

## Commission assessment EUCA seat selection – The Netherlands (The Hague)

<p><i>'When selecting the location, the co-legislators have agreed that they will ensure that, given the nature of EUCA, the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers, to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff and to offer adequate training opportunities.'</i></p>		
	<b>Member State answer</b>	<b>Commission assessment</b>
Description	<p>The Government of the Netherlands is proud to submit a bid for hosting the new European Union's Customs Authority (EUCA). We confidently propose The Hague as the location for the Authority, its staff and their families. The Hague provides the ecosystem, synergies, collaborative mindset, and networking opportunities that will ensure EUCA's success from day one. This will strengthen the Union's resilience at a time when its external borders face increasing pressure.</p> <p>Delivering results immediately requires more than just buildings or infrastructure. It needs a ready-made ecosystem of expertise, networks and proven collaboration. The Netherlands delivers exactly that: an environment that understands EUCA's mission, anticipates its needs and provides a stable foundation for long-term resilience and success. Shared ambition and strategic alignment make the Netherlands the natural partner for EUCA.</p> <p>In the Netherlands, EUCA will connect directly to a well-established network of EU and international institutions. Its central location between Rotterdam - Europe's primary gateway to global trade - and Schiphol Airport provides access to a collaborative network that fosters knowledge sharing, technological advancement and operational excellence. It also places EUCA within easy reach of key organizations that support its purpose like Europol.</p> <p>The Netherlands has welcomed people of all nations for many centuries. It is known as one of the most open, safe, multicultural and family-friendly countries in the world. With world-class international and accredited European schools, housing, healthcare, culture and connectivity, The Hague offers everything EUCA staff and their families need to succeed - both personally and professionally.</p> <p>All the essential elements are in place for EUCA to succeed from the start: The Netherlands is the obvious choice for a secure and confident Union.</p> <p>#NLthePerfectFit</p>	<p>The application indicates the Hague's connection to a network of EU and international organisations including easy reach of Europol, its central location between Rotterdam and the Schiphol airport, and the availability of international and accredited European schools, housing, healthcare, culture and connectivity.</p> <p>The application provides information about the Netherlands' geographical and historic situation as a gateway to global trade and about its multicultural composition.</p>
Summary	<p><b>The application indicates the Hague's connection with a network of EU and international institutions including its proximity to Europol, its central location and the availability of international and accredited European schools, housing, healthcare, culture and connectivity.</b></p>	

<p><b>Criterion 1 – 'The date on which EUCA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation'</b></p>		
<b>Sub criteria</b>	<b>Member State answer</b>	<b>Commission assessment</b>
<b>Building 1</b>		
<b>Availability of the premises</b>		
1) Address of the proposed premises (Building 1)	Churchillplein 1 / 2517JW / The Hague	The application indicates that the address of Premises 1 is Churchillplein 1 / 2517JW / The Hague.
2) General description of the proposed premises	<p>The future EUCA headquarters should be a highly adaptable and efficient workspace, designed to provide a healthy, modern, secure, digitally connected, and appealing working environment. It will also feature a state-of-the-art conference centre that facilitates close cooperation with nearby EU institutions, agencies, and other bodies.</p> <p>As a European institution, the building will adhere to the highest sustainability standards: fully gas-free, climate neutral, and actively contributing to the urban ecosystem. A premises of the highest functionality: a fully equipped conference centre with rooms up to ninety people, interpreter facilities, and IT and AV</p>	<p>The application indicates that premises 1 are adaptable to the needs to EUCA, that they will offer a secure, digitally connected workspace with high sustainability standards, including being gas-free and climate-neutral, and that it will incorporate a conference centre with IT and AV technologies.</p> <p>It indicates that the building will provide 14 949 m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area above ground for 300 persons and the possibility for 150 more workstations, with possibility for expansion, separate zones for different functions, and a restaurant, parking, local transport access, a secured EU Customs Data Hub, and 24/7 CCTV monitoring. It</p>

	<p>technologies. It will feature separate waiting lounges for EU delegates and visitors, as well as an attractive office environment with a flexible layout suited to multiple work philosophies.</p> <p>An edifice of the highest aesthetic value. By using an existing building, we honour history while giving it renewed purpose; not a faceless glass tower, but a landmark with character, rich in cultural and international significance. A building with a story that represents Europe's values and that embodies the reputation and good work of the Union.</p> <p><b>BUILDING QUALITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposed Size 14949 Sqm initial gross floor area above ground</li> <li>- Possibility to extend by 4200 gross floor area above ground.</li> <li>- Entrance, conference area and office area in separate functional zones</li> <li>- Space for 300 flexible office workstations and supporting functions</li> <li>- Possiblty to extend to 450 flexible workstations</li> <li>- Dedicated workspaces and meeting room for the executive board</li> <li>- Restaurant for EUCA staff, visiting delegates, and experts</li> <li>- High-standard meeting facilities in line with EUCA's operational needs</li> <li>- A dedicated management board room in the secure zone</li> <li>- Enclosed lounge/waiting area outside of security barriers for visiting delegations</li> <li>- Archive rooms</li> <li>- Accessible and secure parking</li> <li>- Local public transport facilities</li> </ul> <p><b>TECHNICAL QUALITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compliant with relevant specifications described in Manual of Standard Building specifications</li> <li>- IT and videoconferencing facilities in the meeting rooms as</li> <li>- A dedicated, secured and restricted area for the EU Customs Data Hub</li> <li>- Provision of natural or built security barriers. 24/7 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) monitoring, controlled access.</li> </ul>	<p>indicates that the premises will comply with the Manual of Standard Building specifications. It also provides information about the qualities of the building.</p>
3) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works)	<p>The premises of Churchillplein 1 will be available for EUCA as of 1st of July 2032.</p> <p>The premises will be availablefor fit out and necessary adaptation works as of 1st of january 2027.</p> <p>The fit-out will take approximately 66 months.</p> <p>During this period other premises located at Churchillplein 5, adjacent to this location at Churchillplein 1, will be available. ( As described under the question 'Do you propose other premises'.) These premises will be available for use at least three months before EUCA becomes operational.</p>	<p>The application indicates that the premises will be available for EUCA on 1 July 2032, after 66 months of fit-out and adaptation works starting on 1 January 2027.</p> <p>It indicates that until 1 July 2032, the temporary premises, adjacent to the proposed premises, will be available as described under premises 2 and that these premises will be available for use at least 3 months before EUCA becomes operational.</p>
4) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)	66	
<p><b>Organisation of the premises</b></p> <p><i>The size of the EUCA's premises should be at least 6 000 m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area above ground. The Commission proposal provided for a EUCA staff of 250 Full Time Equivalents. The final number of staff will depend on the outcome of the negotiations and may increase.</i></p>		
1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m <sup>2</sup> )	14949	The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 14 949 m <sup>2</sup> .
2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)	300	The application indicates a maximum staff capacity of the premises of 300 staff.

3) Availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board (10-15 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board of 10-15 seats.
4) Availability of a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone (60-70 seats + at least 30-40 seats in the back)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone of 60-70 seats + at least 30-40 seats in the back.
5) Availability of 'secure room'	Yes	The application indicates the availability of 3 'secure rooms' for 10 persons with restricted access and noise cancelling features and protection against eavesdropping.
5.1) Description of the security features of the 'secure room' (size and security measures applied)	<p>We propose three so-called secure rooms suitable for 10 people x 3m<sup>2</sup> per person – 30m<sup>2</sup> (6m x 5m)</p> <p>With the following security measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access restricted to authorised persons</li> <li>• Interior walls with a high dB requirement</li> <li>• Interior door with a high dB requirement</li> <li>• Acoustic ceilings</li> <li>• Floating floor and floor finish</li> <li>• Protection against eaves-dropping</li> </ul> <p>These features may need be adapted on the basis of the final Program of Requirements.</p>	
6) Availability of a medium-sized room (30-35 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a medium-sized room of 30-35 seats.
7) Availability of multiple small-sized rooms (10-15 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of 6 small-sized rooms of 10-15 seats.
7.1) If yes, how many? (*)	6	
8) Availability of state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities in the meeting rooms	Yes, in all of them	The application indicates that state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities are available in all meeting rooms.
9) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering.
<b><i>Specific technical requirements for Data Hub, data analysis, risk management and crisis management activities.</i></b>		
10) Availability of a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management' task (for at least 115 staff)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management' tasks for at least 115 staff.
11) Availability of a 24/7 crisis response cell (situation room with capacity for 30 persons)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a 24/7 crisis response cell.
12) Availability of at least two (and ideally three) operational facilities (secure and isolated operational rooms)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of 3 secure and isolated operational rooms serving as operational facilities.
12.1) If yes, how many operational analysis facilities are there? (*)	Three	
13) Availability of a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area	Yes	The application indicates that the availability of a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area.
14) Description of the availability and capacity of EU sovereign and highly available telecommunications and networking infrastructure with operational redundancy	<p>The Netherlands offers one of Europe's most advanced and resilient digital infrastructures, fully aligned with EU sovereignty principles. The proposed locations in The Hague benefit from:</p> <p>Site resiliency and redundancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple fibre entry routes and physical route diversity are standard in the International Zone and Central Innovation District.</li> </ul>	The application indicates that the proposed premises have resilient and redundant digital infrastructure, featuring multiple fibre entry routes and a diverse ecosystem of Tier 1 and Tier 2 carriers, with local ISPs like KPN and VodafoneZiggo and Odido. It indicates that Dutch data centres adhere to Tier 3 or 4 standards, providing redundant power supply and backup systems.

<p>- Access to a broad ecosystem of Tier 1 and Tier 2 carriers, complemented by local ISPs (such as KPN, VodafoneZiggo, and Odido).</p> <p>Dutch data centres typically follow Tier III or Tier IV standards, which include redundant power supply and backup systems such as UPS and generators to ensure continuity during outages or maintenance.</p> <p>Generator capacity during renovation phases is common practice in many facilities, but the exact level of redundancy depends on the chosen location and contractual arrangements.</p> <p><b>Performance and scalability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ultra-low latency connectivity to major European cloud providers and data hubs.</li> <li>- High-capacity fibre networks with scalable bandwidth to support future growth and mission-critical operations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mobile network availability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Netherlands, and specifically The Hague, is covered by a modern, nationwide 5G network with high capacity, ensuring reliable mobile connectivity for critical operations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Proximity to Optical Fiber Highways</b></p> <p>The Hague is directly connected to major regional and international fibre routes, ensuring high-speed, high-capacity data transfer across Europe.</p> <p><b>Internet presence and exchange points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Hague is in close proximity to AMS-IX (Amsterdam Internet Exchange) and NL-IX (Neutral Internet Exchange), two of the world's largest Internet Exchange Points.</li> <li>- AMS-IX and NL-IX rank among the world's largest Internet Exchanges. AMS-IX connects over 895 networks and handles an average traffic of around 9.5 Tbps, with peaks reaching 14 Tbps. NL-IX operates across 96 data centers in 16 cities, with average traffic around 1 Tbps and peaks above 8 Tbps. These figures illustrate the robustness and scalability of the Dutch internet infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Operational redundancy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dutch data centres increasingly operate on renewable energy and independent power sources, reducing grid dependency and enhancing resilience.</li> <li>- Dutch grid operators apply congestion management strategies to address capacity limitations. These measures aim to optimize grid usage and, under certain regulatory frameworks, projects with significant societal value can receive priority. However, this is not an automatic guarantee; prioritization depends on regulatory conditions and agreements with network operators.</li> </ul> <p>This infrastructure is complemented by the Netherlands' strong cybersecurity ecosystem, anchored by The Hague Security Delta (Europe's largest security cluster). While cybersecurity in the Netherlands is based on the principle of organizational responsibility—each entity is accountable for its own IT and cyber resilience—there is a broad and competitive offering of services and expertise available to meet EUCA's needs. Combined, these assets provide EUCA with access to a highly available, redundant, and future-proof digital environment.</p>	<p><b>Performance and scalability:</b> The application indicates the availability of ultra-low latency connectivity to major European cloud providers, scalable bandwidth, and nationwide 5G coverage for reliable mobile connectivity.</p> <p><b>Mobile network availability:</b> The application indicates that The Hague, is covered by a nationwide 5G network with high capacity.</p> <p><b>Proximity to Optical Fiber Highways:</b> The application indicates that The Hague is directly connected to major regional and international fibre routes, ensuring high-speed, high-capacity data transfer across Europe.</p> <p><b>Internet presence and exchange points:</b> The application indicates that The Hague is connected to regional and international fibre routes, facilitating high-speed data transfer, that it is close to AMS-IX and NL-IX, major internet exchanges.</p> <p><b>Operational redundancy:</b> the application indicates that Dutch data centres increasingly use renewable energy, while grid operators manage congestion efficiently and that cybersecurity is supported by The Hague Security Delta.</p>
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15) Description of the available cloud-based data storage network solutions	EUCA will have access to secure, scalable, and EU-sovereign cloud solutions through leading Dutch and European providers. The Netherlands hosts multiple ISO 27001-certified data centres and offers hybrid and private cloud options tailored to EU compliance requirements. Connectivity to major cloud platforms (including EU-based services) is ultra-low latency via AMS-IX and NL-IX. Solutions include encrypted storage, redundancy across geographically dispersed sites, and integration with the EU Customs Data Hub. These services align with GDPR and EU cybersecurity standards, ensuring sovereignty and resilience	The application indicates the availability of secure, scalable, and EU-sovereign cloud solutions through Dutch and European providers as well as connectivity to major cloud platforms with ultra-low latency via AMS-IX and NL-IX, including encrypted storage, redundancy across geographically dispersed sites, and integration with the EU Customs Data Hub.
16) Internal archives capacity of the premises	Yes	The application indicates that the internal archives capacity of the premises is 3000 m <sup>3</sup> .
16.1) Archives volume (expressed in m <sup>3</sup> ) (*)	3000	
17) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for EUCA	280	The application indicates that there are 280 parking spaces and 300 bike parking spaces (inside and outside) available for EUCA.
18) Number of bike parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for EUCA	300	
19) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area	Yes	The application indicates that it is possible to extend office space in the original premises or the nearby area by 4 200 m <sup>2</sup> .
19.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m <sup>2</sup> ) (*)	4200	
20) Are the premises EMAS verified?	Yes	The application indicates that the premises are EMAS verified.
21) Description of the premises' sustainability. If not EMAS certified, description of additional national/international sustainability certifications	The Central Government Real Estate Agency has extensive sustainability requirements, including the EMAS certificate and will develop the building in accordance with the Programme of requirements, once published.	The application provides information about sustainability requirements of the Dutch Central Government Real Estate Agency.
22) Description of the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises including for environmental, security and safety standards as well as for accessibility for people with disabilities.	Compliance with the technical specifications of the Manual of Standard Building Specifications will be realised to the extent that they are applicable to the prescribed functionalities in the building.	The application indicates that compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications will be ensured.
23) Description of the digital security and connectivity features with regard to physical and digital infrastructure, in particular those allowing EUCA to comply with relevant cybersecurity standards and legislation and for all core facilities to implement certified protocols for end-to-end encryption of data, enforce access controls and deploy advanced systems for continuous issue detection, timely reporting and affective response	<p>The proposed locations in The Hague are embedded in Europe's leading cybersecurity ecosystem, which offers access to advanced cybersecurity services in compliance with EU standards and legislation. It is important to note that cybersecurity in the Netherlands operates under the principle of shared responsibility: each organization is primarily responsible for its own IT and cyber measures. However, there is a strong and diverse ecosystem available to support EUCA's requirements when needed.</p> <p>End-to-end encryption and certified protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full implementation of certified encryption protocols for data in transit and at rest. Support for EUCA's secure Data Hub operations, including cryptographic solutions developed within the EU.</li> </ul> <p>Access control and identity management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multi-factor authentication and role-based access.</li> <li>- Segregated technical rooms for sensitive operations</li> <li>- Physical security integrated into building design (perimeter protection, CCTV, secure zones).</li> </ul> <p>Continuous monitoring, incident response and ecosystem support</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advanced Security Operations Centres (SOCs) are available in the region.</li> <li>- Threat intelligence sharing via the International Organisations ISAC in The Hague.</li> </ul>	<p>The application indicates that the Dutch cybersecurity ecosystem complies with EU standards and provides certified encryption protocols for data protection and support for secure Data Hub operations, and that access control includes multi-factor authentication and role-based access, supported by physical security measures.</p> <p>It indicates that continuous monitoring is facilitated by Security Operations Centres (SOCs), threat intelligence sharing, and collaborations with entities like The Hague Security Delta (HSD) and Europol, subject to agreements. It indicates that public-private partnerships enhance resilience against cyber threats and that access to cybersecurity talent is available through partnerships with local universities. It also informs about the availability of the Cyber Secure The Hague programme.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Opportunities for collaboration with The Hague Security Delta (HSD), the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), Europol and Eurojust, subject to separate agreements.</li> <li>- Integration with public-private partnerships for resilience against state and criminal cyber threats.</li> <li>- Access to cybersecurity and technical talent through partnerships with Delft University of Technology, Leiden University and The Hague University of Applied Sciences.</li> </ul> <p>Combined with the city-wide Cyber Secure The Hague program, redundant connectivity, sovereign hosting options, and proximity to quantum-secure communication research (among others at QuantumDelta, TNO, Delft University of Technology and Leiden University), these features ensure that EUCA can access a secure and future-oriented environment with ample resources to meet its cybersecurity needs.</p>	
24) Other	<p>The building has the possibility to host more tenants. Should another part be rented out, the two rented areas shall be separated. No facilities shall be shared between the tenants.</p> <p>Regarding the archives volume, there is sufficient space available. The exact amount of square meters can be determined once the requested size and expected floor load are known. A tailor made solution in accordance with the Programme of requirements will be proposed.</p> <p>The proximity of Europol and Eurojust to the location proposed at Churchillplein 1, facilitates stronger cooperation between these agencies and EUCA.</p>	<p>The application provides information about the possibility to host more tenants in the building, about the archives volume and about the proximity to Europol and Eurojust.</p>
<b>Financial terms</b>		
1) Description of the financial terms	<p>The monthly rent is € 1008211. This rent excludes VAT as Euca can request to be exempted from VAT.</p> <p>The monthly rent quoted is based upon the level of housing and fit-out specifications used in recently established comparable international organizations. The amount may need to be adjusted as reflected below.</p> <p>This rent is based on the Commission's request for proposals, which included requirements for housing 250 employees, a management board room, multiple small-sized rooms, a secure room, an archive room, and car and bike parking spaces.</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance offers an annual financial contribution of 1 million euros for a period of 24 years, starting with EUCA becoming operational in the temporary premises. (See building 2)</p> <p>Our bid assumes a total floor area of 14.494 square meters gross floor area, with space for 300 employees. There is also the possibility of expanding with 4200 square meters gross floor area to accommodate 450 employees.</p> <p>Naturally, the monthly rent is based on the current tender. The monthly amount may be adjusted once the program of requirements (PoR) is published.</p> <p>The rent is based on a cost-covering rent. The rent covers the following subjects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The investment in the building, EUCA particular wishes, sustainability,</li> </ol>	<p>The application indicates that the monthly rent for the premises is EUR 1 008 211, excluding VAT, and that the rent is based on the requirement to host 250 employees, a management board room, multiple small rooms, a secure room, archives and parking for cars and bikes.</p> <p>It indicates that the premises include 14 494 m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area for 300 employees, with potential expansion of 4 200 m<sup>2</sup> for up to 450 employees.</p> <p>The application indicates that the rent covers investment in the building, adaptation to EUCA's needs, sustainability, technical installations, interior, security, and monthly maintenance costs, excluding replacement maintenance or new investments.</p> <p>The application indicates that the Netherlands offers an annual contribution of EUR 1 million for 24 years, starting from EUCA's installation in the temporary premises.</p>

	<p>monumental qualities, technical installations, interior, offices spaces and security.</p> <p>2. The monthly maintenance costs. These include daily maintenance but exclude replacement maintenance costs and new investments.</p> <p>The rent is based on the 2025 price level and on the principles/concept program set by the European Commission. The rent proposed is based on an interest of 3%, October 2025. The final calculation of the rent will be based on the interest rate valid at the time of signing the lease contract.</p>	
2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)	1008211	The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is EUR 1 008 211 and that the Netherlands does not intend to cover the rent.
3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?	No	
4) Monthly maintenance costs (expressed in EUR/m <sup>2</sup> )	0	The application indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are EUR 0, (under point 1, monthly maintenance costs are included in the rent).
5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?	No	
6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m <sup>2</sup> )	535	The application indicates that the fit-out costs are EUR 535 /m <sup>2</sup> and that the Netherlands intends to cover the fit-out costs.
7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?	Yes	
8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the cost of future upgrade and extension?	No	The application indicates that the Netherlands does not intend to cover the future upgrade and extension and that they will be borne by EUCA.
8.1) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions	The cost of future upgrades and extensions will be borne by EUCA	
9) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)	20	The application indicates that the duration of the lease is 20 years.
10) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease	In the event of early termination of the lease agreement, the Central Government Real Estate Agency will charge the Ministry of Finance the outstanding contract value. The costs of the current contracts and return obligations will also be charged to the Ministry of Finance, which will be fully charged to EUCA.	The application indicates that in the event of early termination of the lease agreement, the Ministry of Finance will be charged the outstanding contract value and EUCA will be charged the costs of the current contracts and return obligations.
11) Other	<p>Notwithstanding the answer to Question 3 of this financial paragraph, the Ministry of Finance offers an annual financial contribution of 1 million euros, starting with EUCA becoming operational in the temporary premises. (See building 2)</p> <p>Our answer '0' on Question 4 of this financial paragraph, should be seen in the perspective that the monthly maintenance costs are included in the monthly rental cost. Monthly maintenance costs include daily maintenance but exclude replacement maintenance costs and new investments.</p> <p>The lease period of 20 years as mentioned in question nine can be renewed.</p> <p>Fit-out costs paid by the Ministry of Finance will be paid up to a maximum of 8 mln euros, including AV and IT facilities. Additional costs will have to be paid by EUCA.</p>	<p>The application indicates that the Netherlands will provide an annual financial contribution of EUR 1 million, starting from when EUCA becomes operational in the temporary premises.</p> <p>It indicates that the monthly maintenance costs (including daily maintenance but not replacement maintenance costs and new investments) are included in the monthly rental cost, and that the lease period of 20 years can be extended.</p> <p>The application also indicates that the Netherlands will pay fit-out costs up to EUR 8 million, including AV and IT facilities.</p>
Summary criterion 1	<p><b>The application indicates the availability of premises 1 located on Churchillplein 1 / 2517JW / The Hague, which offers a total surface of 14 949 m<sup>2</sup> that can host 300 staff. The application indicates that the building will be ready on 1 July 2032, after 66 months of fit out and adaptation works, until which date the temporary premises 2 will be available.</b></p> <p><b>The application indicates the availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board of 10-15 seats, a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone of 60-70 seats + at least 30-40 seats in the back, a medium-sized room of 30-35 seats, 6 small-sized rooms of 10-15 seats. It indicates that state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities are available in all rooms. A lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering is available as well as a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management task' for at least 115 staff, a 24/7 crisis response cell, 3 secure and isolated operational rooms serving as operational facilities, a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area. It indicates the availability of 3 000 m<sup>3</sup> of internal archives capacity, 280 parking spaces and 300 bike parking spaces (inside and outside) available for EUCA. It also indicates the possibility for extension of office space by 4 000 m<sup>2</sup>. The applications indicates that the premises are EMAS verified and that they comply with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications.</b></p>	

	<p>The application indicates the availability of 3 'secure rooms' for 10 persons. It also indicates that the premises have resilient digital infrastructure with multiple fibre entry routes and a diverse carrier ecosystem, including KPN, VodafoneZiggo, and Odido. It indicates the availability of secure, scalable, and EU-sovereign cloud solutions through Dutch and European providers, and that Dutch data centres follow Tier 3 or 4 standards with redundant power and backup systems and that there is ultra-low latency connectivity to European cloud providers, scalable bandwidth, and nationwide 5G coverage, with The Hague being directly connected to major fibre routes and close to AMS-IX and NL-IX exchange points. It indicates that Dutch data centres are increasingly powered by renewable energy, supported by The Hague Security Delta, and that secure cloud solutions through Dutch and European providers are available, along with compliant cybersecurity protocols, multi-factor authentication, and physical security measures. It indicates that continuous monitoring is achieved through SOCs, threat intelligence sharing, and collaborations with entities like The Hague Security Delta and Europol, enhancing resilience against cyber threats with cybersecurity talent sourced from local universities.</p> <p>The application indicates that the monthly rental cost, including parking spaces, is EUR 1 008 211 including maintenance costs and that the fit-out costs are EUR 535/m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that the Netherlands will provide a financial support amounting to an annual EUR 1 million for 24 years. The Netherlands will pay fit-out costs up to a maximum of EUR 8 million.</p>
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Criterion 2 – 'Accessibility of the location'		
Sub criteria	Member State answer	Commission assessment
<b>Public transportation</b> <p>1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals</p>	<p>The Netherlands offers a highly strategic location for operating in Europe. This is a result of the country's favourable, central geographical position, its superb accessibility, and an excellent infrastructure.</p> <p>Amsterdam Airport Schiphol:</p> <p>Amsterdam Airport Schiphol ranks as the fourth-largest airport in the EU, welcoming over 66.8 million passengers annually and offering 301 nonstop destinations across 94 countries. Schiphol Airport has daily flights to all EU capitals and many international locations, including the USA and Asia.</p> <p>The ground connections to and from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol are excellent. The airport is connected to one of the most extensive high-frequency domestic rail networks in Europe and has direct High-Speed rail connections to Brussels, Paris, Frankfurt, and London (Eurostar and ICE).</p> <p>The rail network operating from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol has high frequency services (7 connections per hour) to the Hague as well as frequent connections to all major Dutch cities and towns.</p> <p>You can expect the journey from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to The Hague by train to take around 28 minutes. There are approximately 143 trains per day and direct trains are available. The EUCA premises can be reached by public transport in around 20 minutes.</p> <p>Rotterdam - The Hague Airport:</p> <p>Regional Rotterdam - The Hague Airport has excellent daily connections to more than 50 European cities. Upon arrival, its only a 15-minute drive to The Hague.</p> <p>Train The Hague - Brussels:</p> <p>The fastest train journey from The Hague Central to Brussels Midi takes 1 hour 56 minutes. Approximately 50 trains daily travel between these two locations.</p>	<p>The application indicates that Schiphol Airport welcomes over 66.8 million passengers annually and offers 301 nonstop destinations across 94 countries, with daily flights to all EU capitals and many international locations. It also indicates that the airport is connected to domestic rail networks in Europe and direct high-speed rail connections to Brussels, Paris, Frankfurt and London (Eurostar and ICE) and that the rail network from Schiphol Airport has 7 connections per hour to the Hague and connections to all major Dutch cities and towns.</p> <p>It indicates that a train journey from the airport to The Hague takes around 28 minutes, with approximately 143 trains per day, and that direct trains are available.</p> <p>The application also indicates that the Regional Rotterdam - The Hague Airport has daily connections to more than 50 European cities, with a 15-minute drive to The Hague.</p> <p>The application indicates that the fastest train journey from The Hague to Brussels takes 1 hour 56 minutes with around 50 trains per day.</p>

2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international airport to the premises	Train	The application indicates that there are train connections from the closest international airport to the premises.
Frequency of train connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	10	The application indicates that the frequency of train connections is 10 minutes, and the duration is 29 minutes.
Duration of train connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	29	
3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest international/national train station or other transport hub to the premises	Tram, Bus	The application indicates that tram and bus connections are available from the closest international/national train station to the premises.
Frequency of tram connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	6	The application indicates that the frequency of tram connections is 6 minutes, and the duration is 22 minutes.
Duration of tram connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	22	
Frequency of bus connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	15	The application indicates that the frequency of bus connections is 15 minutes, and the duration is 19 minutes.
Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	19	
4) Other	The Dutch public transport system is well connected. In addition to public transport, The Hague has an excellent biking infrastructure facilitating commuting by bicycle.	The application provides information about the Dutch public transport system and biking infrastructure.
<b>Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises (within 3 km)</b>		
1) Number of 3 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	13	The application indicates the presence of 13 three-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.
2) Number of 4 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	26	The application indicates the presence of 26 four-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.
3) Number of 5 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	4	The application indicates the presence of 4 five-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.
4) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside EUCA premises	The EUCA office is located in The Hague's international zone, which also houses Europol and Eurojust. This zone also houses the World Forum international conference center. The World Forum is a multifunctional building with 12,000 square meters of exhibition space and 35 rooms for both small and large meetings and receptions.	The application indicates that the premises is situated in The Hague's international zone, which also houses Europol, Eurojust and the World Forum international conference centre.
Summary criterion 2	<p><b>The application indicates the availability of train connections (10 min frequency and 29 min duration) that from the closest international airport to the premises, and the availability of bus connections (15 min frequency and 19 min duration) and of tram connections (6 min frequency and 22 min duration) from the closest train station. It indicates that Schiphol airport operates direct flights to 91 destinations and that the Regional Rotterdam - The Hague Airport has daily connections to more than 50 European cities.</b></p> <p><b>The application indicates in the vicinity of the premises the presence of 13 three-star hotels, 26 four-star hotels and 4 five-star hotels. It indicates that the premises are situated in The Hague's international zone, which also houses Europol, Eurojust and the World Forum international conference centre.</b></p>	

<b>Criterion 3 – ‘Existence of adequate education facilities for the children of EUCA’s staff’</b>		
<b>Sub criteria</b>	<b>Member State answer</b>	<b>Commission assessment</b>
1) Number of nurseries	40	The application indicates the presence of 40 nurseries.
2) Language options offered by nurseries	French, German, Dutch, English	The application indicates that Dutch, English, French and German are the languages offered by the nurseries.
3) Additional information concerning nurseries (names, location, capacity, language options offered, etc.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Zein International Childcare (7 locations in The Hague)</li> <li>2. Big Ben Kids (Location in The Hague &amp; Wassenaar)</li> <li>3. Norlandia (Location in Wassenaar for the American School)</li> <li>4. Stepping Stone (2 locations in The Hague)</li> <li>5. Villa Bloom (6 locations in The Hague, 1 in Wassenaar, 1 in Voorburg)</li> <li>6. CompaNanny (5 locations in The Hague)</li> <li>7. Kids and Carrots</li> <li>8. True Colors (Location in Delft and Rijswijk)</li> <li>9. Kindergarten (5 locations in The Hague)</li> </ol>	The application provides names and addresses of 13 nurseries in The Hague.

	10. 2Samen (1 Location in The Hague for French School) 11. Teddy Kids (5 locations in Leiden) 12. Lycee Francaise Van Gogh (1 location in The Hague) 13. German International Kindergarten (1 location in The Hague)	
4.1) Availability and number of multilingual, European-oriented schooling (including European, European accredited and international schools)	30 International schools including 1 accredited European School The Hague English, German, French (among others)  Primary education (The Hague & region) 1. American School of The Hague 2. International School Leiden 3. British School in the Netherlands Junior School Vlaskamp 4. British School in the Netherlands Junior School Leidschenveen 5. Deutsche Internationale Schule 6. Elckerlyc International School 7. European School The Hague 8. NSL location Haagsche School Vereniging (HSV) 9. KSS location HSV 10. VNS location HSV 11. VHS location HSV 12. International School Delft 13. International School of the Hague 14. International Waldorf School The Hague 15. Lighthouse Special Education 16. Le Lycée Francais Vincent van Gogh 17. Sekolah Indonesia 18. Harbour International school Rotterdam  Secondary education (The Hague & region) 19. American School of The Hague 20. British School in the Netherlands 21. Deutsche Internationale Schule 22. European School The Hague 23. International School The Hague 24. Het Rijnlands Lyceum Wassenaar International School 25. International School Delft 26. Le Lycée Francais Vincent van Gogh 27. Het Rijnlands Lyceum Oestgeest International School 28. Sekolah Indonesia School 29. Rotterdam North Anglia School 30. Rotterdam International Secondary School	The application indicates the presence in The Hague and region of 30 international schools (18 providing primary schooling and 12 providing secondary schooling) including 1 accredited European School.
4.2) Language options offered by the European, European accredited and international schools (*)	French, German, Dutch, English	The application indicates that Dutch, English, French, German are the languages offered by the European accredited and international schools.
4.3) Additional information concerning European, European accredited and international schools (names, location, capacity, language options offered, etc.) (*)	European education is highly accessible in proximity to the EUCA office, with both primary and secondary education possibilities at the European School of The Hague (ESH), located within a 3-kilometer radius. As of 2026, an additional wing within the building complex that houses ESH will become available. Following renovation, this facility will provide capacity for approximately 200 additional students. In parallel, broader initiatives are underway to further increase the overall capacity of European education within the region, ensuring sufficient provision to accommodate the planned growth of European institutions in The Hague.	The application indicates that the European School of The Hague is located within 3 km of the premises, that an additional wing of the school will become available as of 2026, and that further initiatives to increase the capacity of European education are underway.  The application indicates that the European School offers complete education in Dutch, English, French, and German and offers subjects in Czech, Italian, Finnish, Greek, Romanian, Polish, Portuguese, Slovenian, and for some year groups also Croatian and Hungarian.

	The ESH offers complete education in Dutch English, German and French but also offers subjects in other languages including: Czech, Italian, Finnish, Greek, Romanian, Portuguese, Slovenian, Polish, Slovenian, Croatian (some year groups), Hungarian (some year groups)	
5) Number of higher education facilities (university level or equal)	16	The application indicates the presence of 16 higher education facilities of university level or equal.
6) Language options offered by the higher education facilities	Dutch, English	The application indicates that Dutch and English are the languages offered by the higher education facilities.
7) Description of higher education facilities (Universities and academic disciplines)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical University Delft (Campus The Hague)</li> <li>2. Technical University Delft</li> <li>3. University of Leiden (Campus The Hague)</li> <li>4. University of Leiden</li> <li>5. The Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Hague</li> <li>6. The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Delft</li> <li>7. Hogeschool Inholland</li> <li>8. Koninklijke Academie van Beeldende Kunsten (KABK)</li> <li>9. International Institute of Social Studies</li> <li>10. The Hague University of Applied Sciences, Zoetermeer</li> <li>11. Hotelschool The Hague</li> <li>12. Erasmus University</li> <li>13. Tio Business School Rotterdam</li> <li>14. Rotterdam University of Applied Sciences</li> <li>15. ROC Mondriaan</li> <li>16. Leiden University of Applied Sciences</li> </ol>	The application provides the names of 16 higher education facilities.
<b>Summary criterion 3</b>	<p><b>The application indicates the presence of 40 nurseries offering Dutch, English, French and German languages. It also indicates the availability in The Hague and region of 30 international schools offering Dutch, English, French and German languages (18 providing primary schooling and 12 providing secondary schooling) including 1 accredited European School. The European School, located within 3 km of the premises, offers complete education in Dutch, English, French and German and subjects in Czech, Italian, Finnish, Greek, Romanian, Portuguese, Slovenian, Polish, Slovenian, and for some year groups also Croatian and Hungarian.</b></p> <p><b>The application also indicates the availability of 16 higher education facilities offering education in Dutch and English.</b></p>	

<b>Criterion 4 – ‘Appropriate access to the labour market, social security and medical care for both children and spouses’</b>		
<b>Sub criterion</b>	<b>Member State answer</b>	<b>Commission assessment</b>
1) Number of hospitals available in the vicinity of the premises	19	The application indicates the availability of 19 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises.
2) Description of access to medical care (access to hospitals and other medical facilities, doctors, spoken languages, etc.)	<p>The International Health Centre The Hague is unique in the Netherlands. The health center provides assistance to more than 30,000 international residents and specializes in supporting employees of international organizations. The center has multilingual medical specialists, including general practitioners, dentists, specialists, and its own pharmacy. The staff is highly knowledgeable about different healthcare systems, language, cultural differences, and working with foreign insurance companies. They collaborate with various foreign-speaking psychiatrists and psychologists in the city. The International Health Centre, which caters to privileged individuals, is ready to accept clients.</p> <p>In addition, The Hague has a well-developed network of general practitioners (289 general practitioners in a 25 km radius), neighborhood care, and youth care. The Centers for Youth and Family also provide English-language information. The academic hospitals in Leiden and Rotterdam are nearby, and hospitals in The Hague, such as Haga and MC Haaglanden, have international departments.</p>	<p>The application indicates that the International Health Centre in The Hague offers specialised assistance to over 30 000 international residents. It provides information about the availability of multilingual medical specialists, including general practitioners, dentists, specialists, and an in-house pharmacy. It indicates that the Centre's staff is used to various healthcare systems, languages, cultural differences and foreign insurance companies. It indicates that the Centre collaborates with psychiatrists and psychologists in The Hague and accepts new clients.</p> <p>The application also indicates that The Hague has 289 general practitioners within a 25 km radius, neighbourhood care, and youth care. The Centres for Youth and Family also provide English-language information. It provides information about the availability of 12 hospitals, 3 of which are within 5 km of the premises, 2 in The Hague area, and 7 within a range of 5 km. It also provides information on 7 independent/private clinics within a 25 km radius.</p>

	<p>Within a distance radius of 25 km from the EUCA office, you can find the following hospitals</p> <p>Three within a radius of 5 km:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HMC – Bronovo – 2,4 km</li> <li>2. HMC – Westeinde – 2,5 km</li> <li>3. Haga Ziekenhuis – 4,5 km</li> </ol> <p>Furthermore within The Hague area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. HMC – Antoniushoeve – 6,8 km</li> <li>5. Reinier de Graaf Ziekenhuis – location Ypenburg – 8,3 km</li> </ol> <p>Within a radius of 25 km:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Reinier de Graaf gasthuis – Delft</li> <li>7. Reinier de Graaf Voorburg</li> <li>8. Reinier de Graaf Naaldwijk</li> <li>9. Haga ziekenhuis Zoetermeer</li> <li>10. Langeland ziekenhuis Zoetermeer</li> <li>11. LUMC Leiden</li> <li>12. Erasmus MC Rotterdam</li> </ol> <p>Besides these 12 hospitals, there are 7 independent/ private clinics within 25 km radius in The Hague area.</p>	
3) Description of access to medical care and social security for EUCA children and spouses not covered by the EU Staff Regulations (benefits, conditions, assistance, etc.)	<p>Children and spouses are in accordance with the Seat Agreement covered for all essential medical care by the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS), unless they take up gainful employment in The Netherlands. In such case, the children or spouse are not covered but can obtain Dutch health insurance to receive medical care. They can register with a Dutch health insurer, pay a monthly premium, and are potentially eligible for a healthcare allowance. This is a government allowance to help pay for health insurance costs. It is available to those who meet certain conditions, such as being at least 18 years old and having a Dutch health insurance policy.</p> <p>The Dutch social security system is available to everyone legally living or working in the Netherlands, including family members. The Dutch system provides various benefits, such as maternity and paternity leave, unemployment benefits, and sickness benefits.</p>	<p>The application indicates that children and spouses of EUCA staff are covered by the Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS), unless they take up gainful employment in The Netherlands, in which case they can obtain Dutch health insurance. It indicates that a government allowance supports health insurance costs under certain conditions.</p> <p>The application indicates that the Dutch social security system is available to everyone legally living or working in the Netherlands and provides maternity and paternity leave, unemployment benefits and sickness benefits.</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 EUCA staff	<p>The Netherlands has a highly developed international job market, offering plenty of opportunities for EUCA family members. We have one of the world's most open and competitive economies with a top 5 ranking in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index and 5 of the top 10 regions in the EU Regional Competitiveness Index. As gateway to Europe, it is home to intergovernmental organisations, multinational companies, universities and start-up and scale-ups. English is the working language in most innovative companies and over 90 percent of the population speaks English.</p> <p>The 'Welcome to NL' platform connects international job seekers to over 5.000 English jobs daily and regionally "the Work in South Holland" platform to 1.500 jobs. The region has multiple international sectors offering opportunities to a range of international talent. Each year over 5.000 professionals are recruited from abroad for 1.000 South Holland-based employers with most finding employment around peace, justice and security in The Hague, in Life Science and Health in Leiden and</p>	<p>The application provides information about the international job market in the Netherlands and about the availability of a 'Welcome to NL' platform connecting international job seekers to over 5 000 English jobs daily and regionally "the Work in South Holland" platform to 1 500 jobs.</p> <p>The application indicates that in 2024, 270 000 English vacancies were posted nationally, with 60% in Randstad and 17% in South Holland and that a radius of 25 km around The Hague saw over 40 000 postings, 80% at higher professional levels. It indicates that English is the working language in most innovative companies and that over 90 % of the population speaks English.</p> <p>It indicates that over 11 000 companies are recognised sponsors by the Dutch Immigration Service, allowing them to hire non-European skilled migrants and that in The Hague, 400 international organisations, including 30 intergovernmental entities</p>

	<p>Rotterdam, Logistics, Energy and Chemical in the port of Rotterdam or the Digital and High Tech around Delft.</p> <p>In 2024 270.000 English vacancies were published in the Netherlands (data Jobfeed). Around 60 percent were located in the Randstad, the core metropolitan area of the Netherlands, and 17 percent in the South Holland province. In a 25 km radius around The Hague over 40.000 english language vacancies were posted in 2024. Around 80 percent of English jobs are at the higher professional level.</p> <p>Over 11.000 companies are registered as recognized sponsor of the Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service. Recognition is a requirement to hire non-European highly skilled migrants. In The Hague 400 international organisations are active, including 30 intergovernmental organisations such as UN, EU and NATO agencies. The peace and justice ecosystem offers employment to 20.000 people, of which 12.000 come from abroad.</p>	<p>like UN, EU and NATO agencies, operate, with the peace and justice sector employing 20 000, including 12 000 foreigners.</p>
5) Availability of services assisting expatriates and foreign nationals in seeking jobs	<p>The Hague offers opportunities for accompanying partners to find paid work or engage in meaningful activities. The Hague International Centre (THIC) supports volunteering, where Dutch is not required, through ACCESS and Volunteer The Hague. The Libraries offer free language courses, and there are many commercial language providers in the region that offer special international crash courses in Dutch and culture.</p> <p>Every year, international fairs and events are held to support the community. The IamExpat fair, focused on service providers and careers, and the Feel at Home events organized by The Hague International Centre, connect the community to social, cultural, and sports clubs.</p> <p>The Hague provides a detailed offer for a soft-landing program to provide optimal expat support for EUCA employees.</p> <p>The Hague will ensure EUCA and its staff feel at home quickly upon relocating to our region. THIC is ready to support EUCA's employees, allowing EUCA to fully focus on its work when establishing its presence in our region. Tailored information and support will be provided to EUCA, its employees, and their family members. This may include English-language information sessions and registration days at a convenient location. All relevant topics will be addressed, in close coordination with EUCA and the national government. THIC has a regional role and offers services to EUCA staff, including those who choose to live just outside the city limits.</p> <p>For EUCA employees and their family members, The Hague offers specialized relocation support. Based on experience with other EU institutions, it is expected that most staff will come from abroad. The Hague's experience with diplomatic and privileged personnel is highly relevant in this context. Thanks to this support, employees will receive a smooth landing and a warm welcome.</p>	<p>The application indicates that The Hague provides opportunities for accompanying partners to find work or participate in meaningful activities, supported by The Hague International Centre (THIC). It indicates that volunteering is facilitated through ACCESS and Volunteer The Hague, and that libraries offer free language courses, while commercial providers offer international crash courses in Dutch and culture.</p> <p>The application indicates that annual fairs and events help connect the community with service providers as well as social, cultural, and sports clubs. It indicates that THIC will offer support to EUCA employees and their families, ensuring a smooth relocation, including English-language information sessions and registration days.</p>
6) Other	<p>Dedicated relocation team led by The Hague International Centre, supporting all EUCA employees – both during the start-up phase and beyond. It coordinates support from its partners in housing, childcare, education, healthcare, language, and dual careers.</p> <p>Special welcome brochures tailored for EUCA, providing practical information about living and working in The Hague region. This is a dedicated edition of the THIC Welcome Guide.</p>	<p>The application indicates that a dedicated relocation team will support EUCA employees as regards housing, childcare, education, healthcare, language, and dual careers, and that special welcome information brochures will be available.</p>

<b>Summary criterion 4</b>	<p><b>The application indicates the availability of 19 hospitals in the vicinity of the premises and that the International Health Centre in The Hague offers specialised assistance to over 30 000 international residents through multilingual medical specialists and an in-house pharmacy. It indicates the availability of 289 general practitioners within 25 km of the premises.</b></p> <p><b>The application indicates that children and spouses of EUCA staff can obtain Dutch health insurance if they take up gainful employment in The Netherlands and that the Dutch social security system is available to everyone legally living or working in the Netherlands and provides maternity and paternity leave, unemployment benefits and sickness benefits.</b></p> <p><b>The application indicates that 400 international organisations operate in The Hague and that 270 000 English vacancies were posted nationally in 2024. It provides information about opportunities for accompanying partners to find work, and about the availability of a dedicated relocation team supporting EUCA employees as regards housing, childcare, education, healthcare, language and dual careers.</b></p>
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<b>'Geographical balance'</b>		
	<b>Member State answer</b>	<b>Commission assessment</b>
Description		The application does not provide information on this point.
<b>Summary</b>	<b>The application does not provide information on geographical balance.</b>	

<b>Any benefits granted in addition to Protocol 7</b>		
	<b>Member State answer</b>	<b>Commission assessment</b>
1) Does the applicant Member State offer additional privileges?	Yes	The application indicates that the Netherlands offers additional privileges.
1.1) If yes, which ones? (*)	<p>The Netherlands provides multiple additional privileges and immunities, comparable to those enjoyed by the European organizations that are currently located in the Netherlands. This includes the following fiscal privileges, which are naturally subject to certain technical conditions and restrictions such as quotas.</p> <p>Staff members of international organisations may be exempt from motor vehicle tax (MRB), car and motorcycle tax (BPM), VAT and customs duties on one or two vehicles intended for personal use. Exemption from excise duties on motor vehicle fuel is also granted in respect of these motor vehicles registered for personal use.</p> <p>Staff members of international organisations who are eligible for the exemptions granted to diplomats with AD status are exempt from paying value added tax (VAT) on goods intended for personal use, exempt from excise duties and VAT with regard to alcoholic beverages and may import goods (including alcohol) from outside the EU, duty-free.</p>	<p>The application indicates that subject to technical conditions and restrictions, the Netherlands offers staff members of international organisations exemption from motor vehicle tax (MRB), car and motorcycle tax (BPM), VAT and customs duties on one or two vehicles intended for personal use and that exemption from excise duties on motor vehicle fuel is granted in respect of motor vehicles registered for personal use.</p> <p>The application indicates that staff members who are eligible for the exemptions granted to diplomats with AD status are exempt from value added tax (VAT) on goods intended for personal use, exempt from excise duties and VAT with regard to alcoholic beverages and may import goods (including alcohol) from outside the EU, duty-free.</p>

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

<b>Do you propose other premises (2)?</b>		
Do you propose other premises (2)?	Yes	

Criterion 1 – ‘The date on which EUCA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation’		
Sub criteria	Member State answer	Commission assessment
<b>Building 2</b>		
<b>Availability of the premises</b>		
1) Address of the proposed premises (Building 2)	Churchillplein 5/ The Hague	The application indicates that the address of the premises 2 is Churchillplein 5/ The Hague.
2) General description of the proposed premises	<p>The Statesman located at Churchillplein 5 in The Hague's international Zone, is a free-standing multi-tenant office building with a professional and international appearance, in the proximity to the projected EUCA office at Churchillplein 1. The building includes a large parking garage and is easily accessible by public transport.</p> <p>The Netherlands offers the Statesman as the temporary office building for EUCA, providing a total floor capacity of approximately 6000 gross floor area square meters, with the possibility to extend with approximately 1000 gross floor area square meters extra.</p> <p>This temporary location can be used by EUCA staff pending the refurbishment and preparation of the permanent building at Churchillplein 1. The temporary office can accommodate 250-300 employees.</p> <p>A part of the office building is already available on a 'turn-key' basis, enabling EUCA to commence immediately. It is expected that the necessary adaptation works of the whole temporary building can be completed within 12 months.</p>	<p>The application indicates that Netherlands proposes a multi-tenant office building called 'the Statesman' as temporary premises for EUCA, and that it is located in the international zone, in the proximity to the projected EUCA office and that it has a total floor capacity of approximately 6 000 m<sup>2</sup>, with the possibility to extend with approximately 1000 m<sup>2</sup> extra.</p> <p>It indicates that this temporary location can accommodate 250-300 employees and that part of the office building is already available on a 'turn-key' basis, enabling EUCA to commence immediately.</p>
3) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works)	The premises of Churchillplein 5 will be ready and available for use at least three months before EUCA becomes operational. For more detail please refer to the answer to question 2 above.	The application indicates that the proposed premises 2 will be ready and available for use at least 3 months before EUCA becomes operational.
4) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)	12	The application indicates that 12 months is the estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works.
<b>Organisation of the premises</b>		
<i>The size of the EUCA's premises should be at least 6 000 m<sup>2</sup> gross floor area above ground. The Commission proposal provided for a EUCA staff of 250 Full Time Equivalents. The final number of staff will depend on the outcome of the negotiations and may increase.</i>		
1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m <sup>2</sup> )	6000	The application indicates that the total surface of the premises is 6 000 m <sup>2</sup> .
2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)	300	The application indicates a maximum staff capacity of the premises of 300 staff.
3) Availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board (10-15 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board of 10-15 seats.
4) Availability of a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone (60-70 seats + at least 30-40 seats in the back)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone of 60-70 seats + at least 30-40 seats in the back.
5) Availability of 'secure room'	Yes	The application indicates that there is a 'secure room'.
5.1) Description of the security features of the 'secure room' (size and security measures applied)	<p>We propose three so-called secure rooms suitable for 10 people x 3m<sup>2</sup> per person – 30m<sup>2</sup> (6m x 5m)</p> <p>With the following security measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access restricted to authorised persons</li> <li>• Interior walls with a high dB requirement</li> <li>• Interior door with a high dB requirement</li> <li>• Acoustic ceilings</li> <li>• Floating floor and floor finish</li> <li>• Protection against eaves-dropping</li> </ul>	The application indicates security features which are the same as for premises 1.

	These features may need to be adapted on the basis of the final Program of Requirements.	
6) Availability of a medium-sized room (30-35 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a medium-sized room of 30-35 seats.
7) Availability of multiple small-sized rooms (10-15 seats)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of 4 small-sized rooms of 10-15 seats.
7.1) If yes, how many? (*)	4	
8) Availability of state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities in the meeting rooms	Yes, in all of them	The application indicates that state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities are available in all meeting rooms.
9) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering.
<b>Specific technical requirements for Data Hub, data analysis, risk management and crisis management activities.</b>		
10) Availability of a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management' task (for at least 115 staff)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management task' for at least 115 staff.
11) Availability of a 24/7 crisis response cell (situation room with capacity for 30 persons)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a 24/7 crisis response cell.
12) Availability of at least two (and ideally three) operational facilities (secure and isolated operational rooms)	Yes	The application indicates the availability of 2 secure and isolated operational rooms serving as operational facilities.
12.1) If yes, how many operational analysis facilities are there? (*)	Two	
13) Availability of a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area	Yes	The application indicates the availability of a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area.
14) Description of the availability and capacity of EU sovereign and highly available telecommunications and networking infrastructure with operational redundancy	<p>The Netherlands offers one of Europe's most advanced and resilient digital infrastructures, fully aligned with EU sovereignty principles. The proposed locations in The Hague benefit from:</p> <p><b>Site resiliency and redundancy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multiple fibre entry routes and physical route diversity are standard in the International Zone and Central Innovation District.</li> <li>- Access to a broad ecosystem of Tier 1 and Tier 2 carriers, complemented by local ISPs (such as KPN, VodafoneZiggo, and Odido).</li> </ul> <p>Dutch data centres typically follow Tier III or Tier IV standards, which include redundant power supply and backup systems such as UPS and generators to ensure continuity during outages or maintenance.</p> <p>Generator capacity during renovation phases is common practice in many facilities, but the exact level of redundancy depends on the chosen location and contractual arrangements.</p> <p><b>Performance and scalability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ultra-low latency connectivity to major European cloud providers and data hubs.</li> <li>- High-capacity fibre networks with scalable bandwidth to support future growth and mission-critical operations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mobile network availability</b></p>	The application provides a description of the available telecommunications and networking infrastructure, which is identical to the one for premises 1.

	<p>-The Netherlands, and specifically The Hague, is covered by a modern, nationwide 5G network with high capacity, ensuring reliable mobile connectivity for critical operations.</p> <p><b>Proximity to Optical Fiber Highways</b> The Hague is directly connected to major regional and international fibre routes, ensuring high-speed, high-capacity data transfer across Europe.</p> <p><b>Internet presence and exchange points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Hague is in close proximity to AMS-IX (Amsterdam Internet Exchange) and NL-IX (Neutral Internet Exchange), two of the world's largest Internet Exchange Points.</li> <li>- AMS-IX and NL-IX rank among the world's largest Internet Exchanges. AMS-IX connects over 895 networks and handles an average traffic of around 9.5 Tbps, with peaks reaching 14 Tbps. NL-IX operates across 96 data centers in 16 cities, with average traffic around 1 Tbps and peaks above 8 Tbps. These figures illustrate the robustness and scalability of the Dutch internet infrastructure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Operational redundancy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dutch data centres increasingly operate on renewable energy and independent power sources, reducing grid dependency and enhancing resilience.</li> <li>- Dutch grid operators apply congestion management strategies to address capacity limitations. These measures aim to optimize grid usage and, under certain regulatory frameworks (e.g., ACM prioritization rules), projects with significant societal value can receive priority. However, this is not an automatic guarantee; prioritization depends on regulatory conditions and agreements with network operators.</li> </ul> <p>This infrastructure is complemented by the Netherlands' strong cybersecurity ecosystem, anchored by The Hague Security Delta (Europe's largest security cluster). While cybersecurity in the Netherlands is based on the principle of organizational responsibility—each entity is accountable for its own IT and cyber resilience—there is a broad and competitive offering of services and expertise available to meet EUCA's needs. Combined, these assets provide EUCA with access to a highly available, redundant, and future-proof digital environment.</p>	
15) Description of the available cloud-based data storage network solutions	EUCA will have access to secure, scalable, and EU-sovereign cloud solutions through leading Dutch and European providers. The Netherlands hosts multiple ISO 27001-certified data centres and offers hybrid and private cloud options tailored to EU compliance requirements. Connectivity to major cloud platforms (including EU-based services) is ultra-low latency via AMS-IX and NL-IX. Solutions include encrypted storage, redundancy across geographically dispersed sites, and integration with the EU Customs Data Hub. These services align with GDPR and EU cybersecurity standards, ensuring sovereignty and resilience.	The description is identical to the one for premises 1.
16) Internal archives capacity of the premises	Yes	The application indicates that the internal archives capacity of the premises is 1 000 m <sup>3</sup> .
16.1) Archives volume (expressed in m <sup>3</sup> ) (*)	1000	
17) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for EUCA	123	The application indicates that there are 123 parking spaces and 100 bike parking spaces (inside and outside) available for EUCA.
18) Number of bike parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for EUCA	100	
19) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area	Yes	The application indicates that it is possible to extend office space in the original premises or the nearby area by 1 000 m <sup>2</sup> .
19.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m <sup>2</sup> ) (*)	1000	

20) Are the premises EMAS verified?	No	The application indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified.
21) Description of the premises' sustainability. If not EMAS certified, description of additional national/international sustainability certifications	The building has a BREEAM in-Use certificate: 2 stars (good). Additionally, the building currently has energy label B, which is expected to be upgraded to A in the next 1,5 years.	The application indicates that the building has a BREEAM in-use certificate 2 stars (good) and energy label B.
22) Description of the general compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications of the premises including for environmental, security and safety standards as well as for accessibility for people with disabilities	Compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications will be realised to the extent that they are applicable to the prescribed functionalities in the building.	The application indicates that compliance with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications will be ensured.
23) Description of the digital security and connectivity features with regard to physical and digital infrastructure, in particular those allowing EUCA to comply with relevant cybersecurity standards and legislation and for all core facilities to implement certified protocols for end-to-end encryption of data, enforce access controls and deploy advanced systems for continuous issue detection, timely reporting and affective response	<p>The proposed locations in The Hague are embedded in Europe's leading cybersecurity ecosystem, which offers access to advanced cybersecurity services in compliance with EU standards and legislation. It is important to note that cybersecurity in the Netherlands operates under the principle of shared responsibility: each organization is primarily responsible for its own IT and cyber measures. However, there is a strong and diverse ecosystem available to support EUCA's requirements when needed.</p> <p>End-to-end encryption and certified protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full implementation of certified encryption protocols for data in transit and at rest.</li> <li>- Support for EUCA's se</li> </ul> <p>End-to-end encryption and certified protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Full implementation of certified encryption protocols for data in transit and at rest.</li> <li>- Support for EUCA's secure Data Hub operations, including cryptographic solutions developed within the EU.</li> </ul> <p>Access control and identity management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Multi-factor authentication and role-based access.</li> <li>- Segregated technical rooms for sensitive operations.</li> <li>- Physical security integrated into building design (perimeter protection, CCTV, secure zones).</li> <li>- Continuous monitoring, incident response and ecosystem support</li> </ul> <p>Advanced Security Operations Centres (SOCs) are available in the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Threat intelligence sharing via the International Organisations ISAC in The Hague.</li> <li>- Opportunities for collaboration with The Hague Security Delta (HSD), the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), Europol and Eurojust, subject to separate agreements.</li> <li>- Integration with public-private partnerships for resilience against state and criminal cyber threats.</li> <li>- Access to cybersecurity and technical talent through partnerships with Delft University of Technology, Leiden University and The Hague University of Applied Sciences.</li> </ul> <p>Combined with the city-wide Cyber Secure The Hague program, redundant connectivity, sovereign hosting options, and proximity to quantum-secure communication research (among others at QuantumDelta, TNO, Delft University of Technology and Leiden University), these features ensure that EUCA can access a secure and future-oriented environment with ample resources to meet its cybersecurity needs.</p>	The application provides information similar to the information provided for premises 1.
24) Other	To avoid unnecessary costs Netherland offers initially 6000 square meters which is scalable with 1000 extra square meters, depending on the office space needed by EUCA, for an accordingly increased rent.	The application indicates the possibility to rent more parking spaces.

	There is a possibility for EUCA to rent more parking spaces.	
<b>Financial terms</b>		
1) Description of the financial terms	<p>The monthly rent is € 154161. This rent excludes VAT, as EUCA can request to be exempted from VAT.</p> <p>This estimate is based on the Commission's request for proposals, which included requirements for housing 250-300 employees, a management board room, multiple small-sized rooms, a secure room, an archive room, and car and bike parking spaces.</p> <p>Our bid assumes a total gross floor area of 6000 m<sup>2</sup>, with space for 250-300 employees, scalable with 1000 square meters</p> <p>The monthly rent is based on the current request of the Commission. The monthly amount may be adjusted once the final program of requirements (PoR) is published.</p> <p>The Ministry of Finance offers an annual financial contribution of 1 million euros for a period of 24 years, starting with EUCA becoming operational in the temporary premises.</p> <p>The rent is based on a cost-covering rent. The rent covers the following subjects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The investment in the building, EUCA particular wishes, sustainability, monumental qualities, technical installations, interior, offices spaces and security.</li> <li>2. The monthly maintenance costs. These include daily maintenance but exclude replacement maintenance costs and new investments.</li> </ol> <p>The rent is based on the 2025 price level and on the principles/concept program set by the European Commission. The rent proposed is based on an interest of 3%, October 2025. The final calculation of the rent will be based on the interest rate valid at the time of signing the lease contract.</p>	<p>The application indicates that the monthly rent for the premises is EUR 154 161, excluding VAT and that the rent is based on the requirement to host 250-300 employees, a management board room, multiple small rooms, a secure room, archives and parking for cars and bikes.</p> <p>It indicates that the premises include 6 000 m<sup>2</sup> of gross floor area for 250-300 employees, with potential expansion of 1 000 m<sup>2</sup> for up to 450 employees, that the rent covers investment in the building, adaptation to EUCA's needs, sustainability, technical installations, interior, security, and monthly maintenance costs, excluding replacement maintenance or new investments.</p> <p>The application indicates that the Netherlands offers an annual contribution of EUR 1 million for 24 years, starting from EUCA's installation in the temporary premises.</p>
2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)	154161	The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is EUR 154 161 EUR and that the Netherlands does not intend to cover the rent.
3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?	No	
4) Monthly maintenance costs (expressed in EUR/m <sup>2</sup> )	0	The application indicates that the monthly maintenance costs are EUR 0 (see below under 'other').
6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m <sup>2</sup> )	333	The application indicates that the fit-out costs are EUR 333/m <sup>2</sup> and that the Netherlands intends to cover the fit-out costs.
7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?	Yes	
8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the cost of future upgrade and extension?	No	The application indicates that the Netherlands does not intend to cover the future upgrade and extension, which will be borne by EUCA.
8.1) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions	The cost of future upgrades and extensions will be borne by EUCA	
9) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)	7	The application indicates that the duration of the lease is 7 years.
10) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease	In the event of early termination of the lease agreement, the Central Government Real Estate Agency will charge the Ministry of Finance the outstanding contract value. The costs of the current contracts and return obligations will also be charged to the Ministry of Finance, which will be fully charged to EUCA.	The application provides information similar to the information provided for premises 1.
11) Other	<p>Notwithstanding the answer to Question 3 of this financial paragraph, the Ministry of Finance offers an annual financial contribution of 1 million euros starting with EUCA becoming operational in the temporary premises.</p> <p>Our answer '0' on Question 4 of this financial paragraph, should be seen in the</p>	The application indicates that the Netherlands will provide an annual financial contribution of EUR 1 million, starting from when EUCA becomes operational in the temporary premises.

	<p>perspective that the monthly maintenance costs are included in the monthly rental cost. Monthly maintenance costs include daily maintenance but exclude replacement maintenance costs and new investments.</p> <p>Fit-out costs paid by the Ministry of Finance will be paid up to a maximum of 2 mln euros. Additional costs will have to be paid by EUCA.</p>	<p>It indicates that the monthly maintenance costs (including daily maintenance but not replacement maintenance costs and new investments) are included in the monthly rental cost.</p> <p>The application also indicates that the Netherlands will pay fit-out costs up to EUR 2 million.</p>
<b>Summary criterion 1</b>	<p><b>The application indicates the availability of premises 2 located on Churchillplein 5 / 2517JW / The Hague, which offers a total surface of 6 000 m<sup>2</sup> that can host 300 staff. The application indicates that the building will be available for use at least 3 months before EUCA becomes operational.</b></p> <p><b>The application indicates the availability of a dedicated meeting room for the executive board of 10-15 seats, a dedicated Management Board room in the secure zone of 60-70 seats + at least 30-40 seats in the back, a medium-sized room of 30-35 seats, 4 small-sized rooms of 10-15 seats. It indicates that state-of-the-art meeting and videoconference facilities are available in all of the meeting rooms. A lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering is available as well as a dedicated, secured and restricted area for 'data management task' for at least 115 staff, a 24/7 crisis response cell, 2 secure and isolated operational rooms serving as operational facilities, a call centre, incident management and service desk facilities in the secured and restricted area. It indicates the availability of 1 000 m<sup>3</sup> of internal archives capacity, 123 parking spaces and 100 bike parking spaces (inside and outside) available for EUCA. It also indicates the possibility for extension of office space by 1 000 m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that the premises are not EMAS verified and that they will comply with the Manual of Standard Building Specifications.</b></p> <p><b>The application indicates the availability of 3 'secure rooms' for 10 persons. It indicates that the premises have resilient digital infrastructure with multiple fibre entry routes and a diverse carrier ecosystem, including KPN, VodafoneZiggo, and Odido. It indicates the availability of secure, scalable, and EU-sovereign cloud solutions through Dutch and European providers, and that Dutch data centres follow Tier 3 or 4 standards with redundant power and backup systems and that there is ultra-low latency connectivity to European cloud providers, scalable bandwidth, and nationwide 5G coverage, with The Hague being directly connected to major fibre routes and close to AMS-IX and NL-IX exchange points. It indicates that Dutch data centres are increasingly powered by renewable energy, supported by The Hague Security Delta, and that secure cloud solutions through Dutch and European providers are available, along with compliant cybersecurity protocols, multi-factor authentication, and physical security measures. It indicates that continuous monitoring is achieved through SOCs, threat intelligence sharing, and collaborations with entities like The Hague Security Delta and Europol, enhancing resilience against cyber threats with cybersecurity talent sourced from local universities.</b></p> <p><b>The application indicates that the monthly rental cost is to EUR 154 161 excluding VAT, and the fit-out costs are EUR 333/m<sup>2</sup>. The application indicates that the Netherlands will provide a financial support amounting to an annual EUR 1 million for 24 years and will pay fit-out costs up to a maximum of EUR 2 million.</b></p>	

<b>Criterion 2 – 'Accessibility of the location'</b>		
<b>Sub criteria</b>	<b>Member State answer</b>	<b>Commission assessment</b>
<b>Public transportation</b>	<p>1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals</p> <p>The Netherlands offers a highly strategic location for operating in Europe. This is a result of the country's favourable, central geographical position, its superb accessibility, and an excellent infrastructure.</p> <p>Amsterdam Airport Schiphol:</p> <p>Amsterdam Airport Schiphol ranks as the fourth-largest airport in the EU, welcoming over 66.8 million passengers annually and offering 301 nonstop destinations across 94 countries. Schiphol Airport has daily flights to all EU capitals and many international locations, including the USA and Asia.</p> <p>The ground connections to and from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol are excellent. The airport is connected to one of the most extensive high-frequency domestic rail networks in Europe and has direct High-Speed rail connections to Brussels, Paris, Frankfurt, and London (Eurostar and ICE).</p> <p>The rail network operating from Amsterdam Airport Schiphol has high frequency</p>	See above for building 1.

	<p>services (7 connections per hour) to the Hague as well as frequent connections to all major Dutch cities and towns.</p> <p>You can expect the journey from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport to The Hague by train to take around 28 minutes. There are approximately 143 trains per day and direct trains are available. The EUCA premises can be reached by public transport in around 20 minutes.</p> <p>Rotterdam - The Hague Airport: Regional Rotterdam - The Hague Airport has excellent daily connections to more than 50 European cities. Upon arrival, it's only a 15-minute drive to The Hague.</p> <p>Train The Hague – Brussels: The fastest train journey from The Hague Central to Brussels Midi takes 1 hour 56 minutes. Approximately 50 trains daily travel between these two locations.</p>	
2) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest <u>international airport</u> to the premises	Train	The application indicates that train connections are available from the closest <u>international/national train station</u> to the premises.
Frequency of train connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	10	The application indicates that the frequency of train connections is 10 minutes, and the duration is 28 minutes.
Duration of train connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	28	
3) Availability and types of public transport connections from the closest <u>international/national train station</u> or other transport hub to the premises	Tram, Bus	The application indicates that tram and bus connections are available from the closest <u>international/national train station</u> to the premises.
Frequency of tram connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	6	The application indicates that the frequency of tram connections is 6 minutes, and the duration is 22 minutes.
Duration of tram connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	22	
Frequency of bus connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	15	The application indicates that the frequency of bus connections is 15 minutes, and the duration is 19 minutes.
Duration of bus connections (expressed in minutes) (*)	19	
4) Other	The Dutch public transport system is well connected. In addition to public transport, The Hague has an excellent biking infrastructure facilitating commuting by bicycle.	The application provides information similar to the information provided for premises 1.
<b>Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises (within 3 km)</b>		
1) Number of 3 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	13	The application indicates the presence of 13 three-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.
2) Number of 4 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	26	The application indicates the presence of 26 four-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.
3) Number of 5 star hotels in the vicinity of the premises	4	The application indicates the presence of 4 five-star hotels in the vicinity of the premises.
4) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside EUCA premises	The EUCA office is located in The Hague's international zone, which also houses Europol and Eurojust. This zone also houses the World Forum international conference center. The World Forum is a multifunctional building with 12,000 square meters of exhibition space and 35 rooms for both small and large meetings and receptions.	See above for building 1.
Summary criterion 2	<p><b>The application provides the same information on public transportation and accommodation facilities as for premises 1. The text below reproduces the premises 1 summary.</b></p> <p><b>The application indicates the availability of train connections (10 min frequency and 29 min duration) that from the closest <u>international airport</u> to the premises, and the availability of bus connections (15 min frequency and 19 min duration) and of tram connections (6 min frequency and 22 min duration) from the closest <u>train station</u>. It indicates that Schiphol airport operates direct flights to 91 destinations and that the <u>Regional Rotterdam - The Hague Airport</u> has daily connections to more than 50 European cities.</b></p>	

The application indicates in the vicinity of the premises the presence of 13 three-star hotels, 26 four-star hotels and 4 five-star hotels. It indicates that the premises are situated in The Hague's international zone, which also houses Europol, Eurojust and the World Forum international conference centre.