

CITIES COMPETE TO HOST EMA

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has assessed the bids of 19 cities that have applied to host its headquarters, following the UK's exit from the European Union in 2019. The final relocation decision will be made by the European Council on 20 November 2017.

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Technical requirements		
L: Layout (space for offices, meeting rooms and archiving facilities)	F: Facilities (IT, security and conference facilities)	R: Relocation plan (proposed timeframe, governance and necessary adaptation work)

- Meets EMA requirements and ensures that EMA will be operational on time
- Meets EMA requirements but raises concerns about EMA being operational on time
- Partially meets EMA requirements, but raises major concerns about EMA business continuity
- Does not meet EMA requirements, so does not ensure EMA business continuity

Other requirements

	ACCESSIBILITY	EDUCATION FACILITIES	LABOUR / SOCIAL SECURITY / MEDICAL	STAFF RETENTION*
Amsterdam				
Athens				
Barcelona				
Bonn				
Bratislava				
Brussels				
Bucharest				
Copenhagen				
Dublin				
Helsinki				
Lille				
Malta				
Milan				
Porto				
Sofia				
Stockholm				
Vienna				
Warsaw				
Zagreb				

*Staff retention: ≥65% 50% to 60% 30 to 50% <30%



CITY: Porto
COUNTRY: Portugal
SITE: Palacio Atlântico

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SITE: Avenida Camilo


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CITY: Barcelona
COUNTRY: Spain
SITE: Torre Glories

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Barcelona is one of six cities that meets all of the EMA requirements. But will the October 2017 referendum on Catalan independence from Spain affect the city's bid?



CITY: Dublin
COUNTRY: Ireland
SITE: North Wall

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SITE: City block 9

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SITE: Dublin Airport


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Dublin is proposing three sites for the EMA, only one of which will be ready in time and meets the agency's technical requirements. However, the city scores high on accessibility, education facilities, and employment and medical care, and at least 65% of staff have indicated they would remain.




CITY: Lille
COUNTRY: France
SITES: BIOTOPE

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CITY: Brussels
COUNTRY: Belgium
SITE: The One

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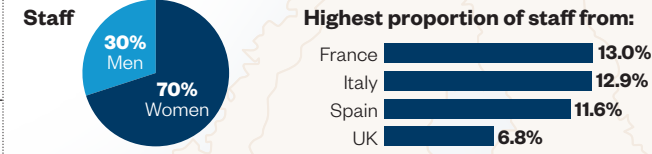



CITY: Milan
COUNTRY: Italy
SITES: Pirelli building

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THE EMA IN LONDON

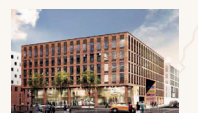
In its first two decades, the EMA recommended the authorisation of a total of 975 human and 188 veterinary medicines. The EMA has almost 900 staff and hosts 36,000 experts for scientific meetings every year. Its total revenue in 2016 was €305,099m.






CITY: Amsterdam
COUNTRY: Netherlands
SITE: Vivaldi building

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CITY: Helsinki
COUNTRY: Finland
SITES: Fredriksberg

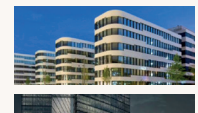
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CITY: Stockholm
COUNTRY: Sweden
SITE: Life Science building

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Despite meeting the requirements for accessibility, education facilities, and employment and medical care, Stockholm fails to meet any of the EMA's technical requirements. The proposed premises will not be ready until Q3 2020, and IT, security and conference facilities have not been addressed in its bid.




CITY: Warsaw
COUNTRY: Poland
SITE: Business Garden

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SITE: Warsaw Hub

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CITY: Bonn
COUNTRY: Germany
SITE: Bundeskanzlerplatz building (left)

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SITE: Friedrich-Ebert-Allee building

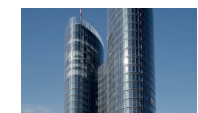
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CITY: Bratislava
COUNTRY: Slovakia
SITE: Westend Plaza

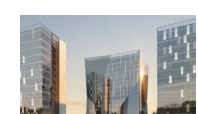
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In addition to meeting the requirements for the premises, Bratislava points out that it should be given priority according to the agreed principle of geographic spread for HQs of EU agencies as it is one of the few EU member states that does not yet host an EU-level agency. However, the city is poorly accessible and an EMA staff survey suggests that fewer than 30% would relocate.




CITY: Zagreb
COUNTRY: Croatia
SITE: Sky Building

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CITY: Bucharest
COUNTRY: Romania
SITE: GlobalWorth Campus, Tower 2

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CITY: Vienna
COUNTRY: Austria
SITE: Austria Campus

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SITE: VIE 26

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CITY: Athens
COUNTRY: Greece
SITE: Keranis building

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CITY: Valletta
COUNTRY: Malta
SITES: SmartCity Malta

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CITY: Sofia
COUNTRY: Bulgaria
SITE: "T+IN Network" location

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Sources: EMA annual report 2016; EMA assessment of member states' bids; candidates' bids. Images taken from candidates' bids. Infographic: MAG