Suspicious Transactions and tipping-off and confidentially. The number of Suspicious Transaction Reports (STRs) received by SEPBLAC in its FIU function in recent years has been on an upward trend. This increase is due to inspections of numerous obliged entities, improved prevention systems, and better collaboration with other FIUs.

Furthermore, Spain is a member of the global public-private partnership – EFIPPP - aimed at enhancing cooperation between investigative services, FIUs and banking institutions at a European level.

The Spanish AML/CFT preventive system is mature and characterized by the high level of commitment of its members. The Spanish economy is highly bank-based; credit institutions operating in Spain are registered with Banco de España and are subject to an authorisation procedure by the European Central Bank. Spain has strong up-to-date preventive regulations; Norma 43 offers an electronic standard to structure the reports sent by banks to companies on their financial transactions.

Financial entities have a high level of awareness in the field of AML/CFT and work actively to prevent illicit financial activities to ensure the integrity of the financial system. High awareness leads to a financial sector committed to fight financial crime, and with a tradition of strong cooperation with authorities.

As a result, the latest evaluation by FATF of Spain’s AML/FT framework led to the following outcomes:

- Spain achieves the highest rating in the recommendation referring to the powers of supervisors (R27).
- It is one of the only two EU Member States, and one of four states in the world with the highest rating for the production and use of financial intelligence (IO6).
- Spain is one of the five EU member states with a “High” level of effectiveness in at least one Immediate Outcome and is the EU Member State that scores “Substantial” effectiveness more times.
- Spain is the Member State that has fewer immediate outcomes rated as “Moderate” and does not have any immediate outcome rated as “Low” effectiveness.
- Spain is one of the two best-rated EU Member States as regards to the effectiveness of AML/CFT supervision and is also among the two best FIUs in the EU, with the highest financial intelligence rating.
- Regarding technical compliance, Spain is fully ‘Compliant’ with 28 out of 40 recommendations, and ‘Largely compliant’ with 10 recommendations.

	<p>Spain's candidacy is fully supported at the political and social level. It counts on the support of all three Public Administrations (State, Region and City Council), as well as all its political parties, as evidenced in the institutional declaration of support approved unanimously by the Plenary Session of the City Council on February 28, 2023. It also counts on the support from civil society and multiple private sector institutions.</p>	
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PREMISES 1

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
<p>1) Description of the proposed premises 1 (address and general description)</p>	<p>Spain strongly supports its hosting bid by offering one of its most exclusive buildings to house AMLA's headquarters: the Torre de Cristal (Glass Tower) building at Paseo de la Castellana No. 259c, in Madrid City's financial district.</p> <p>This building is located in the Cuatro Torres (Four Towers) Business Area (CTBA), a modern complex adjacent to residential areas and the city centre, offering a wide range of services and restaurants. It is in a privileged location with fast connections to the airport, high-speed train station and historic city centre, using various mobility options.</p> <p>The Tower is a unique and one of the most outstanding buildings in Madrid, 250 metres high, and the tallest skyscraper in Spain; an architectural symbol of the City, designed to meet the needs of the most demanding users.</p> <p>The building was designed by the prestigious architect César Pelli in collaboration with the Spanish architectural firm Ortiz León Architects and was completed in December 2009. Its façade is entirely covered with cut glass, making it shine and dynamically reflect light. The most remarkable aesthetic feature of the building is Europe's highest vertical garden, covering over 500 square metres behind the glass façade and visible from the outside.</p> <p>The Tower is divided into the ground floor for access, 46 floors exclusively for office spaces, five service floors and six underground levels for parking.</p> <p>It has 60,000 square metres of office space, over 1,300 parking spaces and 27 lifts.</p> <p>The Tower's design combines quality and state-of-the-art technology to provide organisations like the AMLA with ideal offices for their work. The building has all the infrastructure and auxiliary services necessary to satisfy any organisation, company or professional.</p> <p>The Tower provides an open-plan workspace and a modern infrastructure adaptable to meet AMLA's needs. Before the start-up, the Spanish authorities will meet with AMLA representatives and the Tower's owners to define the optimum layout of the available spaces and design them to suit AMLA's needs. The Tower is designed to enable quick adaptation, with all the necessary features for rapid deployment, such as false ceilings and floors.</p> <p>The office floors have approximately 1,400 square metres per floor. The open-plan space is distributed around a single core, integrating vertical communications and installation spaces. The offices have separate, direct access to the goods lift for suppliers and goods. Each office</p>	<p>The application indicates that Spain proposes to house AMLA's headquarters at the Torre de Cristal (Glass Tower) building at Paseo de la Castellana No. 259c, in Madrid City's financial district. This building is located in the Cuatro Torres (Four Towers) Business Area (CTBA).</p> <p>The Tower is 250 metres high and is divided into the ground floor for access, 46 floors exclusively for office spaces, five service floors and six underground levels for parking. It has 60,000 m² of office space, over 1,300 parking spaces and 27 lifts. The Tower provides an open-plan workspace. The office floors have approximately 1,400 m² per floor. The open-plan space is distributed around a single core, integrating vertical communications and installation spaces. Each office floor has toilets for people with reduced mobility on all floors, allowing the division of each floor into two independent units (half floors).</p> <p>Lastly, it provides information on certain amenities: sport centre, restaurant and terrace.</p> <p>The application indicates that the agreement between Madrid and the premises' owner allows AMLA to start operating immediately, with a capacity of 160 people, including 30 FIU staff. The initial space reservation includes two floors, between 2,565 to 2,821 m² net office space, and 23 to 26 underground parking spaces, 30 individual offices, three FIU operations rooms, one meeting room for up to 50 people, two meeting rooms for up to 30 people and 130 desks (See point 15 under criterion 1).</p>

	<p>floor has two toilets and toilets for people with reduced mobility on all floors, allowing the division of each floor into two independent units (half floors).</p> <p>The building provides numerous additional services for AMLA staff:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building operational and accessible 24/7: accessibility for people with reduced mobility throughout the building. - It has more than 600 sq.m. for a sports centre with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment exclusively for staff use, promoting a healthy lifestyle and enabling staff to exercise during working hours without needing to travel. - More than 500 sq.m of restaurant space with an outdoor terrace exclusively for the building’s staff and clients. Open 24/7, it offers a wide range of services: fresh, healthy and diverse food prepared daily in the restaurant itself, catering, vending machines and takeaway service with orders and payment available using an app. - Parking with different alternatives for any mobility option: cars, motorcycles, bicycles, scooters. It also has visitor parking, electric vehicle chargers, and an ecological car wash service. - 24/7 maintenance service. - 24/7 on-site security. - Reception service on the ground floor. - Internal mail and parcel management with specialist suppliers and software to ensure complete process traceability. <p>Torre de Cristal is committed to sustainability and complies with the most advanced environmental and sustainability standards. As explained below, the building’s energy and environmental management system is high-performance, efficient and continuously improved.</p> <p>Finally, the Tower is located in a business district with over 33,000 sq.m of green areas barely 60 metres from the offices. It is part of the Madrid Nuevo Norte (New North) urban renewal project. This project will be Europe’s first climate-neutral business district, designed to make office work compatible with neighbourhood life (including housing, green areas, stores, and sports centres). The Tower’s location and its integration into this project make it an attractive place to work, with impressive architecture and sustainable design.</p> <p>The measures in the action plan for Madrid Nuevo Norte will eliminate all emissions linked to building use and public space lighting, reduce by 57% emissions linked to transportation and by 49% those linked to water supply.</p>	
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Availability of the premises		
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<p>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>	<p>The offices will be immediately available once the AMLA regulation becomes effective. The building is already fully completed and in operation, so no action is required apart from the adaptation works for the layout of spaces to suit AMLA’s needs.</p> <p>Madrid has signed a reservation agreement with the building’s owner that guarantees the availability of the space offered to AMLA and is described in section 15) Other during the site selection procedure, that is, until November 2024. The agreement provides for between 2,565 and 2,821 sq.m. net office space and the corresponding parking spaces, sufficient for 160 staff, in addition to the individual offices, operations rooms and most of the necessary meeting rooms (see details in section 15).</p>	<p>The application indicates the immediate availability of the premises once the AMLA Regulation enters into force. The application indicates that Madrid has signed a reservation agreement with the building’s owner, guaranteeing the premises for AMLA during the seat selection procedure, until November 2024.</p>
<p>2) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>The application indicates that 3 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works.</p>

Organisation of the premises		
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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.		
1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m ²)	9500	The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 9,500 m ² .
	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 the internal archives capacity of the premises is 25 m ³ .
9.1) Archives volume (expressed in m ³)	25	
10) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - Available for AMLA	26	The application indicates that there are 26 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 8,000 m ² .
11.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m ²)	8000	
12) Are the premises EMAS verified?	No	The application indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified.
13) Description of the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises including for environment performance standard	<p>One of the fundamental pillars of the building owner's sustainability commitment is the pursuit of energy efficiency and environmental management in all its buildings.</p> <p>The Tower has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ISO 14001 certification (Environmental Management System - effective EMS). - ISO 50001 certification (energy efficiency, optimised energy management and energy performance tracking), including water consumption tracking and monitoring. - ZWTL (Zero Waste to Landfill) certification, achieving average recovery rates of 93%. - ISO 14064-1 (carbon footprint quantification and reduction) certification. <p>These certifications meet the EMAS criteria but through other certification schemes.</p> <p>ISO 50001 as a Guarantee of Continuous Improvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The energy management system integrates with suppliers. Its multidisciplinary team focuses on the constant search for efficiency improvements while ensuring optimum comfort. 	The application does not provide information on the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications, but indicates that the premises have certain certifications (ISO 14001 – environmental management system, ISO 50001 – energy efficiency, ZWTL – zero waste to landfill, and ISO 14064-1 – carbon footprint quantification and reduction) which according to the application meet the EMAS criteria but through other certification schemes. It also provides further information on fire detection and firefighting.

- CEM Award 2017 World's Best Energy Management System.
 - Five years of cutting energy and water consumption while complying with the most demanding ISO standards.
 - On-site renewable energy generation using rooftop solar photovoltaic panels.
- The building has been designed following efficiency and sustainability criteria (Class A Certification):
- Motion sensor LED lighting: Cutting consumption by approximately 40% over conventional lighting. The light fittings provide high efficiency and eye comfort, and feature flexible, user-configurable programming and presence detection.
 - Capability to monitor occupancy using heat maps, and consumption monitoring in each light fitting, accessible to the user.
 - High-efficiency air conditioning using AHUs and air filtration systems equipped with hygroscopic recovery. Fan-coils with four perimeter tubes and variable in-ceiling cold boost system with swirl diffusers.
 - Lifts: the building has 27 high-efficiency lifts with energy recovery motors.
 - Active façade: the building has an insulating double skin to prevent solar gain and provide the interior offices with optimum insulation to save energy. Automatically-controlled blinds built into the façade help minimise solar radiation and improve efficiency.

Circular Economy

- Zero Waste to Landfill ensures that more than 90 per cent of waste is recovered and never goes to landfill: LRQA Certificate.
- The Tower has a recycling and disposal point for waste (including hazardous waste) from building users. This facility ensures correct waste treatment and minimises as far as possible the environmental impact of activities by sorting waste, and provides traceability in terms of volumes, the agents involved in each process, and the final destination of each waste class.
- Good practice supplier agreements to minimise single-use plastics in food services.

Decarbonisation Strategy

- ISO 14064: Quantification of the building's scopes 1, 2 and 3 carbon footprint. Carbon footprint verified by an accredited auditor (LRQA).
- Decarbonisation targets and projects: Diagnose and analyse improvement opportunities for energy demand management and process electrification to implement the necessary actions and projects.
- Electricity is 100% renewable sources guaranteed.
- Monitoring changes to the building's environmental impact in terms of carbon footprint (tCO2e)

The building owner's 2022-2026 Sustainability Master Plan will enable the Tower to continue contributing to the Sustainable Development Goals.

The Tower has a policy for cutting energy consumption and continuously improving efficiency in its use of natural and energy resources. To achieve this, it has introduced annual energy savings and efficiency targets to meet the objectives of the Sustainability Master Plan. It has also developed and implemented a decarbonisation strategy with the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2040.

Fire Detection and Firefighting

The Tower's fire brigade intervention plan is validated by the Madrid Regional Fire Service. It includes the following protective measures:

- Differential pressurisation systems: Keep smoke away from evacuation routes, allowing optimal escape in case of fire.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fire detectors and alarms: VESDA aspirating smoke sensor systems, manual buttons and alarms for rapid fire detection. - Automatic sprinkler system to rapidly extinguish any fire. - Four refuges around the building and two evacuation elevators. - High-security refuges if immediate evacuation is not possible. Two evacuation lifts that run from top to bottom of the building in under a minute. - Manual fire extinguishers: Fire extinguishers and DN25 fire hose reels at the entrances to each floor. 	
<p>14) Description of the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure</p>	<p>Interior Security:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24/7 physical security presence: 4 to 10 guards (shift planning according to time slots and access opening times). - The Control Centre is in the building. - CCTV: Analogue system with 21 Dallmeier model DMS 240 digital video recorders connected to 488 cameras. Integrated for viewing and management using Desico Digiplus. - Barriers and bollards on the car park access roads. - Turnstiles at the lift access batteries of office floors and basements. - Turnstile ID readers in all basement parking elevator halls. - Turnstile ID readers integrated with building security at all entrances to office floors. - Parcel scanners at the goods inwards loading bay and ground floor reception desks. - Supplier access control at the loading bay with mandatory identification. Goods lifts operated using badge readers. - Optimus intercom system consisting of a CC122F analogue control panel to manage 87 SAMM model intercoms located at car park entrances and exits, lift lobby entrances, ground floor doors (including emergency doors), lift lobbies and goods lifts on all floors and in all refuges. These provide direct contact with security staff. - Car park access requires a two-factor identification: reading an authorised license plate + mobile device credential. - The access security software system (Desico's Digiplus) meets the highest standards with the following features: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o SEOS technology is a maximum security system with encryption. o Mobile badge access. o Available for mobile devices from iOS 8.0 and Android 4.3 (BLE) and 4.4 (NFC). o Free app on Google Play and App Store. o Supported on more than 180 mobile device models and compatible devices. o Operation with NFC (Android) and BLE (Bluetooth) technology (Android and iOS). o A flexible system that can be integrated with security or access management applications used by customers inside their offices. <p>Exterior Plaza Security (common to all five towers):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bollards on roads and central plaza. - Barriers at the north and south road entrances: - Five PI541 electric bollards operated from the control centre and reception desk. - Four frequency inhibitors on the building perimeter. - Planters placed to prevent vehicle access. - 24-hour surveillance by rounds of Service Assistants. - Outdoor video surveillance rounds from the control centre. - External cameras with sensors to monitor the building perimeter. <p>The Tower's owner is ISO 27001 certified for Information Systems Security Management and ISO 22301 certified for the Business Continuity Management System.</p>	<p>The application provides information on the internal security of the premises: 24-hour physical security presence, a control centre and an analogue CCTV system. It also indicates that there are barriers and bollards on car park access roads (which requires reading an authorised license plate + mobile device credential), turntiles (with ID reader), parcel scanners, and supplier access control.</p> <p>The application also provides information on the external security of the premises: bollards, frequency inhibitors, and planters, 24-hour surveillance, outdoor video surveillance and external cameras.</p> <p>The application also provides information on the premises' connectivity: 4G and 5G coverage, fibre-optic internet access, communication rooms, telecommunications enclosures and vertical telecommunications. In addition, the application indicates that the Tower's owner is ISO 27001 certified for Information Systems Security Management and ISO 22301 certified for the Business Continuity Management System.</p>

	<p>Connectivity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4G and 5G coverage throughout the building with capacity to serve at least 10,000 users. - Infrastructure for installation of high-capacity fibre-optic Internet access. - Communications rooms in basement level 1. - Telecommunications enclosures on each office floor. - Vertical telecommunications ducts with six pairs of pre-installed single-mode fibre cables per floor and ample expansion capacity (new fibre cables) by tenants. - Basement 3 has a service connection with duplicate access so that operators can provide an access configuration that reduces the loss of telecommunications services in the event of failures. <p>The Spanish authorities will prepare a site security report detailing the measures to be implemented at the office premises.</p>	
15) Other	<p>The building has capacity for 400 staff since the space usually available in the Tower is 8,000 sq.m. net on average (not including common areas such as the lobby, lifts, restaurant areas, and shared meeting rooms), which, based on historical data, amounts to about 17,000 sq.m. gross.</p> <p>Spanish authorities have agreed with the Tower's owner to ensure the building's availability for the duration of the site selection process until November 2024. This agreement guarantees that AMLA can set up and start operating immediately, given the stated requirements, i.e. a capacity of 160 people, including the 30 FIU staff with their individual offices, meeting rooms and operations rooms. This reservation ensures the successful start-up while allowing for expansions to suit AMLA's changing needs once it is operational and there is no uncertainty as to the space required and the timing of this need, taking into account that, with the historical average occupancy rate of the building, the necessary expansions can be carried out without particular difficulty.</p> <p>This initial space reservation includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two entire floors of the Tower (which could be distributed across four half floors depending on availability at the time the lease is signed). This represents a range of 2,565 to 2,821 sq.m net office space and 23 to 26 underground parking spaces with direct access to the building. - Within this space, there are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 30 individual offices for specific FIU personnel o 3 FIU operations rooms of 50sq.m usable area each. o 1 meeting room for up to 50 people (100 sq.m usable space). o 2 meeting rooms for up to 30 people (60 sq.m usable space each) o 130 desks <p>The other required meeting rooms (a room for 150 people, a second room for 50 people and a room for 15) are those shared with the building's other tenants and are equipped with state-of-the-art technology and flexibility to adapt to changing needs at all times.</p> <p>The building has over 1,000 sq.m of event spaces distributed in meeting rooms of different capacities (8 to 50 pax) and flexible use spaces with flexible partitioning (up to 150 pax), all of them equipped with the latest technology:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video conferencing. - Integrated wireless control system. - 98-inch Full HD plasma screens. - Three metro base projection screens 	<p>The application also indicates that the premises have event spaces (meeting rooms of different capacities (8 to 50 people) and flexible use spaces with flexible partitioning (up to 150 people) technologically equipped and which can be used according to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two half-day uses per month of a meeting room for eight people. • one use per year of the event room (150 people). • to be shared with other tenants of the premises. <p>The application indicates the presence of a restaurant area (500 m²) and an outdoor terrace in the premises.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Video mixing console - Translation booth before installation - Two press rooms <p>The conditions agreed for AMLA for the use of these rooms include, included in the monthly rent for the two reserved floors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two half-day uses per month of a meeting room for eight people. - One use per year of the event room (150 people). <p>AMLA can make additional use of any of the available rooms, booking and paying for the service directly with the Tower's owner.</p> <p>For archive space, part of the reserved space may be used or other space included in a later expansion depending on the cubic metres capacity required.</p> <p>The building also has more than 500 sq.m of its own restaurant areas, complemented by an outdoor terrace exclusively for the building's staff and their clients. Open 24/7, it offers a wide range of services: fresh, healthy and diverse food prepared daily in the restaurant itself, catering, vending machines and takeaway service with orders and payment available using an app.</p> <p>Part of AMLA's reserved space could also be used for a staff kitchen and eating area.</p> <p>As noted above, should AMLA's need to expand its dedicated facilities or the number of parking spaces, the building typically has availability, based on the historical average building occupancy ratio given by the building owner, and would be leasable directly by AMLA.</p>	
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Financial terms

<p>1) Description of the financial terms</p>	<p>Madrid undertakes to cover the cost of leasing the space reserved for the implementation and start-up of AMLA, i.e. two floors of the building and 23 to 26 parking spaces, for five years. Specifically, the following costs will be covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monthly rent of the offices and parking spaces for five years. The net open-plan area of the two floors may range between 2,565 and 2,821 sq.m and between 23 and 26 parking spaces, depending on availability when signing the lease. - Shared expenses associated with offices and parking spaces (general expenses). - Cost of electricity consumed within the offices. - Cost of fit-out and implementation works, per the design defined by AMLA, with an estimated maximum cost of €1000/sq.m. - Cost of comprehensive property damage insurance. <p>If Madrid City is selected, the Madrid City Council will sign a lease agreement with Torre de Cristal and then grant the use of the premises to AMLA through an assignment at no financial cost to AMLA, except for the following costs, which will be borne by AMLA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expenses arising from the use of the leased space other than electricity consumption. 	<p>The application indicates that Madrid intends to cover the cost of leasing (including monthly rent, shared expenses, electricity, fit-out and property damage insurance) the space reserved for the implementation and start-up of AMLA, i.e. two floors of the building and 23 to 26 parking spaces, for five years. For this, the application indicates that the Madrid City Council undertakes to sign a lease agreement with 'Torre de Cristal'.</p> <p>The application indicates that AMLA would have to take care of the other costs, notably:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expenses other than electricity consumption. • extraordinary expenses such as the use of shared rooms (except for use included in the monthly rent, see point 15 above), gymnasium, catering, and additional parking spaces. • liability insurance. • furniture, computer equipment and similar. <p>The application indicates that the cost given for the monthly rental cost refers to the average cost of renting offices and parking spaces excluding VAT, fit-out costs and general expenses for the first five years. All other costs given are always exclusive of VAT.</p>
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2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)	112138	The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is EUR 112 138.
3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?	Yes	The application indicates that Madrid intends to cover the rent for a period of 5 years, within the framework of the financial contribution from Madrid 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)	8.58	The application indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are 8.58 EUR/m ² .
5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?	Yes	The application indicates that the Madrid intends to cover the maintenance costs, within the framework of the financial contribution from Madrid as described under point 1.
6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m ²)	1000	The application indicates that the fit-out costs are 1 000 EUR/m ² .
7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?	Yes	The application indicates that the Madrid intends to cover the fit-out costs, within the framework of the financial contribution from Madrid as described under point 1.

8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the future upgrade and extension?	No	The application indicates that Spain does not intend to cover the future upgrade and extension.
9) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions	All extensions or enlargements of the facilities beyond the space insured and financed by the Madrid City Council will be at AMLA's expense, including the works to prepare the additional space. The monthly rent for expansions related to offices and parking spaces will be calculated based on market prices and negotiated directly between AMLA and the building owner.	The application indicates that all future upgrades or extensions will be at AMLA's expense (including the works to prepare the additional space) to be negotiated directly between AMLA and the premises' owner.
10) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)	10	The application indicates that the duration of the lease is of 10 years.
11) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease	<p>The lease agreement for the offices in the Torre de Cristal has a minimum duration of five years, during which the Madrid City Council, as lessee, will cover the monthly rental costs and general expenses (including internal electricity consumption and all-risk insurance for material damage), as well as adaptation of the reserved space prior to implementation.</p> <p>Termination of the contract before the end of the five-year term will entail the payment of the full cost of the commitments assumed and not fulfilled by the Madrid City Council to the building owner, which cost will be passed on to AMLA by the lessee, if applicable.</p> <p>After these five years, AMLA may decide to terminate the lease at its own discretion and no cost. It may also decide to take over the lease contract previously signed by the Madrid City Council or negotiate new conditions with the building owner.</p>	<p>The application indicates that the lease agreement has a minimum duration of five years. Termination of the contract before the end of the five-year term will entail the payment of the full cost of the commitments assumed and not fulfilled by the Madrid City Council to the building owner, which cost will be passed on to AMLA by the lessee, if applicable.</p> <p>It also indicates that at the end of the five years, AMLA may optionally take over the lease for another five years (becoming tenant), or it may decide to terminate the lease (at no cost) or negotiate new terms with the premises' owner.</p>
12) Description of any special conditions with regard to the costs and dedicated infrastructure		The application does not provide information regarding any special conditions to the costs and dedicated infrastructure.
13) Other	The installation of signs, badges and labels is not permitted in the common areas and outside the building.	The application indicates that signs, badges and labels are not permitted in the common areas and outside the building.
Summary Criterion 1		<p>The application indicates that Spain proposes as AMLA's headquarters the Torre de Cristal located at Paseo Castellana n. 259c in Madrid. The tower has 46 floors, 60,000 m² of office space and 500 m² of restaurant area.</p> <p>It indicates that the premises have a total surface of 9,500 m² and a hosting capacity of 400 staff. It also indicates the availability of a large conference room of approx. 300 m², meeting rooms (2 for 40 persons, 1 per 13-15 persons and 2 per 25-35 persons), a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering, a dedicated area for FIU, internal archives capacity of 25 m³ and 26 parkings for AMLA. It also indicates the possibility for extension by 8,000 m². The application does not provide information on the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications but provides information on a number of certificates which meet the EMAS criteria through other schemes. The application provides information on internal and external security as well as on the premises' connectivity.</p> <p>The application indicates that the agreement concluded between Madrid and the premises' owner (valid until November 2024) will allow AMLA to start operating immediately, with a capacity of 160 people, including 30 FIU staff. The initial space reservation includes two floors, between 2,565 and 2,821 m² net office space, and 23 to 26 underground parking spaces, 30 individual offices, three FIU operations rooms, one meeting room for up to 50 people, two meeting rooms for up to 30 people and 130 desks.</p> <p>The application indicates that Madrid intends to cover the rent and certain costs (shared expenses, electricity, fit-out and property damage insurance) for a period of 5 years for the start-up phase of AMLA. Other expenses, including future</p>

		<p>extensions, will be at AMLA's expense. It also indicates that the monthly rental cost is EUR 112 138, the maintenance costs are 8.58 EUR/m² and the fit-out costs are 1 000 EUR/m².</p> <p>In addition, it indicates that the duration of the lease is of 10 years with a possibility of a termination at no cost passed 5 years during which the Madrid City Council will be the contract partner.</p> <p>Lastly, it indicates that all costs given are exclusive of VAT.</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>Air Connections</p> <p>Madrid City has one of the EU's busiest and most efficient international airports, providing excellent connections to major European cities. It has one of the most punctual air transport systems in the world.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2.5 hours average flight time to EU destinations. - 2,600 weekly flights to and from 83 different EU cities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 264 weekly flights to Paris o 110 weekly flights to Rome o 109 weekly flights to Amsterdam o 108 weekly flights to Brussels - Third EU airport by passenger numbers - Best major EU airport for punctuality (91% on-time performance) - Over 200 destinations and 397 routes by 2022 - 50.6 million passengers in 2022. 72% international passengers - 76 airlines and 351,906 operations in 2022 - Madrid-Barajas is certified level 3 by Airport Carbon Accreditation and aims to achieve level 4+ in 2026. - 20-minute connection to the city centre. - Free assistance service for passengers with reduced mobility (PRM), with a satisfaction rating of 4.94/5, according to the Airports Council International survey. <p>The airport has the following options for travel into the city centre and suburban areas (travellers can access public transport quickly and without leaving the terminals):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - City bus. - Metro - Commuter train. - Taxi. - Car-sharing (the airport has parking spaces reserved for car-sharing vehicles). <p>AMLA's offices are strategically located on Paseo de la Castellana, one of Madrid's main avenues that crosses the city from north to south. It has access to Madrid-Barajas International Airport in less than fifteen minutes by car.</p> <p>High-speed Rail Connectivity</p> <p>In addition, the building that would house AMLA is a three-minute drive and a ten-minute walk from the Chamartín-Clara Campoamor railway station. This station is a hub for the high-speed national and international railway network, providing connections to different cities in Spain and across Europe. It has a modern infrastructure and high-quality services, including spacious waiting areas, restaurants and shops. Its excellent connectivity to Madrid's public transportation network makes it accessible to all.</p>	<p>The application indicates that Madrid's airport has an average of 2,600 weekly flights to and from 83 different EU cities with 2.5 hours average flight time to EU destinations. The application provides additional information on flights to Paris, Rome, Amsterdam and Brussels.</p> <p>The application also indicates that Madrid's high-speed rail network connects 39 cities (including Paris, Lyon and Marseille) through more than 3,700 km of railway lines.</p>

	<p>Spain is a world leader in mobility and innovation. Its high-speed rail network connects 39 cities (three of them in France: Paris, Lyon and Marseilles) through more than 3,700 km of railway lines, making it the second-largest high-speed rail network in the world and most extensive in the EU in track kilometres. Its proven operational quality includes an 84.23% punctuality rate, guaranteeing an efficient long-distance rail service.</p> <p>Spain's trains and stations offer assistance services for people with reduced mobility free of charge across their whole fleet and facilities, with the aim of guaranteeing accessibility and well-being for all users.</p> <p>This extensive high-speed rail network means that Madrid is within easy reach of many destinations in less than three hours, including world heritage cities (such as Cordoba, Segovia, Cuenca, Toledo, Santiago de Compostela) and many other coastal and mountain tourist destinations (such as Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante, Seville, Cordoba, Granada, Malaga).</p> <p>The AMLA building is close to the train station, so getting to the airport by commuter train is convenient, fast and economical. This train is the fastest public transportation option to get to and from the building, although there are other public transportation options, as detailed below.</p>	
2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest airport to the premises	Train; Metro; Bus	The application indicates the availability of train, metro 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 15 minutes.
Duration of train connections (expressed in minutes)	15	
Frequency of metro connections (expressed in minutes)	5	The application indicates that the frequency of the metro connection is of 5 minutes and the duration 36 minutes.
Duration of metro connections (expressed in minutes)	36	
Frequency of bus connections (expressed in minutes)	15	The application indicates that the frequency of the bus connection is of 15 minutes and the duration 60 minutes.
Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes)	60	
3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international/national train station to the premises	Metro; Bus	The application indicates that the availability of metro and bus connections 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 5 minutes.
Duration of metro connections (expressed in minutes)	5	
Frequency of bus connections (expressed in minutes)	10	The application indicates that the frequency of the bus connections is of 10 minutes and the duration 12 minutes.
Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes)	12	
4) Other	<p>Public Transport The building has excellent connections to the rest of the city by numerous public transport options in the immediate area: three metro lines, eleven bus lines and seven commuter train lines. Madrid's extensive and efficient public transport network connects the entire city: - The Madrid metro is the largest metro network in the EU, with 12 lines covering the entire city and 302 stations. - Madrid has a fleet of buses that are, on average, only five years old and is the first European city with a 100% clean energy fleet. All the City's buses use geolocation, and several apps enable</p>	<p>The application indicates that the premises are located near Madrid's public transport network, including three metro lines, eleven bus lines, and seven commuter train lines. It indicates the average monthly season ticket cost for the public transportation.</p> <p>It also provides information on taxis and car-sharing in Madrid as well as discount schemes available for the AMLA staff.</p>

	<p>passengers to check times in real time. Many stops have signs showing this real-time information. - In addition to all this, fares are very affordable. The average monthly season ticket costs €54.06, much less than in Dublin (€120), Frankfurt (€94) or Paris (€84€). Madrid is committed to public transport and multimodal integration through micromobility and intermodality, encouraging travel on foot, by bicycle or public transport, and promoting active mobility. To achieve this, the City has implemented new walkable routes and zero-emission zones. Taxi Service Madrid-Barajas Airport has well-organised taxi ranks where passengers can take a taxi with minimum delay. The taxis have a flat fare of €30 from the airport to the city centre, and therefore to the Torre de Cristal, and an estimated journey time of 10-15 minutes, depending on traffic conditions. Several VTC companies are also available with a large fleet and ample availability. Car-Sharing Madrid-Barajas Airport also has parking spaces reserved for car-sharing vehicles. Six car-sharing companies are operating in Madrid, one of which offers special rates for Torre de Cristal staff, who can park and pick up their vehicles in the building's own car park. This car park also has a hub for parking personal mobility vehicles (such as bicycles and scooters). Bicycle Hire Network In addition to the airport and railway station connections by car, metro, bus and commuter train, there are two bike parks near the building for the city's electric bicycle service. The service covers the whole of Madrid City and has 7,500 electric bikes.</p>	<p>In addition, the application indicates the availability of 7,500 electric bikes and two bike parks for Madrid's electric bicycle service.</p>
Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises		
1) Number of 3 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	0	The application indicates that there are no three star hotels at a walking distance from the premises.
2) Number of 4 star hotels at walking distance from the premises	4	The application indicates the presence of 4 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	12	The application indicates the presence of 12 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	18	The application indicates the presence of 18 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	2	The application indicates the presence of 2 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>Madrid is a world leader in organising congresses, fairs and events. Madrid has been awarded for the sixth consecutive year as Europe's Leading Meetings & Conference Destination 2023 at the World Travel Awards.</p> <p>Madrid offers robust facilities for conferences and conventions, both private and public.</p> <p>The most prominent is the Madrid Trade Fair Institution (IFEMA Madrid), recognised as Europe's best convention centre in 2022. It is Spain's leading international trade fair and congress operator and has fifteen delegations operating in 27 countries. IFEMA supports and advises companies and institutions in organising events throughout the entire process and offers them a first-class infrastructure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 200,000 sq.m of flexible space for trade fairs and congresses, 30,000 sq. m in a congress centre on the same site. - Its easily accessible location has its own metro station and is just six minutes from the airport by car. - Thirteen halls, 85 rooms, two convention centres and outdoor areas. - Certifications: ISO 9001 Quality Management, ISO 20121 Sustainable Event Management, ISO 50001 Energy Efficiency, ISO 14001 Environmental Management, ISO 22320 Emergency Management and Incident Response. <p>In addition, the City Council's Madrid Convention Bureau offers an advisory service to</p>	<p>The application indicates the presence of the Madrid Trade Fair Institution which supports and advises companies and institutions in organising events throughout the entire process and offers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 200,000 m² of flexible space for trade fairs and congresses, 30,000 m² in a congress centre on the same site. • 13 halls, 85 rooms, two convention centres and outdoor areas. <p>In addition, it indicates the presence of the City Council's Madrid Convention Bureau which offers an advisory service to organisers of events, meetings and incentive trips. This Bureau offers venues for events and conventions, with 123 available buildings.</p> <p>Lastly, the application indicates that most hotels in the 4 star or higher category have rooms for meetings, conferences or events.</p>

	<p>organisers of events, meetings and incentive trips to ensure any event in the city runs smoothly. The Bureau's assistance services include finding suitable venues, planning and managing inspection visits, coordinating accommodation, providing promotional material and tourist information about Madrid to participants, and promotion.</p> <p>Madrid Convention Bureau offers a wide variety of venues for events and conventions, with 123 available, some in historic or unique buildings. It also assists organisers with arranging accommodation, transport, catering and event management providers.</p> <p>Also, most hotels in the 4-star or higher category have rooms for meetings, conferences or events.</p>	
8) Other	<p>A distance of more than 1 km and less than 4 km from the hotel to AMLA headquarters has been considered as the Vicinity in sections 4, 5 and 6 above. So, the number of hotels located within a distance of less than 4 km is as follows: 5stars:4 4stars:22 3stars:12</p> <p>Madrid has a wide range of accommodation throughout the city. The accommodation provision is among the best in terms of quality and high-end hotels and also among the most competitive on price. Madrid's hotels are notable for their excellent value for money.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 262 hotels ranging from three to five stars, offering 70,600 beds. - €202/night in a double room is the average rate, compared to €284 in Dublin, €287 in Rome or €295 in Paris. 	<p>The application indicates that a distance between 1 and 4 km has been considered for hotels available 'in the vicinity of the premises'.</p> <p>It indicates the availability of 262 hotels ranging from 3 to 5 stars offering 70,600 beds in Madrid and provides information on the average rate price for a hotel room.</p>
Summary Criterion 2		<p>The application provides information on Madrid's airport: an average of 2,600 flights to and from 83 different EU cities. It also indicates that Madrid's high speed rail network connects some EU cities.</p> <p>In addition, it indicates the availability of train (15 minutes frequency, 15 minutes duration), metro (5 minutes frequency, 36 minutes duration) and bus (15 minutes frequency, 60 minutes duration) connections from the airport to the premises. It indicates the availability of metro (5 minutes frequency, 5 minutes duration) and bus (10 minutes frequency, 12 minutes duration) connections from the closest train station to the premises.</p> <p>The application also provides information on the average monthly season ticket cost for public transportation, on electric bikes, on taxis, on car-sharing and on discount schemes for AMLA's staff.</p> <p>The application indicates the availability of 4 four star hotels and 2 five stars hotels at a walking distance from the premises, and 12 three star hotels, 18 four stars hotels and 2 five star hotels beyond a distance of one km from the premises.</p> <p>The application indicates the presence of 38 hotels ranging from 3 to 5 stars in the vicinity of the premises (1-4 km). In addition, it indicates the availability of 262 hotels in the city ranging from 3 to 5 stars offering 70,600 beds in Madrid.</p> <p>As regards facilities for events and conferences, the application indicates that Madrid Trade Fair Institution offers 200,000 m² of flexible space for trade fairs and congresses, 30,000 m² in a congress centre on the same site, 13 halls, 85 rooms, two</p>

		convention centres and outdoor areas, and on the City Council's Madrid Convention Bureau which offers advisory service to organisers of events.
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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	1212	The application indicates the presence of 1,212 nurseries.
2) Language options offered by nurseries	Italian; French; German; Dutch; Spanish; English; Swedish	The application indicates that Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish are the languages offered by the nurseries.
3) Additional information concerning nurseries (names, location, language regimes offered, etc.)	<p>While most of the 1212 schools teach English as a second language in addition to Spanish, there are 71 that use a foreign language as their primary language and follow educational systems other than the Spanish one.</p> <p>ABC SCHULE/C/ Del Leizarán, 27/German BRITISH COUNCIL INFANTS SCHOOL-EL VISO/C/ De Alfonso Rodríguez Santamaría, 23/English CITY COUNTRY SCHOOL/C/ De La Isla Soledad, 2/English GERMAN SCHOOL OF MADRID/C/ De Monasterio De Guadalupe, 7/German COLEGIO HISPANO ALEMAN (German Spanish School)/C/ Del Arga, 13/German DALLINGTON SCHOOL/Ronda De Sobradíel, 20/English ECOLE MATERNELLE FRANÇAISE POMME D'API (Pomme D'Api French Nursery School)/Av. Los Madroños, 69/French ELLALUNA AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ De Pandora, 23/English ENGLISH FOR FUN/C/ Del Darro, 5/English GREENLEAVES MONTESSORI/Av. De La Victoria, 23/English HASTINGS SCHOOL/P. De La Habana, 204/English HOF DER LAGE LANDEN/C/ De Alonso Saavedra, 20-22/Dutch HOLY MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL/C/ De Los Condes Del Val, 12/English INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MADRID/C/ De Rosa Jardón, 1 Y 3/English KINDERPARADIES/C/ De Peña Pintada, 13/German KING'S INFANT SCHOOL/C/ De Prieto Ureña, 9/English THE STAR OF THE SUNFISH/Av. De La Casa Quemada, 5/English LIGHTHOUSE AMERICAN SCHOOL/Camino De La Zarzuela, 42/English LYCEE FRANÇAIS/Plaza Del Liceo, 1/French MADRID ACTIVE SCHOOL/C/ Maria Zayas, 8/English MADRID MONTESSORI SCHOOL/C/ Del Genil, 11/English MAXWELL SCHOOL/C/ De Serrano, 158/English MONTESSORI SCHOOL LA FLORIDA/C/ De Motrico, 3/English NIDO/C/ De Luis Muriel, 6/German NUMONT SCHOOL/C/ De Parma, 16/English RICHMOND PARK SCHOOL/C/ De Nuria, 95/English SAINT ANNE'S SCHOOL/Av. De Alfonso Xiii, 162/English SAN MARCOS AMERICAN PRESCHOOL MADRID/C/ De Meléndez Valdés, 36/English SANTO ANGEL BRITISH SCHOOL/C/ Del Arroyo Fontarrón, 209/English SCUOLA MATERNA ITALIANA DE MADRID (MADRID ITALIAN NURSERY SCHOOL)/C/ De Agustín De Betancourt, 1/Italian</p>	The application indicates that most of the 1,212 schools teach English as a second language in addition to Spanish and that there are 71 that use a foreign language as their primary language and follow educational systems other than the Spanish one.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL OF MADRID/C/ De Los Padres Dominicos, 1/English
 THE ENGLISH MONTESSORI SCHOOL/C/ De La Salle, 2 B/English
 TODO NIÑOS NURSERY SCHOOL (All Children Nursery School)/C/ De Serrano, 163/English
 UNION CHRETIENNE DE ST.CHAUMOND/Av. De Alfonso Xiii, 90/French
 ALCALA INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL/C/ Río Bidasoa, 1, Alcalá de Henares/English
 VEGA ACTIVE SCHOOL/C/ El Jardín De Miraltajo, 40, Colmenar de Oreja/English
 MONTFORT BRITISH SCHOOL/Av. De La Constitución, S/n, Loeches/English
 MOONLIGHT INTERNACIONAL SCHOOL/C/ Nuestra Señora De Belvis, 10, Paracuellos de Jarama/English
 SCANDINAVIAN SCHOOL/C/ Del Camino Ancho, 14, Alcobendas/Swedish, English
 SWISS SCHOOL OF MADRID/Carretera Burgos, K. 14, Alcobendas/German
 ECOLE SAINT-EXUPERY/C/ Del Camino Ancho, 85, Alcobendas/French
 INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE SPAIN/C/ De La Vereda Norte, 3, Alcobendas/English
 INTERNATIONAL NURSERY SCHOOL@LICEO EUROPEO/C/ Del Camino Sur, 10-12, Alcobendas/English
 KING'S COLLEGE/P. De Alcobendas, 5, Alcobendas/English
 LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY/C/ De La Azalea (complejo Miniparc I Edificio E), 1, Alcobendas/English
 RUNNYMEDE COLLEGE/C/ De La Salvia, 30, Alcobendas/English
 SCANDINAVIAN SCHOOL-INTERNATIONAL SECTION/C/ Del Camino Ancho, 14, Alcobendas/English
 DOS LATIDOS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/C/ Del Hontanar, 5, Cabrera, La/English
 THE LEARNING COMMUNITY MATRIX/C/ San Lorenzo, 33, Soto del Real/English
 CASVI INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ Del Gavilán, 2, Tres Cantos/English
 KING'S COLLEGE/P. De Los Andes, 35, Tres Cantos/English
 LIFE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/Sector Foresta, 23, Tres Cantos/English
 MONTESSORI SCHOOL LOS FRESNOS/C/ De Navacerrada, 13, Alpedrete/English
 SAINT MICHAEL'S SCHOOL/C/ Del Valle De Bielsa, 4, Boadilla del Monte/English
 ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL II/C/ Río Guadiana, 2, Boadilla del Monte/English
 SENBAZURU/Carretera M-608, 11, Boalo, El/English
 MONTESSORI SCHOOL EL ENEBRAL/P. Belmas, 2, Collado Villalba/English
 PANGEA LIVING SCHOOL/C/ De Santiago Apóstol, 9, Colmenarejo/English
 GLAD BRITISH SCHOOL/C/ Sorolla, 4, Majadahonda/English
 THAMES BRITISH SCHOOL/C/ De El Barbero De Sevilla, 16, Majadahonda/English
 AMERICAN SCHOOL OF MADRID/C/ De Los Estados Unidos De América, 1, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 AQUINAS AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ Transversal Cuatro, 4, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 BRITISH COUNCIL SCHOOL/C/ Solano, 3-5-7, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 ENGLISH FOR FUN/C/ Proa S/n Esquina A C/ Sotavento, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 KENSINGTON SCHOOL/Av. Bularas, 2, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 MAYRIT ESCUELA ACTIVA/C/ Orense, 108, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 MY LITTLE FARM SCHOOL/C/ Doctor Velázquez, 13, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 BRITISH PRINCE SCHOOL/C/ De López Santos, 1, Rozas de Madrid, Las/English
 DRAGON AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ Tampico, 9, Torreldones/English
 GREEN STONE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/C/ Carlos López Quesada, 2, Torreldones/English
 LYCEE MOLIERE/C/ Cristo, 27, Villanueva de la Cañada/French

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	Spanish; English	The application indicates that Spanish and English are the languages offered by European Schools.
4.2) Additional information concerning European Schools or accredited European Schools (names, location, language regimes offered, etc.)	<p>The first accredited European School in Spain will open in Madrid for the 2024-2025 school year. The school will be located in the “public primary and secondary school "Ramiro de Maeztu" in Calle Serrano 127, in one of the best and most central neighborhoods of the city. The center will operate in two departments, one in Spanish and the other in English.</p> <p>The first courses to open next year will be first and second elementary education and what is considered first secondary education in the European Schools. This center will complete the Community's extensive bilingual education system, which already offers bilingual instruction in a variety of languages in many centers, including the center itself where the school will be established.</p>	The application indicates that the first accredited European School in Spain will open in Madrid for the 2024-2025 school year. The school will be located in the public primary and secondary school ‘Ramiro de Maeztu’ in Calle Serrano 127 and will provide teaching in English and Spanish.
5) Number of international schools providing primary and secondary education	67	The application indicates the presence of 67 international schools providing primary and secondary education.
6) Language options offered by the international schools	Italian; French; German; Dutch; Spanish; English; Swedish	The application indicates that Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish are the languages offered by the international schools.
7) Additional information concerning international schools (names, location, language regimes offered, etc.)	<p>10 of the 67 international schools listed below are within a 3 km radius of the proposed AMLA building.</p> <p>CITY COUNTRY SCHOOL/C/ De La Isla Soledad, 2/English GERMAN SCHOOL OF MADRID/C/ De Monasterio De Guadalupe, 7/German COLEGIO JAPONES DE MADRID (Japanese School Of Madrid)/Avenida De La Victoria, 98/Japanese DALLINGTON SCHOOL/Ronda De Sobradriel, 20/English ELLALUNA AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ De Pandora, 23/English GREENLEAVES MONTESSORI/Avenida De La Victoria, 23/English HASTINGS SCHOOL/Paseo De La Habana, 204/English HOF DER LAGE LANDEN/C/ De Alonso Saavedra, 20-22/Dutch HOLY MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL/C/ De Los Condes Del Val, 12/English INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF MADRID/C/ De Rosa Jardón, 1 Y 3/English KING’S INFANT SCHOOL/C/ De Prieto Ureña, 9/English LA ESTRELLA DEL PEZ LUNA (Star of the Sunfish)/Avenida De La Casa Quemada, 5/English LIGHTHOUSE AMERICAN SCHOOL/Camino De La Zarzuela, 42/English LYCEE FRANÇAIS/Plaza Del Liceo, 1/French MADRID ACTIVE SCHOOL/C/ Maria Zayas, 8/English MADRID MONTESSORI SCHOOL/C/ Del Genil, 11/English MAXWELL SCHOOL/C/ De Serrano, 158/English MONTESSORI SCHOOL LA FLORIDA/C/ De Motrico, 3/English NUMONT SCHOOL/C/ De Parma, 16/English</p>	The application indicates that 10 of the 67 international schools listed are within a 3 km radius of the proposed AMLA premises.

RICHMOND PARK SCHOOL/C/ De Nuria, 95/English
 SAINT ANNE'S SCHOOL/Avenida De Alfonso XIII, 162/English
 SANTO ANGEL BRITISH SCHOOL/C/ Del Arroyo Fontarrón, 209/English
 SCUOLA STATALE ITALIANA DE MADRID (Madrid Italian Public School)/C/ De Agustín De Betancourt, 1/Italian
 ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL OF MADRID/C/ De Los Padres Dominicos, 1/English
 THE ENGLISH MONTESSORI SCHOOL/C/ De La Salle, 2 B/English
 UNION CHRETIENNE DE ST.CHAUMOND/Avenida De Alfonso Xiii, 90/French
 ALCALA INTERNATIONAL MONTESSORI SCHOOL/C/ Río Bidasoa, 1, Alcalá de Henares/English
 EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY/C/ La Manda, 47, Camarma de Esteruelas/English
 VEGA ACTIVE SCHOOL/C/ El Jardín De Miraltajo, 40, Colmenar de Oreja/English
 MONTFORT BRITISH SCHOOL/Avenida De La Constitución, S/n, Loeches/English
 MOONLIGHT INTERNACIONAL SCHOOL/C/ Valentín Robledo, 2, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 SCANDINAVIAN SCHOOL/C/ Del Camino Ancho, 14, Alcobendas/Swedish, English
 SWISS SCHOOL OF MADRID/Carretera Burgos, K. 14, Alcobendas/German
 ECOLE SAINT-EXUPERY/C/ Del Camino Ancho, 85, Alcobendas/French
 INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE SPAIN/C/ De La Vereda Norte, 3, Alcobendas/English
 KING'S COLLEGE/Paseo De Alcobendas, 5, Alcobendas/English
 LMI COLLEGE/Avenida De Bruselas, 9, Alcobendas/English
 RUNNYMEDE COLLEGE/C/ De La Salvia, 30, Alcobendas/English
 SCANDINAVIAN SCHOOL-INTERNATIONAL SECTION/C/ Del Camino Ancho, 14, Alcobendas/English
 VERMONT ACADEMY AT LICEO EUROPEO/C/ Del Camino Sur, 10-12, Alcobendas/English
 DOS LATIDOS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/C/ Del Hontanar, 5, Cabrera, La/English
 THE LEARNING COMMUNITY MATRIX/C/ San Lorenzo, 33, Soto del Real/English
 CASVI INTERNATIONAL AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ Del Gavilán, 2, Tres Cantos/English
 KING'S COLLEGE/Paseo De Los Andes, 35, Tres Cantos/English
 LIFE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/Sector Foresta, 23, Tres Cantos/English
 ORGANIC COMMUNITY SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING SPACE/C/ De Santa Emilia, 11, Alpedrete/English
 MONTESSORI SCHOOL LOS FRESNOS/C/ De Navacerrada, 13, Alpedrete/English
 MONTESSORI SCHOOL LOS FRESNOS-MATAESPESA/Avenida De Mataespesa, 45, Alpedrete/English
 SENBAZURU/Carretera M-608, 11, Boalo, El/English
 MONTESSORI SCHOOL EL ENEBRAL/Paseo Belmas, 2, Collado Villalba/English
 PANGEA LIVING SCHOOL/C/ De Santiago Apóstol, 9, Colmenarejo/English
 GLAD BRITISH SCHOOL/C/ Sorolla, 4, Majadahonda/English
 THAMES BRITISH SCHOOL/C/ De El Barbero De Sevilla, 16, Majadahonda/English
 AMERICAN SCHOOL OF MADRID/C/ De Los Estados Unidos De América, 1, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 AQUINAS AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ Transversal Cuatro, 4, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 BRITISH COUNCIL SCHOOL/C/ Solano, 3-5-7, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 ENGLISH FOR FUN/C/ Proa S/n Esquina A C/ Sotavento, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 JUDY SHARP INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/C/ Valentín Robledo, 2, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 KENSINGTON SCHOOL/Avenida Bularas, 2, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 MAYRIT ESCUELA ACTIVA/C/ Orense, 108, Pozuelo de Alarcón/English
 SAINT LOUIS DES FRANÇAIS/C/ De Portugaleta, 1, Pozuelo de Alarcón/French
 BRITISH PRINCE SCHOOL/C/ De López Santos, 1, Rozas de Madrid, Las/English

	<p>DRAGON AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ Tampico, 9, Torreldones/English GREEN STONE BRITISH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL/C/ Carlos López Quesada, 2, Torreldones/English LYCEE MOLIERE/C/ Cristo, 27, Villanueva de la Cañada/French ESC AMERICAN SCHOOL/C/ Duero, 47, Villaviciosa de Odón/English</p>	
8) Number of higher education facilities (university level or equal)	21	The application indicates the presence of 21 higher education facilities (university level or equal).
9) Language options offered by higher education facilities	French; German; Spanish; English	The application indicates that English, French, German and Spanish are the languages offered by the higher education facilities.
10) Description of higher education facilities (Universities and academic disciplines)	<p>Madrid has a very large university community, with 21 universities, 6 business schools and 4 authorised overseas centres where 353,275 students study, 12% from overseas.</p> <p>Spain stands out as a particularly attractive destination for overseas students and is the preferred choice of most Erasmus students in Europe, as confirmed by the Erasmus EU report. Madrid's universities offer over 400 degrees (135 in foreign languages, mostly English) and 937 master's degrees, covering all disciplines.</p> <p>Universities</p> <p>The Madrid Region has 21 universities, with 8 public and 13 private universities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Madrid Autónoma University) - Universidad Complutense de Madrid (Madrid Complutense University) - Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Madrid Polytechnic University) - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (Madrid Carlos III University) - Universidad Rey Juan Carlos (King Juan Carlos University) - Universidad de Alcalá (University of Alcalá) - Universidad Internacional Menéndez Pelayo (Menéndez Pelayo International University) - Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (National Distance Teaching University) - Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio (Alfonso X el Sabio University) - Universidad Europea de Madrid (Madrid European University) - Universidad Pontificia Comillas (Comillas Pontifical University) - Universidad San Pablo CEU (San Pablo CEU University) - Universidad Francisco de Vitoria (Francisco de Vitoria University) - Universidad Antonio de Nebrija (Antonio de Nebrija University) - Universidad Camilo Jose Cela (Camilo Jose Cela University) - Universidad a Distancia de Madrid (Madrid Distance University) - Universidad de Diseño, Innovación y Tecnología (University of Design, Innovation and Technology) - Universidad Internacional de la Empresa (International Business University) - Universidad Internacional Villanueva (Villanueva International University) - CUNEF - ESIC <p>Madrid also has other overseas teaching centres authorised for university education:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saint Louis University in Spain - The College for International Studies (CIS) - Suffolk University, Madrid Campus 	<p>The application indicates that Madrid has 21 universities (8 public and 13 private), 6 business schools and 4 authorised overseas centres. These schools offer over 400 degrees (135 in foreign languages, mostly English) and 937 master's degrees, covering all disciplines.</p> <p>It also indicates that Spain is a member of the European Higher Education Area meaning that all universities in Madrid have adopted the European system for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees and all degrees taught follow the European Credit Transfer System.</p> <p>Lastly, the application provides information on vocational training indicating that Madrid has 212 schools offering higher degrees of Vocational Training.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Schiller International University - ESCP Europe, Spain <p>Spain is a member of the European Higher Education Area (EHEA). As such, all universities in Madrid have adopted the European system for Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees and all degrees taught follow the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS).</p> <p>Madrid Autónoma University has been ranked as one of the best universities in Europe according to the first Europe-wide report by the prestigious consulting firm QS.</p> <p>Madrid Complutense University has three degrees (Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine and Modern Languages) ranked among the 50 best in the world, according to the QS World University Rankings by Subject 2023.</p> <p>Business Schools</p> <p>Madrid also has six world-renowned business schools offering a wide variety of courses (from MBAs to cutting-edge training for the business world).</p> <p>Three of the world's top 10 Executive MBAs, according to the Financial Times Global EMBA Ranking 2023, are taught at business schools in Madrid (ESCP Business School, IE Business School, IESE Business School).</p> <p>Vocational Training</p> <p>Madrid has 212 schools offering higher degrees of Vocational Training. These programmes are often an excellent alternative to university education, as they provide students with practical skills and technical knowledge that are in high demand in the world of work. These programmes usually last two years and can cover a wide range of fields, such as IT, health, administration, hospitality, engineering and many other areas, offering students a robust education and the opportunity to obtain nationally and internationally recognised degrees.</p> <p>Accessibility is essential for social participation by people with different functional limitations. It ensures a better design for all: University environments, products and services include features tailored to provide services and products that are understandable, usable and practicable for all.</p>	
11) Other	<p>Cost</p> <p>The Spanish education system allows citizens to choose between public schools and universities. Fees at public institutions are very low or practically free of charge, while the cost of private education is borne by families.</p> <p>However, fees for private preschools and primary schools in Madrid are 24% and 31%, respectively, lower than the average in other cities such as Dublin, Paris, Luxembourg, Frankfurt, Riga, Vilnius, Rome and Vienna. In Madrid, the average monthly cost of a preschool place is €477.78, and the annual cost of a primary school place is €8,381.25.</p> <p>Inclusion</p> <p>The educational intervention model used in Spain allows for full academic and social inclusion. Under the Spanish education system, ordinary schools include four different units to ensure an inclusive academic environment for children with special needs: Hearing Impairment Team,</p>	<p>The application provides information on fees both for private and public education.</p> <p>In addition, it provides information on inclusion within the Spanish educational system (four units cover education from 3 to 16 years, notably: Hearing Impairment Team, Motor Disability Team, Pervasive Developmental Disorders Team and Eye Disorders Team). It also indicates special education centres for severe disabilities.</p> <p>Lastly, the application provides information on a school subject course about the EU and on options to learn Spanish in language academies and schools.</p>

	<p>Motor Disability Team, Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD) Team and Eye Disorders Team. The four units cover education from 3 to 16 years.</p> <p>For severe disabilities, there are three alternatives for schooling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Special education centres. These cover preschool, elementary and high school stages and offer transition programmes for adults. They also include out-of-school support services to meet each child's needs. - Special Education classrooms in ordinary infant and primary schools, provided in preschool, elementary and high school. - Combined schooling. A programme that merges special education and regular schools. It is individual: designed and customised according to each student's needs, determined by the degree of intervention and coordination required. <p>European Spirit</p> <p>Madrid takes part in the European Parliament's Ambassador Schools programme. There are fourteen Ambassador Schools (EPAS) and three Mentor Schools (MEPAS). Through Europe Direct, the Madrid Region is an EU leader, reaching more than 10,000 students annually with EU outreach activities.</p> <p>Madrid is the first EU region to work on a school subject course entirely about the EU. Since 2019, third and fourth-year secondary education students can take a course on Europe, its values, history and opportunities. A thousand students are currently taking this subject in 23 different schools.</p> <p>Spanish</p> <p>Madrid also offers an unbeatable opportunity to learn the world's third most widely-spoken language: Spanish. In addition to the native immersion experience, there are a wide range of options for learning the language: There are 25 Spanish language academies accredited by the Cervantes Institute, and more than a hundred schools teach Spanish.</p>	
Summary Criterion 3		<p>The application indicates the availability of 1,212 nurseries in Madrid offering education in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish. It also indicates that the first accredited European School in Spain will open in Madrid for the 2024-2025 school year and will offer education in English and Spanish. Furthermore, it indicates the presence of 67 international schools providing primary and secondary education offering education in Dutch, English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Swedish. Lastly, the application indicates the presence of 21 universities, 6 business schools and 4 authorised overseas centres offering over 400 degrees and 937 master's degrees covering all disciplines.</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	8	The application indicates the presence of 8 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.)	Madrid is the region with the highest life expectancy in the EU, with an average of 85.4 years (above the EU average of 80.1). One of the reasons for this is that Spain has an outstanding public and universal health system, which is one of the best in the world:	The application provides information on life expectancy in Madrid, on organ transplantation and on cancer mortality.

- Spain is the global leader in organ transplantation, in terms of both number of donors per capita and number of transplants. It is also the only country in the world that transplants all types of organs from donors in asystole.
- Cancer mortality in Spain is the 3rd lowest in the EU, at levels at least 15% below the EU average.
- Spain has 22,198 pharmacies, with a wide geographical distribution. It is the country with the largest network of pharmacies in the EU.

Facilities

There are 90 hospitals (both public and private) and 430 public primary healthcare centres in the Madrid region.

One of these, the La Paz University Hospital, which is located next to Torre de Cristal (a 4-minute walk away), ranks in the Top 100 best hospitals in the world, a list drawn up every year by the prestigious magazine Newsweek.

Two other public hospitals, the 12 de Octubre University Hospital and the Gregorio Marañón University Hospital, are also in the Top 100.

There are also 7 other hospitals within 5 km of the AMLA building.

Primary healthcare centres are located all across the city so that every resident has access to one within 15 minutes of their home.

The city has 8 state-of-the-art public hospitals offering a wide range of medical and surgical specialities, as well as clinical and support services, university medical teaching centres, research facilities, laboratories and other resources that enrich its healthcare provision.

Medical staff and languages

According to Eurostat, Spain ranks fourth among Member States with respect to the number of doctors. There are 47,180 doctors and 54,582 nurses in the Madrid region.

In addition to Spanish, the vast majority of medical professionals are trained to be able to assist patients in English. There is also a telephone interpreting service available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in public primary healthcare centres, with professional interpreters working in 50 languages, including Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, Lithuanian, Norwegian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Slovak, Slovenian and Swedish.

The telephone interpreting service is accessed through a call made by a primary healthcare professional to a telephone number that offers this service (followed by the language code), which activates a three-way telephone connection between the healthcare professional, the interpreter and the user.

Emergencies

The emergency healthcare service operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. In addition to the 112 emergency telephone service, the Madrid Region provides remote specialist emergency medical care, which also covers the time between the emergency call and the arrival of medical assistance. These capacities are reinforced by SAMUR Civil Protection, a specialised emergency service offered

The application also indicates the presence of 22,198 pharmacies in Spain. In addition it indicates the presence of 90 hospitals (both public and private) and 430 public primary healthcare centres in the Madrid region.

Furthermore, it indicates that there are 47,180 doctors and 54,582 nurses in the Madrid region. It provides information on the languages spoken: Spanish and for the vast majority of medical professionals also English. The application indicates the availability of a telephone interpreting service available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year in public primary healthcare centres, with interpretations available in 50 languages, including 17 EU languages.

Lastly, the application provides information on emergency healthcare, available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. It indicates the presence of a remote specialist emergency medical care provided by the Madrid Region.

	<p>by the city of Madrid. Both are integrated into the 112 system and work in tandem to achieve exceptional performance in terms of response time and quality. The average response time between the receipt of an alert and the arrival of healthcare assistance is less than 8 minutes. In addition, SAMUR can operate in English, Romanian, Arabic and Chinese.</p> <p>Madrid is the first city in the world to have a municipal emergency service (SAMUR) recognised at the highest level in the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Classification of Emergency Medical Teams: registration as Medical Emergency Team Type 1 Fixed.</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>The National Healthcare System is a universal coverage service that includes a full portfolio of excellent free healthcare services, with no co-payment required for healthcare or hospital medical care. Any European citizen can receive complete and unlimited treatment within Madrid's healthcare system, including AMLA staff.</p> <p>Alternatively, there are private entities that offer first-class health insurance, which also provide access to high-quality healthcare.</p> <p>Spain's candidacy proposition includes the provision of a support service through which a professional will assist in making the application for a Spanish Health Card, which grants the holder universal and free access to the entire Spanish healthcare network. The application procedures are digital.</p>	<p>The application indicates that Spain has a National Healthcare System, a universal coverage service with no co-payment required for healthcare or hospital medical care. It indicates that any European citizen can receive complete and unlimited treatment within Madrid's healthcare system, including AMLA staff.</p> <p>The application also provides information on private entities offering health insurances.</p> <p>The application indicates that Spain will assist AMLA children and spouses in making the application for a Spanish Health Card.</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>Madrid is the EU's 4th-ranked regional economy in terms of GDP. It offers a competitive, diverse and dynamic work environment.</p> <p>The Spanish economy experienced strong growth of 5.8% in 2022, supported by the strength of the labour market and the implementation of the Plan for Recovery, Transformation and Resilience. Despite international volatility and slowdown in other EU economies, growth of 2.4% is projected in 2023, with an increase of 2% in Spain in 2024.</p> <p>The city of Madrid ranks 4th in the EU with respect to the number of multinational operating headquarters. Over 9,943 foreign-ownership companies from 97 different countries operate in Madrid.</p> <p>Madrid is home to many leading companies, with 24 IBEX-35 companies based in the Community of Madrid and 18 of these in the city itself. 79% of these companies operate in the service sector, 13% in industry, 8% in construction and the remaining 0.5% in the primary sector.</p> <p>Most international companies and organisations, embassies, government and regulatory institutions and financial sector entities are concentrated in Madrid.</p> <p>youMadrid is one of the EU's leading cities in terms of innovation and entrepreneurship. There are more than 3,100 start-ups employing 48,000 workers.</p> <p>The city of Madrid supports citizens with an entrepreneurship project through the Madrid Emprende platform which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - manages a network of business incubators, with seven centres in the city of Madrid; 	<p>The application indicates that over 9,943 foreign-ownership companies from 97 different countries operate in Madrid.</p> <p>The application indicates the presence of 24 IBEX-35 companies based in the Community of Madrid (18 of these in the city itself) operating in the service sector, in industry, in construction and in the primary sector.</p> <p>It also indicates the presence of more than 3,100 start-ups employing 48,000 workers.</p> <p>Lastly, the application provides information on an entrepreneurship project of the city of Madrid which supports citizens with work services. It also gives information on the sectors which provide employment opportunities in Madrid.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - offers personalised guidance on how to start a business; - combines the use of offices for professional activities in the service sector with support and advice for the development of these activities; and - offers free coworking spaces for working on business projects or professional activities, as well as training opportunities. <p>Madrid offers an ever-expanding labour sector with an extensive range of jobs for family members and partners of AMLA employees. The employment opportunities with the best growth rates in the coming years are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Computer programming, consultancy and related activities - Business management consultancy - Financial and insurance services - Audiovisual sector activities - Engineering and construction activities - Healthcare activities - Office administrative, office support and other business support activities - Other professional, scientific and technical activities. 	
<p>5) Availability of services assisting expatriates and foreign nationals in seeking jobs</p>	<p>To facilitate the jobseeking process and, more generally, to help AMLA employees and their families settle in Madrid, Madrid has designed a Soft Landing service that will be available to provide personalised assistance, technical support and access to a network of national money laundering prevention and terrorism financing experts, among other services. The main aim of the Soft Landing initiative is to make the relocation process as simple as possible, helping with administrative changes and other issues arising from the moving process. The Soft Landing strategy will have a two-pronged approach, as follows.</p> <p>Welcome package:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - providing personalized assistance; - providing guidance for the necessary procedures; - providing assistance with any problems that arise, especially at the beginning of the Agency's activities. <p>More specifically, Soft Landing will help AMLA employees and their families with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - support and assistance in jobseeking processes, including self-employment options; - finding a new home and vehicles for families; - helping families to find a suitable school, university or language school and supporting them during the enrolment process; - providing personal assistance in accessing Spain's universal, free and high quality health system; - guidance for AMLA staff to help them integrate from the moment of their arrival through the city's social, leisure and cultural life. 	<p>The application indicates that a 'soft landing' service will facilitate the job seeking process and help AMLA's staff and their families, notably with finding a housing and vehicles, finding a school/university/language school and lastly with the integration into the city's social, leisure and cultural life.</p>
<p>6) Other</p>	<p>Quality of life Madrid is a multicultural city (with residents of over 180 nationalities). It is lively and welcoming, and offers excellent quality of life, which is reflected in the health, well-being and satisfaction of its inhabitants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It has the highest life expectancy in the entire European Union. - 8 hours average sunshine a day facilitates social life and outdoor activities. 	<p>The application provides information on the quality of life and cost of living in Madrid.</p> <p>It indicates the presence of 131 museums, 16,000 performances per year (theatre, music and dance), 23 Michelin-starred restaurants, 2 amusement parks, 1 water park, a zoo, an aquarium and cafés.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 53% of the city's land consists of green spaces. - Spain's level of worker satisfaction is above the European average, ranking 3rd in the EU in terms of the best work-life balance, according to the OECD. - Expatriates living in Madrid have an excellent opinion of the city. Recent surveys on expatriate preferences, such as the HSBC survey, place Spain among the top destinations worldwide (3rd in 2021). 180 different nationalities are represented among its residents. - It offers an exceptional range of leisure and outdoor activities including 131 museums, 16,000 performances per year (theatre, music and dance), 23 Michelin-starred restaurants, 2 amusement parks, 1 water park, a zoo, an aquarium, pavement cafés and more. <p>Cost of living Madrid offers quality of life at a cost lower than in most European capitals. Compared with the average costs in Dublin, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, Paris, Riga, Rome, Vienna Vilnius and Brussels the costs in Madrid are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consumer goods: 23% lower - Housing rental: 20% lower - Restaurants: 24% lower - International schools: 30% lower. 	
Summary Criterion 4		<p>The application indicates the availability of 8 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises and a total of 22,198 pharmacies, 90 hospitals and 430 public primary healthcare centres in the Madrid region. It gives information on the number of doctors and nurses and the languages spoken in addition to Spanish (mostly English) as well as on an interpreting service available and on the emergency healthcare system.</p> <p>The application provides information on the Spanish healthcare system which gives complete and unlimited health treatment for AMLA staff and their family.</p> <p>The application indicates the presence of over 9,943 foreign-ownership companies in Madrid. It also provides information on a 'soft landing' service offered by Spain/Madrid which will facilitate the job seeking process for AMLA's employees and their families.</p>

Criterion 5 – 'Geographical balance'		
Sub criterion	Member State application	Commission assessment
Description	<p>The geographical distribution of European institutions and their agencies results in the majority being concentrated in Central European countries, linked by the France-Germany-BENELUX axis, to the detriment of other regions, such as the Mediterranean South. Spain is the 4th economy in the Eurozone and does not have any European institutions on its territory (unlike France – European Parliament and Germany – ECB).</p> <p>A new agency in Spain would serve, among other things, to promote and give greater impetus to Spain's integration and convergence with the EU.</p> <p>Most of the economic and financial institutions and agencies are already concentrated in the Paris-Frankfurt axis, which represents a disadvantage not only compared to the rest of European regions but also to other expanding cities like Madrid. Assigning the city of Madrid to host a new agency would send the message that the EU, in the pursuit of a balanced distribution, gives greater prominence in this field to Southern EU countries.</p>	<p>The application indicates the importance Spain attaches to geographical balance and that Madrid does not host an agency or an institution.</p>

	<p>Dublin, Athens, Copenhagen, The Hague, Luxembourg, Lisbon, Stockholm, Prague, Paris, Helsinki, Riga, Ljubljana, Bratislava, Vilnius, Brussels, Vienna, Budapest, Tallinn, Warsaw, and Valletta are 20 European capitals that already host a EU agency or institution. Madrid is not included in this category.</p> <p>Hosting AMLA in Madrid would offer a great opportunity to the city - the only of the 20 mentioned European capitals that does not have any European institution or agency - as it would provide it with greater dynamism linked to the community sphere. Madrid is the second-largest city in the EU by population, second only to Berlin. Granting AMLA to Madrid would also be a recognition of the city's role as a driver of European economic growth.</p>	
Summary Criterion 5		The application indicates that Madrid does not host an agency.

Any benefits granted in addition to Protocol 7		
Sub criterion	Member State appliation	Commission assessment
1) Does the applicant Member State offer additional privileges?	Yes	The application indicates that Spain offers additional privileges to those in Protocol 7. It refers in particular to tax exemptions for AMLA and freedom of exchange and customs duties for AMLA.
1.1) If yes, which ones?	<p>Privileges and Immunities Its premises and buildings are inviolable, except in the case of fire or calamity, and exempt from any search, seizure, confiscation, or expropriation, subject to authorization of the ECJ.</p> <p>Tax Exemptions for AMLA AMLA is exempt from all direct taxes regarding services provided by AMLA in Spain that are directly related to its statutory purpose, including corporate and business activity tax. Official activities carried out by AMLA within its specific purpose and objective are exempt from all indirect taxes that directly affect income and revenue or their assets. When goods or services are sent or presented in Spain from another EU Member State, VAT exemption will be granted in accordance with applicable European Directives, considering the applicability of the Protocol on Privileges and Immunities of the EU to this exemption.</p> <p>Freedom of Exchange and Customs Duties AMLA may receive, possess funds and currencies of all kinds, and hold accounts in any currency; transfer freely to another country the funds and currencies it holds in Spanish territory and vice versa. Competent Spanish authorities will provide support to AMLA for conducting exchange and transfer operations. AMLA will be exempt from customs duties, prohibitions, and restrictions on the import and export of objects intended for its official use. Officials and Agents of AMLA and their family members Definition of family members: The spouse. The registered person with whom the staff member has a relationship analogous to</p>	<p>The application indicates several benefits for AMLA staff and family members, including being authorised to continue driving motor vehicles with their valid foreign driver's licenses from another Member State of the European Union. It also indicates tax exemptions for personnel including a progressive tax exemption and a VAT exemption for the first 6 months.</p> <p>The application indicates that the chair and senior category personnel will enjoy privileges and immunities granted to heads of diplomatic missions in Spain, will have the right to a refund of VAT during their entire stay in Spain, will enjoy tax exemption for the purchase of duty-free vehicles according to national law and will enjoy tax exemption for motor fuels during their entire stay in Spain.</p> <p>The application indicates that AMLA's official vehicles will be registered as 'special license plate' vehicles.</p>

marriage, provided that said relationship is specifically registered in a EU Member State or in a State that is part of the EEA.

Direct descendants as well as those of their spouse or registered partner, under twenty-three years of age or incapacitated over said age, who live in their care;

Direct ascendants as well as those of the spouse or registered partner, who live in your care.

Officials and Agents of AMLA and their family members will:

Enjoy facilities recognized for officials of international organizations.

Have equal access to public services provided by Spain.

While accredited in Spain, their dependents, excluding ascendants, may engage in gainful employment in

Spain in accordance with applicable regulation.

Officials and other agents of AMLA who are not nationals or permanent residents in Spain:

Have the right to acquire motor vehicles exempt from taxes and duties, in accordance with Spanish domestic law.

Are authorized to continue driving motor vehicles with their valid foreign driver's licenses from another Member State of the European Union.

Tax Exemptions for Personnel

Officials and other agents of AMLA, as long as they are not Spanish nationals or permanent residents in Spain, will enjoy:

Progressive tax exemption: Spain will not consider national income tax-exempt salaries and emoluments

paid by AMLA when calculating the amount of tax to be collected from income, other sources or the income threshold for declaring obligations.

VAT exemption for the first six months in Spain.

Chair and Senior Category Personnel

Will enjoy privileges and immunities granted to heads of diplomatic missions in Spain, provided they were not Spanish nationals or residents in Spain prior to their appointment.

Will have the right to a refund of VAT during their entire stay in Spain, as long as they are not Spanish nationals or permanent residents in Spain.

Will enjoy tax exemption for the purchase of duty-free vehicles according to national law, as long as they are

not Spanish nationals or permanent residents in Spain. Will enjoy tax exemption for motor fuels during their entire stay in Spain, as long as they are not Spanish nationals or permanent residents in Spain.

For senior category personnel, in addition to what is established for statutory personnel:

Will enjoy the privileges and immunities granted to heads of diplomatic missions accredited in Spain and

	<p>receive equivalent status, provided they are not Spanish nationals or residents in Spain. This immunity will not apply to cases of traffic violations or damage caused by a motor vehicle owned or driven by them.</p> <p>The VAT exemption will cover their entire stay in Spain as accredited personnel, as long as they are not Spanish nationals or permanent residents in Spain.</p> <p>Will enjoy tax exemption for the purchase of duty-free vehicles according to national law.</p> <p>Will enjoy tax exemption for motor fuels, as long as they are not Spanish nationals or permanent residents in Spain.</p> <p>Social Security AMLA will be exempt from mandatory contributions to general social security, and compensation funds or unemployment or accident insurance funds. Employees not incorporated into the Spanish social security system receive equivalent social protection.</p> <p>Vehicle Registration AMLA's official vehicles will be registered as "special license plate" vehicles.</p>	
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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 Spain commits to confirm the conditions included in the application in a headquarters agreement with AMLA.