

Member State application to host the Anti-Money Laundering/Countering the Financing of Terrorism Authority (AMLA)

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‘When selecting the location, the co-legislators have agreed that they will ensure that, given the nature of AMLA, the location enables the Authority to fully execute its tasks and powers, to recruit highly qualified and specialised staff, to offer adequate training opportunities for AML/CFT activities, where relevant, to allow for close cooperation with Union institutions bodies and agencies, and in order to avoid reputation risks, to consider how ML/FT risks are adequately addressed in the Member State based on publicly available, relevant and comparable information such as FATF reports.’

Description

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Located at the heart of the European Union, with Belgium being one of its founding members, Brussels is considered as the capital of Europe and is ideally placed to host the headquarters of the European Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA). Brussels has created a unique European ecosystem by being the seat of the main European institutions such as the European Parliament, the Commission and the Council of the EU. Considered as a European and international decision-making center, Brussels is Europe's first leading congress city and the second international congress city.

Belgium is ready to offer safe, high-quality infrastructure for the AMLA, near the European institutions. This proximity of the EU institutions and other EU bodies with which AMLA will need to cooperate will significantly reduce costs both during the period in which AMLA is being established and afterwards once AMLA is fully operational.

Brussels has a long experience in setting up international organisations and agencies and can offer logistical convenience with plenty of office space available at short notice that meets European standards.

Brussels is home to NATO and 8 related agencies and centers, 25 United Nations programmes and agencies and 32 other intergovernmental organizations of various sizes. 2,400 head offices of international associations and 1,500 international associations have established their European headquarters or sales subsidiaries in Brussels.

There is nothing that would prevent AMLA from fully executing its tasks and powers if it would join these international organisations by having its seat in Brussels.

Belgium is one of the most international countries in Europe, with expats making up more than 10% of the workforce. More than 140,000 European foreigners are currently working in Brussels.

The city, home to numerous international institutions, global financial players, advocacy groups, lobbying companies, law firms and others offers an extensive pool of highly qualified and specialised staff (as well as challenging employment opportunities for the family members of staff).

There is a wide range of conference venues in Brussels where AMLA could organise AML/CFT training and activities . Other organisations also offer AML/CFT training in Brussels in English, French and Dutch

Choosing for Brussels as location to set up AMLA would come with significant cost reductions: AMLA would be based in the proximity of most important EU institutions, bodies and agencies with which it will collaborate. The European legislative actors (EU Parliament, Commission and Council) are all situated in Brussels, as well as the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), enabling AMLA to work closely together on AML/CFT issues.

The headquarters of other important EU bodies can be reached in just a few hours by train:

- Located in Luxemburg, the European Public Prosecutor's Office and the Court of Justice of the European Union are reachable by direct train connection of 3h30;
- In The Hague, Europol and Eurojust are reachable with a train ride of less than 2h;
- Located in Paris, the European Banking Authority is reachable with a direct train connection less than 3h;
- In Frankfurt, the European Central Bank can be reached by direct train connection of 3h30;
- In addition, there is the availability of easy air d-services to major capitals of the world

The reduction in travel and accommodation costs due to Brussels' central location and proximity to the other institutions would represent a huge cost savings compared to several other potential locations.

Cost reduction will be particularly high in the first years of setting up AMLA, when there will be an almost permanent cooperation, for example:

- With the Commission for the adoption of the first regulatory and implementing technical standards (RTS and ITS) in implementation of the AML Regulation and Directive;
- With the Commission and the EBA when taking over the management of two existing infrastructures: the AML/CFT database, currently managed by the European Banking Authority and the secure communication network for FIUs, FIU.net, which has been transferred to DG FISMA in Brussels and uses the datacentre of OLAF, also based in Brussels.

But also, once AMLA is fully operational, cooperation will be necessary, for example:

- With OLAF, Europol, Eurojust and EPPO: in relation to Article 80 of the draft AMLA Regulation requiring a close relationship between AMLA, OLAF, Europol, Eurojust and EPPO, AMLA's proximity to these institutions will facilitate the establishment of separate working agreements defining the modalities of their cooperation.
- With the Commission and co-legislators: AMLA will easily provide advice and input to the Commission and co-legislators on many aspects of AML/CFT policy, including on risks linked to jurisdictions outside the Union.

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There would be no reputational risk if AMLA were to be established in Brussels.

Belgium has a longstanding experience in assessing and addressing its ML/TF risks and has been a forerunner in a number of areas in this field. For many years, Belgium has taken an approach based on risks in its AML/CFT activities and initiatives and the Belgian authorities possess a strong culture of fighting ML/TF.

A central role is played by the CTIF, which is not only the Belgian FIU, but in that capacity also ensures the coordination of the ML/TF risk assessments and the AML/CFT policy. Since its creation in 1993, CTIF has been an active pioneer in international cooperation between FIUs. The Egmont Group was created in 1995 on the initiative of the CTIF and FinCEN, and the Secretary-General of the CTIF is currently the chairman of the Advisory Group of FIU.net.

The risk-based approach has led Belgium to take AML/CFT measures that go beyond FATF standards or EU Directives. For example, Belgium extended the group of obliged entities with a number of sectors for which the national ML/TF risk assessments showed that they posed an increased ML/TF risk, in particular the diamond and the football sector. Belgium also restricted payments in cash to 3.000 euros as one of the measures to combat money laundering.

The last few years, Belgium has developed a UBO-register with a sophisticated automated IT system, which comprises cross-checks, validations and structured data on ownership chains in which more than 90% of companies have registered their beneficial owners. Belgium also consistently and meticulously implements European targeted financial sanctions. Following the invasion of Russia by Ukraine, Belgium has blocked and frozen billions worth of Russian assets as a result of close cooperation between competent authorities and financial institutions based in Belgium.

Since then, Belgium has further strengthened its AML-framework, among others by transposing the 4th and the 5th AML-Directive into Belgian law. This progress was recognised in the third Follow-Up Report in 2018, in which the FATF re-rated Belgium on 15 of the 40 Recommendations. With 37 of the 40 recommendations largely or fully compliant with the FATF standards, Belgium now has one of the world's strongest AML-frameworks.

Belgium has also taken to heart the recommendations in the FATF report that might increase the effectiveness of its AML-framework. This resulted in an improvement of the AML supervision on the obliged entities, the strengthening of the cooperation and exchange of information between competent authorities and with the private sector, and the establishment of a BO register that is seen as an example for others.

Belgium is committed to continue these efforts and is ready to be the first FATF-member to be assessed in the 5th round.

The last full evaluation of Belgium by the FATF dates back to 2014. The report of this evaluation concluded that Belgium at that time already had the core elements of a sound AML/CFT-regime, but some elements were not yet fully in line with the FATF Recommendations. It noted in particular that Belgium had established a system for assessing the ML/TF risks and that it uses an understanding of these risks as a basis for developing AML/CFT activities. The report also recognises the high standards of the research done by the FIU, the discrete but effective TF investigations and prosecutions and the good quality of international cooperation.

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CRITERION 1

'The date on which AMLA can become operational on site after the entry into force of the Regulation'

Building 1

Should there be more premises proposed, please see at the end of the survey.

1) Description of the proposed premises 1 (Address and general description)

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Avenue Louise 104/106
1000 Brussels

The Precedent is a beautiful renovation and extension project of office space for rent in the Louise district of Brussels. With a total surface area of +/-8000m² spread over 9 floors.

The offices for rent are located in the Louise district on one of the most prestigious avenues in Brussels, Avenue Louise, in the commune of Ixelles. This avenue is very easy to access by car via the inner ring road and very well served by public transport.

The Louise district is very lively: you will find a mix of office buildings, housing, shops, restaurants and hotels. Avenue Louise itself is very popular for office rentals. Many companies have set up shop in the area, ranging from smaller companies sharing coworking spaces to large companies with a fully rented building.

The project is very much focused on the well-being of its future occupants. Everything is designed to offer the most modern, comfortable and sustainable techniques to the tenants. The Precedent will offer a lot of daylight and an ecological environment, which will be much appreciated by your employees. You will find all the necessary comfort to work in the best possible conditions.

Availability of the premises

1) Timeline of the availability of the premises (before fit-out and necessary adaptation works) as soon as possible after the entry into force of the Regulation

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Date or estimated period.

Q1 2024

2) Estimated time needed for fit-out and adaptation works (expressed in months)

Please introduce only numbers.

3

Organisation of the premises

Indicatively, and depending on the final number of staff (between 250 and 400 staff members), the size of the AMLA's premises should be between 6.000 to 10.000 square meters gross floor area above ground.

1) Total surface of the premises (expressed in m²)

Please introduce only numbers.

8340

2) Staff capacity (expressed in maximum number of staff)

Please introduce only numbers.

400

3) Availability of one large meeting room (including for the meetings of the General Board) (approx. 300 m²)

Yes

No

4) Number of meeting rooms for more than 40 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

1

5) Number of meeting rooms for 25-35 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

1

6) Number of meeting rooms for 13-15 persons

Please introduce only numbers.

5

7) Availability of a lounge area for lunch and/or dinner catering

Yes

No

8) Availability of a dedicated area for FIU (around 30 individual offices)

Yes

No

9) Internal archives capacity of the premises

Yes

No

9.1) Archives volume (expressed in m³)

Please introduce only numbers.

70.62

10) Number of parking spaces (inside and outside) - available for AMLA

Please introduce only numbers.

58

11) Possibilities for extension of office space in its original premises or the nearby area

- Yes
 No

11.1) Surface for possible extensions (expressed in m²)

Please introduce only numbers.

10000

12) Are the premises EMAS verified?

The EU Eco-Management and Audit Scheme ([EMAS](#)) is a premium management instrument developed by the European Commission for companies and other organisations to evaluate, report, and improve their environmental performance.

- Yes
 No

13) Description of the general compliance with the [Manual of Standard Building Specifications](#) of the premises including for environment performance standards

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In accordance with the imposed regulations. New or fully renovated building.

14) Description of the digital security and connectivity with regard to physical and IT infrastructure

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In particular, access to high-speed internet (5G or fiber).

Fiber and ID access can be provided.

15) Other

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For any other relevant information related to this topic.

As a single tenant, meeting rooms can be provided on each floor. The walls can be removed and spaces can be rearranged depending on needs of the occupier.

Financial terms

1) Description of the financial terms

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Costs: 40€/m²/year
Property taxes: 30€/m²/year
Regional taxes: 17€/m²/year
Local taxes: 17€/m²/year
Inside parking: 2000€/p/year
Floor -1 (archives): 100€/m²/year
Floor 1-4: 275€/m²/year
Floor 5-9: 300€/m²/year

2) Monthly rental cost (expressed in EUR)

Please introduce only numbers.

40189

3) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the rent?

- Yes
 No

3.1) Will the applicant Member State cover the rent

- Indefinitely
 For a given period of time

4) Monthly maintenance costs (expressed in EUR/m²)

Please introduce only numbers.

0

5) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the maintenance costs?

- Yes
 No

6) Fit-out costs (expressed in EUR/m²)

Please introduce only numbers.

0

7) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the fit-out costs?

- Yes
- No

8) Does the applicant Member State intend to cover the future upgrade and extension?

- Yes
- No
- Depends

9) Financial conditions of future upgrades and extensions

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The fact that the building is new or totally renovated implies no immediate upgrades.

10) Duration of the lease (expressed in years)

Please introduce only numbers.

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11) Financial conditions of termination before the end of the lease

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To to be negotiated.

12) Description of any special conditions with regard to the costs and dedicated infrastructure

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This questions does not relate to benefits additional to Protocol 7.

Not applicable.

13) Other

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For any other relevant information related to this topic.

Fit-out costs and maintenance costs are yet to be calculated according to the specific needs of the occupier.

CRITERION 2

'Accessibility of the location'

Public transportation

1) Description of the access to air and rail transport linking the location with European capitals

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Air transport:

Brussels airport is the main airport of Belgium and has excellent connections. It is located at 14 km from the city center of Brussels. It has more than 200 passenger connections, including 135 to other European cities. Direct flights to over 248 destinations are available at Brussels airport.

Rail transport:

High-speed trains are available linking Brussels to London, Paris, Amsterdam and Frankfurt. 60 million Europeans can reach their capital in less than two hours.

- London: 1h55, 5 direct connections per day
- Paris: 1h20, 18 direct connections per day
- Amsterdam: 1h50, 16 direct connections per day
- Frankfurt: 3h, 5 direct connections per day

2) Availability and types of public transport connections **from the closest airport to the premises**

between 1 and 4 choices

Train

- Metro
- Tram
- Bus

Frequency of **train** connections (expressed in minutes)

Duration of **train** connections (expressed in minutes)

Frequency of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

Duration of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

3) Availability and types of public transport connections **from the closest international/national train station to the premises**

between 1 and 4 choices

- Local train
- Metro
- Tram
- Bus

Frequency of **metro** connections (expressed in minutes)

Duration of **metro** connections (expressed in minutes)

Frequency of **tram** connections (expressed in minutes)

Duration of **tram** connections (expressed in minutes)

Frequency of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

Duration of **bus** connections (expressed in minutes)

4) Other

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For any other relevant information related to this topic.

You can also easily reach the premises with the shared mobility offered in Brussels

- Bikes and electric bikes: Villo!, blue bike, Dott, Tier, Poppy, Bolt
- Electric scooters: Lime, Dott, Tier, Poppy, Pony, Bolt, Voi
- Scooters: Felyx
- Shared cars: Cambio, Poppy, Miles

Accommodation facilities in the vicinity of the premises

1) Number of 3 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.

2) Number of 4 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.

3) Number of 5 star hotels at walking distance from the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

By walking distance is meant up to 1 km.

4) Number of 3 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

5) Number of 4 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

6) Number of 5 star hotels beyond walking distance in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

7) Description of available facilities for events and conferences outside AMLA premises

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More than 200 venues in a variety of locations such as historic, cultural or contemporary buildings, convention centers,...(not to mention the meeting spaces offered by Brussels' many MICE hotels)
 Venues more than 1000 : + 20
 Venues between 500 & 1000 : +22
 Venues between 250 & 500 : +36
 Venues between 100 & 250 : + 80
 Venues less than 100 : + 32

8) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

CRITERION 3

'Existence of adequate education facilities for the children of AMLA's staff'

1) Number of nurseries

Please introduce only numbers.

117

2) Language options offered by the nurseries

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3) Additional information concerning nurseries (names, location, language options offered, etc.)

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To make a list of the day nurseries in Brussels, we looked at the places where most expat families live. It should be noted that this list is exhaustive and does not include all existing nurseries in Brussels.

1 Petit Envol

Rue au Bois, 513 - 1150 Woluwe-Saint-Pierre
French

2 Crèches de Belgique

Mechelsesteenweg, 366 - 1950 Kraainem
English, Dutch

3 AC Montessori Kids

Route de Rénipont, 4 - 1380 Lasne
English, French

4 Babilou Belgium (14 nurseries in and around Brussels)

Rue Colonel Bourg, 23 - 1140 Evere (Headoffice)

Dutch is the general language of instruction within our nurseries, but we also give positive attention to the home language.

5 British School - Kinder Crib

Pater Dupierreuxlaan 1, 3080 Tervuren
English

6 L'Ecole des Petits

Rue Zeecrabbe, 19 - 1180 Uccle
English, French

7 International Montessori School

Rotselaerlaan, 1 - 3080 Tervuren
English, French

8 Le Jardin d'Eden Europa (European area & Uccle)

Quartier Européen
English, French, Dutch

9 Little Sprouts

Rue Alphonse Asselberghs, 51 - 1180 Uccle
English, French

10 Les Maisons d'enfants ESEDRA (4 crèches)

Place de Jamblin de Meux, 30 - 1030 Schaerbeek
English, French

11 Nanny's Home

rue des Cottages, 29 - 1180 Uccle.
French

12 Petit Bouh!

Avenue des Bécassines, 18 - 1160 Auderghem
French

13 Sweety Crèche
Rue Alphonse Asselbergs, 51 - 1180 Uccle
English, French

14 Le Val Fleuri
Rue Gatti de Gamond 140-1180 Bruxelles
French

15 Victoria Cerise (Woluwe St Lambert & Evere)
Rue Frans van Cutsem, 17 - 1140 Evere
English, French

4) Availability of European Schools or accredited European Schools

More information available here <https://www.eursc.eu/en>

- Yes
 No

4.1) Language options offered by the European Schools or accredited European Schools

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4.2) Additional information concerning European Schools or accredited European Schools (names, location, language options offered, etc.)

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European Schools

- Bruxelles I (Uccle and Berkendael)
- Bruxelles II (Woluwe and Evere)
- Bruxelles III (Ixelles)
- Bruxelles IV (Laeken)
- École européenne de Bruxelles-Argenteuil (Waterloo)
- Bruxelles V (project)
- Temporary school in Evere

About the languages: European Schools offer different languages section which, depending on the needs, can represent all the languages of the European Union. Pupils are enrolled in their mother tongue section. Throughout their scholarship, they keep it as their first language (language 1).

5) Number of international schools providing primary and secondary education

Please introduce only numbers.

An international school is an institution that promotes education in an international environment or framework. Although there is no uniform definition or criteria, international schools are usually characterized by a multinational student body and staff, multilingual instruction, curricula oriented towards global perspectives and subjects and taught in more than one language.

6) Language options offered by the international schools

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7) Additional information concerning international schools (names, location, language options offered, etc.)

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In Brussels :

- Lycée français Jean Monnet (Uccle)
- International School of Brussels (ISB) (Woluwe-Saint-Pierre)
- Brussels International Catholic School (BICS) (Etterbeek)
- Agnes School (Etterbeek)
- Bogaerts International School (Uccle)
- Japanese School of Brussels (Auderghem)
- Brussels (American) Elementary High School (Zaventem)
- Brussels English Primary School (BEPS) (Ixelles)
- International Montessori School 'Hof ten Berg' (Woluwe-Saint-Lambert)
- Nederlandstalige School Prinses Juliana (Brussels)
- British Junior Academy of Brussels (Etterbeek)
- British International School of Brussels (BISB) (Brussels)
- École Internationale Montgomery (Woluwe-Saint-Lambert)
- Montessori House Brussels (Woluwe-Saint-Pierre)
- École Internationale Ace of Brussels (Auderghem)
- Ecole Française Internationale de Bruxelles (EFI Bruxelles) (Uccle)
- Roots and Wings School (Woluwe-Saint-Lambert)

On the outskirts of brussels:

- The British School of Brussels (Tervuren)
- Internationale Deutsche Schule Brüssel (Wezenbeek-Oppem)
- St. John's International School (Waterloo)
- International Montessori Schools (St. Stevens Woluwe, Tervuren, Sterrebeek, Wezenbeek-Oppem)
- ISF Waterloo International School (Waterloo)
- Scandinavian School of Brussels (Waterloo)
- European School of Bruxelles-Argenteuil (Waterloo)
- Montessori Kids (Lasne)
- ISF Tervuren International School (Tervuren)
- Montessori House Belgium Int. School (Braine-l'Alleud)
- The Courtyard International School (Tervuren)

As private schools, the international schools are not bound by the law of 30 July 1963 regarding the language system in education. Only official schools and state-subsidized or recognized institutions fall under the language regulation. Consequently, education in any (foreign) language can be organized by these schools.

Education in another language or a multilingual education offering is an important commonality of international schools and it has an important appeal. Many foreign parents are multilingual themselves and see multilingual education as a great added value.

Most international schools teach the majority of the curriculum in English, supplemented with French or another language. Dutch is also taught in a number of schools. The extensive language offering in these schools also has a great appeal to Belgian residents in the Rand. In general, there has been an increase in the number of nationalities in international schools.

In other words, the international schools become international.

8) Number of higher education facilities (university level or equal)

Please introduce only numbers.

34

9) Language options offered by the higher education facilities

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10) Description of higher education facilities (Universities and academic disciplines)

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With nine universities and approximately 25 colleges, the Brussels-Capital Region offers a very wide range of courses, both in Dutch and French. Some institutions also offer courses in other languages, especially English. There are plenty of study choices: medicine, law, electronics, literature, communication, art, architecture, hotel industry, tourism, languages, etc.

There are several types of courses in higher education in Belgium:

- Graduate education: Vocational training that is situated between secondary education and a professional bachelor's degree, prepares you for a profession and for a professional bachelor's degree
- Bachelor: Focused on professional practice: you acquire competencies that are necessary for the independent practice of 1 or more professions.
- Academic bachelor: Broad academic (theoretical) training or training in the arts. Mainly prepares you for a master's degree.
- Master: Advanced scientific or artistic knowledge and competencies with a master's thesis.

A few examples of universities in Brussels:

Free University of Brussels (ULB) (Bachelor and Master)

Disciplines: Human and social sciences (160 different courses), Health (154 different courses), Sciences and technics (130 different courses), Economics and business management (28 different courses), Art (17 different courses), Legal sciences (12 different courses).

Degrees: 107 bachelor degrees and 97 master degrees

Free University of Brussels (VUB) (Bachelor and Master)

Disciplines: (Bio) engineering sciences (48 different courses), AI and Data Science (28 different courses), Economics, business and management (26 different courses), Education and pedagogy (54 different courses), Health and psychology (76 different courses), Art and culture (31 different courses), Law (16 different courses), Physical education (12 different courses), Social sciences (73 different courses), Philosophy and ethics (14 different courses), Sciences (70 different courses), Languages and literature (26 different courses)

Degrees: 33 bachelor degrees, 85 master degrees.

KU Leuven - Campus Brussel (Bachelor and Master)

Disciplines: Economics and Business Sciences (9 different courses), Literature and journalism (5 different courses), Law (3 different courses), Architecture (6 different courses).

Degrees : 7 bachelor degrees, 16 master degrees

There are plenty of universities in the city of Brussels, we give you a short list:

- ICHEC Brussels Management School (Bachelor and Master)
- IHECS Journalism and Communication (Bachelor and Master)
- University College for Sciences & Arts (LUCA) (Bachelor and Master)
- Leonardo da Vinci University College (Bachelor and Master)
- Brussels Free University College - Ilya Prigogine
- Saint-Louis University – Brussels (Bachelor)
- Higher Institute of the Arts of Spectacle
- Paul-Henri Spaak University College
- La Cambre National School of Visual Arts
- EPHEC University College
- Erasmus University College Brussels (EhB) (Bachelor)
- Odisee (Bachelor)

11) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

CRITERION 4

'Appropriate access to the labour market, social security and medical care for both children and spouses'

1) Number of hospitals available in the vicinity of the premises

Please introduce only numbers.

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2) Description of access to medical care (access to hospitals and other medical facilities, doctors, spoken languages, etc.)

5000 character(s) maximum

Belgium provides an efficient health system. EU staff have access to the Belgian healthcare system, which is affordable, reliable and world-renowned. Moreover, Brussels has almost 5 doctors per 1,000 inhabitants speaking French or Dutch, and English.

Belgium has the fourth best healthcare system in Europe and is the 2nd largest exporter of (bio) pharmaceutical products per capita in the EU (2018). Access to medicines is available 24h/7 thanks to rotating pharmacies.

In terms of geographical accessibility to maternities, in Brussels, 100% of women aged 15 to 49 have access to one or more maternities within 15 minutes.

3) Description of access to medical care and social security for AMLA children and spouses not covered by the EU Staff Regulations (benefits, conditions, assistance, etc.)

5000 character(s) maximum

Medical services and social security provisions are mindful of the specific needs of the numerous expats living on its territory. EU staff enjoy access to Belgium's affordable, reliable and world-renowned healthcare system.

A vast social security system exists in Belgium, a public system financed by the State and by contributions from Belgian citizens. Basic access to the system depends on a number of administrative obligations, the payment of financial contributions and/or – for expatriates – the existence of international agreements with your country of origin. This access covers health care, unemployment, retirement and childhood. Mutual health insurance and compulsory health insurance are typically Belgian and constitute an important condition for obtaining reimbursement of medical expenses.

4) Situation of the national labour market and its capacity to offer international job opportunities (number and capacity of international companies acting in the region) for children and spouses of AMLA staff

5000 character(s) maximum

Belgium has a vibrant labour market with ample opportunities for accompanying partners. Belgium is one of the most internationally oriented economies in Europe, with expats making up more than 10% of the workforce. More than 140,000 European nationals are currently working in Brussels. The city, home to numerous international institutions, advocacy groups, lobbying groups, law firms and others, can offer scores of challenging employment opportunities for the family members of staff of the AMLA.

5) Availability of services assisting expatriates and foreign nationals in seeking jobs

5000 character(s) maximum

To employ a non-European national in Belgium, an authorisation to work must usually be applied for. If the application is approved, the foreign worker will receive either a work permit (valid for a maximum of 90 days) or a combined permit. A combined permit (to be applied for via the "Working in Belgium" digital counter) confirms the right to stay and work in Belgium for more than 90 days.

Several organisations help orientate you in the job market.

- Expat Welcome desk
- Actiris, the Brussels employment agency, helps you shape your vocational project and actively guides you in your job search.
- There are three Dutch-speaking workplace shops in Brussels and nine French-speaking 'missions' locales' (FR) that support you in your job search.
- For young people, there are the French-language Centres Psycho-Médico-Sociaux (PMS) (FR) and the Dutch-language Centres voor Leerlingenbegeleiding (CLB), which help pupils with their study and career choices.
- If you prefer to meet your potential future employer in person, you can register for relevant job fairs organised by various institutions. For example, The "Service d'Information sur les Etudes et les Professions (SIEP)" specializes in orienting young people and adults in professional life (FR).
- You can apply for career guidance. Together with your career counsellor, you will explore the perfect job and draw up a step-by-step plan to move forward.

6) Other

5000 character(s) maximum

For any other relevant information related to this topic.

CRITERION 5

'Geographical balance'

Description

5000 character(s) maximum

The establishment of AMLA in Brussels would be in line with the desired geographical spread set out in paragraph 6 of the 2012 Joint Statement of the European Parliament, the Council of the EU and the European Commission on decentralised agencies.

Belgium currently hosts only one of the 35 decentralised agencies: the Single Resolution Board. If AMLA would be based in Brussels, this would not disrupt the geographical balance.

Any benefits granted in addition to [Protocol 7](#)

1) Does the applicant Member State offer additional privileges?

- Yes
 No

1.1) If yes, which ones?

5000 character(s) maximum

Belgium applies Article 11 d) and e) of the Protocol as the right for officials of AMLA to import or purchase, during a period of twelve months following their first taking up their duties in Belgium, furniture and a motor vehicle for their personal use in Belgium in exemption of import duties and value added tax (VAT).

As Protocol 7 will be applicable (article 74 of the regulation creating AMLA) a Headquarters Agreement is not necessary; the Authority and its staff will enjoy the same privileges and immunities as the European Institutions and their personnel.

Headquarters Agreement

Applicant Member State's commitment to confirming the conditions included in the application in a future headquarters agreement with AMLA

- Yes
- No



Do you propose other premises **(2)**?

Please fill in the survey concerning premises 2 - only for criteria 1 and 2.

- Yes
- No



Do you propose other premises **(3)**?

Please fill in the survey concerning premises 3 - only for criteria 1 and 2.

- Yes
- No



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