

Assessment EMA - Offer by Sweden - Stockholm		
Criterion/specific issue	Information provided in the Offer	Commission assessment
<p>1) The assurance that the agency can be set up on site and take up its functions at the date of the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the Union</p> <p><i>This criterion concerns in particular the availability of appropriate office premises in time for the Agency to be able to take up its functions at the new location at the withdrawal date. This should include the necessary logistics and sufficient space for offices, meeting rooms and off-site archiving, high-performing telecommunication and data storage networks as well as appropriate physical and IT security standards.</i></p>		
<p>1.1 Necessary logistics and sufficient space (a total of 27,000 m<sup>2</sup> of office space) for...</p>	<p>"Sweden offers the EMA a choice of secure premises in Stockholm [...] [including] in the centre of Stockholm's life science cluster, [with] the opportunity to influence the design of the building such that it suits the requirements and needs of the Agency [...] Sweden will assist the EMA in finding temporary office premises for the EMA's transition team immediately following a decision to relocate to Stockholm." (p. 7) "All the options will meet the needs and requirements in the specification and description of functions." (p. 8)</p> <p>1) "Life City - an extraordinary building is taking shape at this very moment [...] Life City is the primary option that Sweden judges best meets the EMA's needs. Life City is the show-case building at the epicentre of Stockholm life science cluster and offers 28,000 square meters of space, more than meeting the EMA's requirements. The building is a new build, with the option of designing the building entirely to suit the EMA's purposes, thus guaranteeing a high-quality and fit-for-purpose solution." (p. 9) "Linked to the Life City building, but in a separate building, Genen, there is an additional approximately 600 square meters of office and conference space". (p. 10)</p> <p>2) "Should the EMA prefer a building other than Life City, Stockholm's former Central Post Office building is an alternative option. Located in the government district, next to Stockholm's Central Station and the express train to Stockholm Arlanda Airport, the building enjoys one of the very best locations in the Swedish capital. The Stockholm Central Post Office building was completed in 1903 and was considered to be one of the foremost monumental buildings in Sweden at the time. The amount of space available is 30,000 square metres." (p. 10)</p> <p>3) "Sweden is able to offer alternative options that also meet the EMA's requirements and needs, such as Härden 15 – an existing building in the vicinity of Karolinska Institutet [...] This building currently provides 22,000 square metres of office space with room for workstations, conference rooms and a dining hall." (p. 11)</p>	<p>The offer indicates the availability of a main proposed building, <i>Life City</i>, with 28,000 m<sup>2</sup> of space with a possibility of adding on 600 m<sup>2</sup>, and a second option, the Central Post Office building, with 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> of space. The offer also indicates possible other options, in particular a third option, Härden 15, with 22,000 m<sup>2</sup> of space.</p> <p>According to the offer, all the options for buildings meet the needs and requirements of EMA.</p>

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<b>1.1.1 ...offices, to host 890 members of staff. EMA has 18,500 m<sup>2</sup> in offices and open-plan with capacity for 1,300 office work stations and adequate internal meeting rooms</b>	1) "The floors are unique in their size, with 4,200 square meters on five out of six floors (excluding the ground floor). The large floors each have room for over 400 workstations...there is an additional approximately 600 square meters of office and conference space ." (p. 10) 2) "The building is a functioning workplace for 1,300 people. " (p. 10) 3) "...to be ready for the new tenants...with 900 workstations...and conference rooms ." (p. 11)	The offer indicates the availability of space for 1,300 work stations in the first two proposed buildings and for 900 stations in the third proposed building. The offer does not provide detailed information on the availability of internal meeting rooms.
<b>1.1.2 ...meeting rooms, a total of 6,000 m<sup>2</sup>. These meeting rooms should have internet 4G connection, audio and video conference facilities, broadcasting and recording equipment and a voting system per seat. EMA has:</b>		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of meeting rooms with conference facilities.
<b>1.1.2.1 five rooms with 70-120 seats</b>		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of meeting rooms with 17-120 seats.
<b>1.1.2.2 two rooms with 35 seats</b>		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of meeting rooms with 35 seats.
<b>1.1.2.3 ten rooms with 4-24 seats</b>		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of meeting rooms with 4-24 seats.
<b>1.1.3 ...one enclosed lounge of 500 m<sup>2</sup> and another lounge for 50 persons, both lounges with desk/work stations and storage facilities</b>		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of lounges.
<b>1.1.4 ...an auditorium for around 300 people</b>		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of an auditorium.
<b>1.1.5 ...a 250 m<sup>2</sup> reception area, with disability access as well as with adequate security structure in the vicinity</b>	1) "The entrance floor will be developed with a generous and welcoming foyer. " (p. 9) 2)- 3)-	The offer indicates the availability of a reception for building 1), without providing specific information on the number of m <sup>2</sup> , disability access and security structure. The offer does not provide information on the availability of a reception for buildings 2) and 3).
<b>1.1.6 ...archiving facilities:</b>		
<b>1.1.6.1 EMA's off-site archive is 600 m<sup>2</sup> and 9m high</b>	1) "Archiving facilities will be offered close to the office premises ." (p. 4) 2) "Archiving opportunities near the office: Sweden will offer the EMA archiving opportunities that meet the EMA's requirements. " (p. 12) 3) The offer refers, in this context, to the Nya Karolinska hospital and to the availability of additional options close to the EMA's office space (p. 12)	The offer provides general information on the availability of off-site archives, without providing specific details on these.

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1.1.6.2 On site, EMA has an archive room of approx. 30 m <sup>2</sup> as well as on-floor filing rooms on floors 1 and 5-10 of 5 m <sup>2</sup> each		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of on-site archives.
1.2 Appropriate physical security standards		
1.2.1 Access control systems		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of access control systems.
1.2.2 Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of Closed Circuit Television.
1.3 Appropriate IT systems and security standards	The offer indicates that the Swedish life science sector can provide assistance with regard to the IT requirements of EMA; that in Stockholm "there will easily be opportunities for IT connectivity for offices and workstations with no need for major additional investment"; that G4 network exists as standard in Stockholm; and that EMA will be given "unique opportunities to easily build up its own fibre-optic network " (p. 12)	
1.3.1 Centralised Uninterruptible Power Supply		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of Centralised Uninterruptible Power Supply.
1.3.2 WiFi throughout the premises		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of WiFi throughout the premises.
1.3.3 Technical rooms, main and secondary equipment rooms, IT build and IT store rooms		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of technical, equipment and IT rooms.
1.3.4 A telecommunications network with high capacity digital network and with high-speed connectivity		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of telecommunications network.
1.3.5 High-performing data storage networks		The offer does not provide specific information on the availability of data storage network.
1.3.6 A main and a backup data centre for disaster recovery, both to be accessible from EMA premises via a fast high volume internet or fibre connection. Security and operational IT standards apply	"Sweden will offer the EMA a data centre that meets the EMA's requirements [...] close to the EMA's office " (p. 10)	The offer indicates Sweden's intention to offer EMA a data centre according to EMA's requirements.

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1.4 Availability	<p>1) "Life City is projected to be completed by Q3/2020. If the EMA chooses the building, there are possibilities to accelerate the construction schedule. Should it prove necessary, Sweden is able to offer the EMA high-quality temporary premises in a very central location, such as the Central Post Office building [...]The extra building will be able to be taken into use on 1 April 2019." (p. 10)</p> <p>2) "The premises would be able to be used by the EMA on 1 April 2019." (p. 10)</p> <p>3) The office will become available in Q2 2019 and is estimated to be ready for new tenants six months later." (p. 11)</p>	<p>The offer indicates that the main proposed building will be completed Q3/2020, with the extra building being available as of 1 April 2019. The offer indicates that the second building will be available on 1 April 2019; while the third building will be available in Q2 2019 and ready for use 6 months later.</p>
1.5 Other	<p>"Should it prove necessary, Sweden is able to offer the EMA high-quality temporary premises in a very central location, such as the Central Post Office building (Centralposthuset)." (p. 10)</p> <p>"Immediately following a decision to relocate to Stockholm, Sweden will assist the EMA in finding temporary office premises for the EMA's transition team. The premises will be of a high standard in an excellent location in Stockholm city centre, with at least 40 workstations and several meeting rooms. Where necessary, the EMA will have access to additional meeting and conference premises of the size required." (p. 12)</p>	<p>The offer indicates Sweden's ability to offer EMA temporary premises, e.g. the Central Post Office building.</p>
<b>GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF CRITERION 1</b>		<p>The offer provides general information on a main proposed building (<i>Life City</i>) with 28,000 m<sup>2</sup> of space with a possibility of adding 600 m<sup>2</sup> (<i>Genen</i>), and a second option (<i>Stockholm's former Central Post Office building</i>) with 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> of space. The offer also mentions possible other options, in particular a third option (<i>Härden 15</i>) with 22,000 m<sup>2</sup> of space.</p> <p>According to the offer, all the options for buildings meet the needs and requirements of EMA, without commenting on individual requirements.</p> <p>The offer indicates that the main proposed building will be completed Q3/2020, with the extra building being available as of 1 April 2019. The offer indicates that the second building will be available on 1 April 2019; while the third building will be available in Q2 2019 and ready for use 6 months later.</p>

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<b>2) The accessibility of the location</b> <i>This criterion concerns the availability, frequency and duration of flight connections from the capitals of all EU Member States to the airports close to the location, the availability, frequency and duration of public transportation connections from these airports to the location, as well as the quality and quantity of accommodation facilities. In particular, the criterion implies the capacity to allow for the continuation of the volume and intensity of current meeting activities of the Agency.</i>		
<b>2.1 Flight connections from the capitals of all EU Member States to the airports close to the location</b>	<i>"Sweden has excellent direct links by air between Stockholm and the capitals of other EU Member States. There is also a willingness to further increase the number of direct flights based on the needs of the EMA's 36,000 annual visitors if the EMA relocates to Stockholm [...] 4 airports in Stockholm: Arlanda, Bromma, Skavsta, Västerås ." (p. 13)</i>	
<b>2.1.1 Availability</b>	<i>"Today there are direct flights between Stockholm (Stockholm Arlanda Airport, Stockholm Bromma Airport, Stockholm Skavsta Airport and Stockholm Västerås Airport) to a majority of EU capitals ." (p. 14)</i>  A list is provided of European flight destinations with departures/week and flight time: 23 EU capitals (p. 14)	The offer indicates the availability of direct flights to 23 EU capitals.
<b>2.1.2 Frequency</b>	See 2.1.1.	The offer indicates the frequency of flights to EU capitals ranging from 3 flights to Valletta/Zagreb to 141 flights to Copenhagen.
<b>2.1.3 Duration</b>	See 2.1.1.	The offer indicates the duration of flights to EU capitals ranging from 55 min to Helsinki and Tallinn to 4h30 min to Lisbon.
<b>2.2 Public transportation connections from these airports to the location</b>	<i>"The fast Arlanda Express train takes travellers to Stockholm Central Station in 20 minutes. There are six trains an hour at peak times [...] Stockholm Bromma Airport is most easily reached by taxi or shuttle bus. It takes 15 minutes by taxi and 20 minutes by shuttle bus from central Stockholm ." (p. 16)</i>	
<b>2.2.1 Availability</b>		The offer indicates public transportation (train) connecting the airport and Stockholm Central Station (SCC), with building 1) being connected to SCC via metro and train and building 2) being located next to SCC.
<b>2.2.2 Frequency</b>		The offer does not provide specific information on the frequency of public transport connections between the airports and the proposed locations.

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<b>2.2.3 Duration</b>		The offer indicates public transportation (train) connecting the airport and Stockholm Central Station (SCC) in 20 min, without specifying the duration to the proposed locations.
<b>2.3 Accommodation facilities</b>		
<b>2.3.1 Quality</b>	<i>"Stockholm city centre has a wide range of hotels. There is something for every taste and budget, from large well-known hotel chains to small family hotels. The accommodation is well in tune with what the EMA's visiting experts and other visitors demand ."</i> (p. 16)	The offer indicates the availability of a wide range of hotels, from large, well-known hotels to small family hotels.
<b>2.3.2 Quantity (daily peak hotel capacity needed of 350 rooms)</b>	<i>"Today there are 17,000 hotel rooms in different price categories within a 10-minute journey of Stockholm Central Station. There are 7,300 hotel rooms within a 10-minute walk of Stockholm Central Station. From these more than 7,000 hotels, it is possible to walk to Stockholm's many tourist destinations and the capital's wide and varied range of restaurants. The Greater Stockholm Region as a whole boasts more than 35,000 hotel rooms. This already considerable hotel capacity continues to grow. By the end of 2018, there will be 18,000 rooms in the city centre and about 40,000 rooms in the Greater Stockholm Region as a whole. "</i> (p. 16)	The offer indicates the present availability of 35,000 hotel rooms in the Greater Stockholm Region, increasing by end of 2018 to 40,000 hotel rooms.
<b>2.4 Other</b>	<i>"There is a willingness to increase the number of direct flights based on the needs of the EMA's 36,000 annual visitors if the EMA relocates to Stockholm ."</i> (p. 14)	The offer provides additional information on, in particular, the intention to increase the number of flights if EMA relocates to Stockholm.
<b>GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF CRITERION 2</b>		<p>The offer indicates the availability of direct flights between Stockholm and 23 EU capitals, with a frequency ranging from 3 to 141 flights per week and a duration ranging from 55 min. to 4h30min.</p> <p>The offer indicates the availability of public transportation connections between the airport and the Stockholm Central Station (SCC), with a duration of 20 minutes.</p> <p>Building 1) is connected to SCC via metro and train, while building 2) is located next to SCC.</p> <p>The offer indicates the availability of 35,000 hotel rooms in the Greater Stockholm Region, ranging from large well-known hotel chains to small family hotels.</p>

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<p><b>3) The existence of adequate education facilities for the children of agency staff</b></p> <p><i>This criterion concerns the availability of multi-lingual, European-oriented schooling that can meet the needs for education facilities for the children of the current staff as well as the capacity to meet also the future education needs.</i></p>		
<p><b>3.1 Availability of multi-lingual, European-oriented schooling that can meet the needs for education facilities for the children of the current staff as well as the future education needs. As of September 2016, EMA's 890 members of staff have 648 children aged 0 to 18, of which...</b></p>	<p><i>"If EMA is relocated to Stockholm, Sweden will start an accredited European school from 1 January 2019, where places will be offered to the children of EMA employees. Sweden already has a wide and large range of international schools to offer, with teaching in a number of languages [...] Children of EMA employees will be offered preschool provision and access to compulsory and upper secondary education in the Greater Stockholm Region in accordance with Swedish law ." (p. 17)</i></p> <p><i>"Sweden will offer children of employees at the MEA and ECDC education at an accredited European school, a multilingual European-oriented school, from the spring term of 2019. The Swedish Government is therefore preparing an application for an accredited European school type 2 for the Office of the Secretary-General of the European Schools (OSGES). The application concerns nursery, primary and secondary education, encompassing ages 4-18, to conclude with the European Baccalaureate ." (p. 18)</i></p> <p><i>"[...] there are already many international schools at compulsory and upper secondary level in the Greater Stockholm Region. In the majority of these schools, the language of instruction is English (sometimes in combination with Swedish) and there are also international schools with German, French, Spanish and Dutch as the language of instruction ." (p. 19)</i></p> <p>A list of 11 international schools in the Greater Stockholm Region is provided (p. 18)</p> <p>Upper secondary education in Sweden lasts three or four years and is voluntary. There are 18 national programmes: twelve vocational programmes and six programmes leading to higher education.</p>	

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<p><b>3.1.1 ... 117 in nursery/day care; 96 in pre-school; 231 in primary school;</b></p>	<p><i>"Childcare has been a high priority welfare issue in Sweden for many years. The system is well developed and provision is of a high quality. 85 percent of children in Sweden attend a preschool from the age of one. All children are guaranteed childcare from the age of one through a municipal undertaking and as a rule staff have an education qualification at upper secondary or higher education level. "</i> (p. 21)</p> <p><i>"In Sweden, the municipalities are responsible for ensuring that children receive a preschool place, provision that must be offered without delay and as close to the child's home as possible. In line with the city's place guarantee, Stockholm offers preschool places to children from the age of one onwards who are entered in the population register in the city. The place guarantee conveys the right to a place within three months and covers all municipal preschools and independent preschools that have chosen to contribute to the guarantee by signing up to the city's shared queue system.</i></p> <p><i>From the year in which a child reaches the age of six, he or she must be offered a place in a preschool class. However, children can start attending a preschool class from the age of five. The preschool class is free of charge. Compulsory education in Sweden lasts nine years, with each academic year divided into two terms, an autumn term and a spring term. In the City of Stockholm, there are approximately 260 compulsory schools and 45 compulsory schools for children with special needs, offering a number of different specialisations and focuses ."</i> (p. 19)</p> <p>See 3.1</p>	<p>The offer provides general information on the availability of preschools from the age of 1, with a guaranteed place by law and free of cost, without specifying their linguistic offer beyond Swedish, and of compulsory preschool classes from the age of 5 or 6. The offer indicates that compulsory education lasts 9 years. The offer also indicates the existence of 11 international schools in the Greater Stockholm Region with instruction in Swedish, English, German, French, Spanish or Dutch, without specifying the capacity or number of available places</p> <p>The offer indicates Sweden's intention to open an accredited European school from 1 January 2019 covering nursery, primary and secondary education and concluding with the European Baccalaureate.</p>
<p><b>3.1.2 ... 149 in second level;</b></p>	<p>See 3.1 and 3.1.1</p>	<p>The offer indicates that compulsory education lasts 9 years. The offer indicates the existence of 11 international schools in the Greater Stockholm Region with instruction in English, German, French, Spanish or Dutch, without specifying the capacity of number of available places.</p>
<p><b>3.1.3 ... 55 in third level/university</b></p>	<p><i>"Upper secondary education in Sweden lasts three or four years and is voluntary. There are 18 national programmes: twelve vocational programmes and six programmes leading to higher education ."</i> (p. 19)</p> <p><i>"There are approximately 50 university colleges, universities and private education providers in Sweden, about half of which are located in the Greater Stockholm Region. These include Uppsala University, the oldest university in the Nordic countries, which has the broadest range of courses of all Swedish universities and university colleges. Swedish universities and university colleges offer degree programs of a European standard [...] Sweden has about 1,115 bachelor's and master's programmes in English, about 400 of which are in the Greater Stockholm Region ."</i> (p. 19)</p>	<p>The offer provides general information on the availability of upper secondary education and on the availability of higher education at universities in the Greater Stockholm Region with 400 bachelor's and master's programmes in English.</p>
<p><b>3.2 Other</b></p>		

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<b>GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF CRITERION 3</b>		<p>The offer indicates the existence of preschools from the age of 1, with a guaranteed place by law and free of cost, without specifying their linguistic offer beyond Swedish.</p> <p>The offer indicates the existence of Swedish schools and 11 international schools in the Greater Stockholm Region with instruction in Swedish, English, German, French, Spanish or Dutch, without specifying the capacity or number of available places. The offer indicates Sweden's intention to open an accredited European school from 1 January 2019 covering nursery, primary and secondary education and concluding with the European Baccalaureate.</p> <p>The offer indicates the existence of upper secondary education and of higher education at universities in the Greater Stockholm Region with 400 bachelor's and master's programmes in English.</p>
<b>4) Appropriate access to the labour market, social security and medical care for both children and spouses</b> <i>This criterion concerns the capacity to meet the needs of the children and spouses of the current as well as of future staff for social security and medical care as well as the availability to offer job opportunities for these.</i>		
<b>4.1 Capacity to meet the needs of the children and spouses of the current as well as of future staff as regards...</b>		
<b>4.1.1 ... social security</b>	<p><i>"An important point of departure in Sweden's EMA candidacy is that EMA employees and ED CD employees will be offered the same benefits [...]</i></p> <p><i>The Centre shall be exempt from all compulsory contributions to social security schemes in Sweden in respect of the staff of the Centre. The Centre shall provide social security protection according to the rules and regulations applicable to officials and other servants of the EU ." (p. 21)</i></p>	<p>The offer does not provide information on access to social care to children and spouses to EMA staff.</p>

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<b>4.1.2 ... medical care</b>	<p><i>"An important point of departure in Sweden's EMA candidacy is that EMA employees and EDCD employees will be offered the same benefits [...] Members of the staff of the Centre and their family members shall have access to primary health care in the health care facilities of Stockholm County Council on the same terms as Swedish residents. The Swedish authorities will ensure this right is met by taking the appropriate measures to that effect. If members of the staff of the Centre and their family members need emergency health care the county councils shall offer such services ." (p. 21)</i></p> <p><i>"Swedish health care is easily accessed and absolutely world-class [...] With the new Karolinska University Hospital and the major investments being made in other hospitals in Stockholm, the EMA's employees and their families will have access to high-quality health care for emergency and chronic health issues. Several development initiatives are currently being introduced to improve health care further. These include more patient-oriented care and digital solutions. " (p. 21)</i></p>	<p>The offer indicates that children and spouses of EMA staff have access to health care in Sweden. The offer also indicates the existence of medical facilities in Stockholm.</p>
<b>4.2 Job opportunities for children and spouses of current and future staff</b>	<p><i>"Sweden has the strongest labour market in the whole of the EU5. Demand for labour will remain high in the years ahead. This creates excellent opportunities for accompanying family members of EMA employees to quickly obtain high-quality jobs. To facilitate matching between job-seekers and employers, special matching activities will be arranged for accompanying family members. These initiatives supplement the ordinary initiatives geared towards international talent run by the Swedish Public Employment Service[...] There are excellent opportunities for family members accompanying EMA employees to quickly obtain high-quality employment. The region has knowledge-intensive industry, which means that the job opportunities in general are greater in those occupations and sectors that demand longer education and greater experience. The best job opportunities are in computing, technology, science and health care, as well as social work, education and construction. There is also a large public sector at national, regional and local level with excellent job opportunities. " (p. 22)</i></p> <p><i>"English skills are good in the local population and Sweden ranks highly in various rankings of English skills. This provides every opportunity for accompanying family members to benefit from experiences and education in the Swedish job market." (p. 22)</i></p>	<p>The offer provides general information on job opportunities in Sweden in a wide range of private and public sectors, in particular in the knowledge-intensive industry.</p>
<b>4.3 Other</b>		

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<b>GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF CRITERION 4</b>		<p>The offer indicates that children and spouses of EMA staff have access to health care in Sweden and the existence of medical facilities in Stockholm, without indicating access to social security.</p> <p>The offer provides general information on job opportunities in Sweden in a wide range of private and public sectors, in particular in the knowledge-intensive industry.</p>
<p><b>5) Business continuity</b>  <i>This criterion is relevant given the critical nature of the services provided by the Agencies and the need therefore to ensure continued functionality at the existing high level. The criterion relates to the timeframe required to fulfil the four criteria above. It concerns amongst other things the ability to allow the Agencies to maintain and attract highly qualified staff from the relevant sectors, notably in case not all current staff should choose to relocate. Furthermore, it concerns the capacity to ensure a smooth transition to the new locations and hence to guarantee the business continuity of the Agencies which should remain operational during the transition.</i></p>		
<p><b>5.1 Timeframe required to fulfil the four criteria above</b></p>	See a)	<p>The offer provides general information on a relocation plan by which the move of EMA's operations into the chosen premises is scheduled for 2019, with further details to be established in cooperation with EMA.</p>

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<b>5.2 Ability to allow EMA to maintain and attract highly qualified staff from the relevant sectors</b>	<p><i>"Sweden is capable of meeting the EMA's skills needs now and in the future. One of Stockholm's foremost assets is the population's high level of education and a highly qualified workforce. As a result of the major public and private investments in biopharmaceuticals, e.g. [...], a move to Sweden and Stockholm means an injection of regulatory expertise in this field for the EMA. There is significant education provision for regulatory expertise in the Greater Stockholm Region, such as training for pharmacists and dispensers. Training in the production and regulation of biopharmaceuticals is unique. In addition, the expertise and skills of the existing workforce, originating in the fact that two major pharmaceutical companies ... have a long history in Sweden, should also be mentioned. This involves expertise in processes, toxicology, clinical trials and pharmaceutical development in general [...] Stockholm's strength in ICT means that any required increased digitisation of the EMA's work processes will be able to be met. Sweden's proportion of specialists in ICT, measured as a proportion of the workforce is also one of the highest in Europe. Stockholm offers high-quality education in law and economics. This feeds into a good pool of talent for recruitment in these areas too." (p. 30)</i></p>	<p>The offer provides detailed information on the possibility for EMA to recruit from Sweden's pool of experts in processes, toxicology, clinical trials, ICT, law, biopharmaceuticals and economics. The offer does not provide information as regards EMA ability to maintain current staff.</p>
<b>5.3 Smooth transition to the new locations - EMA can remain operational during the transition</b>	<p><i>"Were the EMA to relocate to Stockholm, Sweden would specifically task the Swedish Medical Products Agency with assisting the EMA, including with training and secondment of staff if needed [...] The Swedish Medical Products Agency is prepared to shoulder up to 10 percent of the UK's workload, once the UK exits the EU. If the EMA moves to Stockholm, Sweden will also consider carrying out the unfunded duties that are currently carried out by the UK. " (p. 25 + 27)</i></p>	<p>The offer indicates Sweden's intention to task the Swedish Medical Products Agency with assisting EMA, including with training and secondment of staff and of the intention of that agency to shoulder up to 10 percent of the UK's workload and possibly further duties.</p>

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<p><b>5.4 Other</b></p>	<p>"Sweden will set up a special office, a One-Stop Shop, to support relocation of the EMA to Stockholm. The task of this office will be to assist the employees and their families with the move, and also to aid the EMA as an organisation with the relocation. A mobile app #EMAtoSweden is an additional feature of the One-Stop Shop. The app will provide detailed information and guides, adapted to the target group, on house hunting, work for accompanying family members, childcare and parental allowance, schools, health care and social insurance, courses in Swedish at the right level, and training courses on Swedish society. " (p. 22 + 27)</p> <p>"The location of the ECDC in Stockholm means that major synergies can be attained between the ECDC and the EMA, contributing towards stronger public health protection while also saving resources. " (p. 25)</p> <p>"The ECDC has been based in Stockholm for some time. The EMA and the ECDC being in close proximity would produce synergies and support cooperation between the agencies in relevant areas, such as vaccines and antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The relocation of the EMA to Sweden could therefore strengthen Europe's defence against international health threats. Synergies between the EU's agencies can also lead to financial savings for the EU. " (p. 27)</p> <p>"Sweden has a long tradition of close cooperation in life science between academia, business and the healthcare sector. This cooperation has been a successful model in developing a number of medical innovations, including medicines, instruments and treatments. Sweden's patient register and biobanks offer unique opportunities for clinical trials and further strengthen the life science cluster [...] The combined Swedish academic life science network is hugely competitive. The network guarantees an intellectual environment and access to experts and well-educated people. " (p. 28)</p>	<p>The offer argues for the presence of synergies between EMA and ECDC, strengthening Europe's defence against international health threats and possibly leading to financial savings.</p> <p>The offer indicates Sweden's intention to set up a special office to support EMA, its staff and their families through the relocation.</p>

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<b>GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF CRITERION 5</b>		<p>The offer provides general information on a relocation plan by which the move of EMA's operations into the chosen premises is scheduled for 2019, with further details to be established in cooperation with EMA.</p> <p>The offer provides detailed information on the possibility for EMA to recruit from Sweden's pool of experts in a wide range of sectors. The offer does not provide information as regards EMA ability to maintain current staff.</p> <p>The offer indicates Sweden's intention to task the Swedish Medical Products Agency with assisting EMA, including with training and secondment of staff, and of the intention of that agency to shoulder up to 10 percent of the UK's workload and possibly further duties.</p> <p>The offer indicates Sweden's intention to set up a special office to support EMA, its staff and their families through the relocation.</p>
<p><b>6) Geographical spread</b>  <i>This criterion relates to the agreed desirability of geographical spread of the agencies' seats, and to the objective set in December 2003 by the representatives of the Member States, meeting at Head of State or Government level and confirmed in 2008</i></p>	<p><i>"The fact that the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) also has its base nearby means that major synergies can be attained between the ECDC and the EMA, helping to boost public health protection in Europe, while simultaneously saving resources for the EU. " (p. 4)</i></p> <p><i>"The ECDC has been based in Stockholm for some time. " (p. 27)</i></p>	<p><b>Sweden hosts one EU decentralised agency, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) in Stockholm.</b></p>
<b>SPECIFIC ISSUES</b>		
<b>a) The Member State's plan for...</b>		
<p><b>... when would the relocation take place</b></p>	<p><i>"The Swedish Government has already begun planning the activities that would need to be carried out following a decision on relocation by 1 April 2019, as Sweden recognises that the EMA will need high-quality support from the host country during the relocation process. This will guarantee a smooth transition. Sweden's overarching plan for relocation of the EMA to Sweden is presented below. A more detailed plan will be drawn up in close cooperation with the EMA. " (p. 26)</i></p> <p>A timeline 2017-2020 is provided, indicating a number of actions of preparation, with the move of EMA's operations into the chosen premises indicated for 2019. (p. 26)</p>	<p>The offer provides general information on a relocation plan by which the move of EMA's operations into the chosen premises is scheduled for 2019, with further details to be established in cooperation with EMA.</p>

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... how would the relocation take place?	See a) 1	The offer indicates a plan as developed by Sweden, with further details to be established in cooperation with EMA.
How would this plan ensure that the Agency remains operational?	The offer indicates Sweden's readiness to provide EMA with temporary premises (see section 1.1) See 5.3 + 5.4	The offer indicates Sweden's readiness to provide EMA with temporary premises, its intention to task the Swedish Medical Products Agency with assisting EMA, including with training and secondment of staff, as well as its intention to set up of a special office to support the relocation of EMA.
GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC ISSUE a)		<p><b>offer indicates a relocation plan by which the move of EMA's operations into the chosen premises is scheduled for 2019, with further details to be established in cooperation with EMA.</b></p> <p><b>The offer indicates Sweden's readiness to provide EMA with temporary premises, its intention to task the Swedish Medical Products Agency with assisting EMA, including with training and secondment of staff.</b></p> <p><b>The offer indicate Sweden's intention to set up of a special office to support the relocation of EMA.</b></p>
b) The premises that would be offered to be rented or put at the disposal of the Agency indicated in the offer, including temporary premises	See 1.1	The offer provides general information on a main proposed building, Life City, and a second option, the Central Post Office building, with 30,000 m <sup>2</sup> of space. The offer also mentions possible other options. According to the offer, all the options for buildings meet the needs and requirements of EMA.
How would these premises meet the specific needs of the Agency?	See above	According to the offer, all the options for buildings meet the needs and requirements of EMA, without commenting on individual requirements.

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GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC ISSUE b)		The offer provides general information on a main proposed building, <i>Life City</i> , and a second option, the <i>Central Post Office</i> building. The offer also mentions possible other options. According to the offer, all the options for buildings meet the needs and requirements of EMA, without commenting on individual requirements.
c) The financial terms for the Agency's use of these premises	"Sweden intends to meet the Agency's rent costs for the first three years." (p. 33)	The offer does not provide information on the financial terms for the EMA's use of the premises.
Would the Member State pay the rent for a given period or indefinitely?	See Section c)	The offer indicates that Sweden intends to meet EMA's rent costs for the first 3 years.
GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC ISSUE c)		The offer does not provide information on the financial terms for the EMA's use of the premises. The offer indicates that Sweden intends to meet EMA's rent costs for the first 3 years.
d) The terms concerning maintenance of the building	"In Sweden the landlord is responsible for ensuring that office premises are in the condition required by the tenant. Future expansion options are available both within the buildings concerned and in neighbouring blocks." (p. 33)	The offer provides general information on the landlord being responsible for ensuring that office premises are in the condition required by the tenant.
The terms concerning upgrading the building or future extensions of the building	"The building offers future expansion opportunities [...] In addition there will be opportunities to grow outside the <i>Life City</i> building in neighbouring blocks." (p. 9)	The offer indicates the possibility for future extensions of the first proposed building, without specifying any terms.
GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC ISSUE d)		The offer provides general information on the landlord being responsible for ensuring that office premises are in the condition required by the tenant and that there are options for future expansions, without providing information on the financial terms.
e) Any special conditions offered with regard to all costs and dedicated infrastructures		The offer does not indicate special conditions with regard to costs and dedicated infrastructures.

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<b>f) Any benefits that would be granted to the Agency and/or its staff (in addition to those following from Protocol No 7 on the privileges and immunities of the European Union)</b>	<p>"Regarding the Agency/organisation, Sweden's offer to the EMA will draw on the Seat Agreement for the ECDC. According to the Agreement, Protocol No 7 [...] will apply. Sweden can also be said to have more generous rules on immunity and privileges. Article 3 of the Protocol states that "the Union/organisation, its assets, revenues and other property shall be exempt from all direct taxes...but no exemption shall be granted in respect of taxes and dues which amount merely to charges for public utility services". Electricity, water, refuse collection and telecommunications are VAT deductible (for an organisation) in Sweden. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs' guidelines for diplomatic staff, career consuls and international organisations contain the following examples of VAT deductible services." (p. 33)</p> <p>"When it comes to what Sweden will offer EMA employees and family members, a Seat Agreement for the EMA will draw on the Seat Agreement for the ECDC. According to the Agreement, Protocol No 7 [...] will apply. Sweden also has more generous rules on immunity and privileges than the Protocol. For example, Articles 7.4–7.5 of the Seat Agreement and the Deputy Director together with members of their families forming part of their households shall, provided they are not Swedish nationals or permanent residents of Sweden be accorded the immunities and privileges... The Ministry for Foreign Affairs shall, in accordance with the Aliens Act, issue temporary residence permits to family members of the staff of the Centre, who are nationals of third countries. [...] In addition to the One-Stop shop [...], EMA employees and their family members will also have access to an easily accessible contact point at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for registering staff and family members, issuing ID cards, any work permits (for accompanying third-country citizens) and other matters regarding their registration and special status in Sweden ." (p. 33-34)</p> <p>"The EMA's employees and their families will be offered to rent high-quality rental apartments in central Stockholm. " (p. 25)</p> <p>"The EMA's employees and their families will be guaranteed high-standard rented apartments near to the office premises. " (p. 31)</p>	<p>The offer provides detailed information on the benefits that Sweden intends to provide in addition to Protocol No 7 to EMA (benefits in particular as regards tax exemption and VAT deductibility of costs) and to EMA staff, spouses and children:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Immunities and privileges to the Director and Deputy Director and their families</li> <li>- Temporary residence permits to family members who are third country nationals;</li> <li>- One-Stop shop service; and</li> <li>- Guarantee high-standard rented apartments near to EMA premises.</li> </ul>
<b>Member State's commitment to confirm the conditions offered in a headquarters agreement with EMA</b>	<p>"Sweden would enter into a Seat Agreement with the EMA in good time before the EMA relocated to Stockholm ." (p. 25)</p>	<p>The offer indicates that a headquarters agreement will be signed with EMA.</p>
<b>OTHER POSSIBLE RELEVANT ISSUES MENTIONED IN THE OFFER</b>		