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EUROPEAN BANKING AUTHORITY RELOCATION

INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT SUMMARY: BRUSSELS GREATER AREA



PREMISES

The offer indicates a proposed building, *Regent Park*, with a total office space of 7,180 m². According to the offer, the building can fulfil the architectural requirements of EBA, as well as those on office spaces and meeting rooms. The offer indicates the availability of IT infrastructure and data centres as well as of security services, including by the Belgian security forces, without providing details on other individual requirements. The offer indicates that the proposed building will be made available to ensure that the time schedule for the relocation can be met.



ACCESSIBILITY

- The offer provides information on the availability of direct flights between Brussels and all EU capitals, with a frequency of flights to 23 EU capitals ranging from 1 to 9 per day. The offer does not provide information on the duration of such flights, except for Paris, Frankfurt and Amsterdam for which the duration ranges between 55min. and 1h10min.
- The offer indicates the availability of public transportation connections from the proposed location of the Agency to the airport with a duration of 20 minutes, without providing specific information on the frequency of these connections.
- The offer confirms the availability of 23,000 hotel rooms in the Brussels Greater Area, ranging from international branded hotels to family-owned boutique hotels.



EDUCATION FACILITIES

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



LABOUR MARKET,
SOCIAL SECURITY,
MEDICAL CARE

- The offer indicates that children and spouses of EBA staff are subject to the EU social security provisions.
- The offer indicates that children and spouses of EBA staff have access to the Belgian healthcare system and provides general information on the availability of doctors speaking English, French and Dutch.
- The offer provides general information on the presence of European foreigners in the Belgian workforce and the job opportunities that different sectors according to the offer would give to children and spouses of EBA staff.



BUSINESS
CONTINUITY

- The offer indicates Belgium's intention to set up a Belgian task force to ensure implementation of all mentioned measures, including to ensure that the main proposed premises are delivered in time for EBA to be fully operational by April 2019.
- The offer indicates the possibility for EBA to draw from a large pool of financial experts working in Belgium. The offer does not provide information on the ability to allow EBA to maintain staff.
- The offer indicates the availability of land, sea and air connections, including the Eurostar railway, which according to the offer will facilitate movement of EBA staff and equipment during the transition phase, including for possible commuting to work. It does not provide specific information on measures to ensure that EBA can remain operational during the transition.
- The offer indicates:
 - the presence of the European Banking Federation and other sector and consumer federations in Brussels which according to the offer will facilitate consultations;
 - the existence and possible reinforcement of a point of contact for EBA at the Belgian Embassy in London; and
 - Belgium's intention to provide a personalised relocation service to EBA staff in addition to the services to be provided by the Expat Welcom Desk in Brussels.



GEOGRAPHICAL
SPREAD

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



A) RELOCATION PLAN

The offer indicates that EBA would be fully operational by April 2019, without providing a detailed relocation plan.

The offer indicates Belgium's intention to set up a Belgian task force, but without indicating specific measures to be taken by this task force to ensure that EBA can remain operational during the transition. The offer however indicates the availability of land, sea and air connections, including the Eurostar railway, which, according to the offer, will facilitate movement of EBA staff and equipment during the transition phase, including for possible commuting to work.

C) TERMS FOR PREMISES

The offer indicates that the proposed building is priced at a competitive price level, without providing specific information on the terms, including duration, rent and fit-out costs.

The offer does not indicate whether the Member State would pay rent.

E) SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The offer does not indicate special conditions with regard to all costs and dedicated infrastructures.

B) PREMISES AND THE AGENCY'S NEEDS

The offer indicates a proposed building, *Regent Park*, which according to the offer can fulfil the architectural requirements of EBA, without providing details on all the individual requirements.

D) TERMS FOR MAINTENANCE, UPGRADING AND EXTENSION

The offer indicates that it will be possible to enter into a maintenance contract with the Belgian Building's Agency, but does not specify who would bear which costs associated to the maintenance and use of the building.

The offer does not provide information on the terms concerning upgrading and future extensions.

F) BENEFITS

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