

#move2warsaw



Relocation of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) to Poland

Why Poland?

Following a successful economic and social transformation over the past 25 years, Poland has become an attractive market for the pharmaceutical industry, offering stability and a predictable regulatory environment.

Poland is currently the largest pharmaceutical market in Central and Eastern Europe and the sixth largest across the continent, one with bright prospects for the coming years.

This makes Poland and its capital city a perfect destination for the relocation of the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

Young intellectual potential to absorb

- ↳ approximately 8 000 pharmaceutical science students at 12 universities
- ↳ approximately 2 000 pharmaceutical science graduates per year

Skilled and experienced labour force

- ↳ approximately 22 000 people employed in 2013
- ↳ and almost 100 000 posts related to the industry

Active cooperation with academia and external institutes

Warsaw already meets the criteria for the relocation adopted by the Council.

Criterion 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

The attractive premises of the proposed office will be available from December 2018, in time for the Agency to take up its functions before the Exit date.



Business Garden – proposal no.1

If Warsaw is chosen, the office premises will include sufficient space for offices, meeting rooms and off-site archiving.



Warsaw Hub - proposal no. 2

Criterion 2: the accessibility of the location

Convenient air connections to European hubs

Warsaw offers 2 international airports with over 180 flight destinations to 65 countries around the world. The city's two airports handle around 16 m passengers a year.

Public transport

The agglomeration is well connected by a dense and effective railway transport system and a combination of subways, trams and urban and regional railways.

Infrastructure for visitors

80 hotels
24 000 hotel beds
13 000 hotel rooms
11 five-star hotels, 17 four-star hotels



Criterion 3: The existence of adequate education facilities for the children of agency staff

Excellent education

Warsaw offers a wide range of multilingual, European-oriented schooling facilities ranging from pre-school through primary and secondary education.

Moreover, A European school or an accredited European school will soon be established in order to provide education for the children of the staff of EU institutions based in Warsaw.

Higher education environment

Warsaw is a leading Polish academic center with the best and largest Polish universities. There are 61 private and 15 public universities in Warsaw, with approximately 240 000 students and 57 000 graduates.

It is a city where the number of foreign students is growing steadily every year – in 2016, for instance, it amounted to nearly 17 000. This number constitutes 1/3 of all foreign students studying in Poland, and in the next couple of years the number is expected to reach 20 000.



Criterion 4: Appropriate access to the labour market, social security and medical care for both children and spouses

Job prospects

Poland offers an open and stable job market that could easily meet the needs of the children and spouses of the Agency's staff.

Over 2700 international companies operated from Warsaw in 2016. The centers operate worldwide, which makes the knowledge of foreign languages EMA's staff and families are likely to bring to the job market a highly desirable asset.

Social security

The staff of the Agency would be exempt from any compulsory contribution to the national social security system. As a result, they wouldn't be covered by the national social security regulations unless they voluntarily join it.

Medical care

There are more than 1200 medical facilities in Warsaw, including 67 hospitals. Warsaw also offers walk-in centres as well as overnight and holiday healthcare facilities. Access to those facilities is not limited and the medical staff speaks English.



Criterion 5: Business continuity

In light of the fact that criteria 1-4 are already met, a smooth transition to the new location will be ensured and business continuity guaranteed. In particular, the office premises will be available in time for the Agency to be able to take up its functions at the new location at the withdrawal date. This shall be confirmed in a headquarters agreement with the Agency.

Good career opportunities, the city's rich cultural heritage, well-developed public transport and housing market, leisure facilities, and high levels of safety are among the key factors contributing enormously to Warsaw's high quality of life and uniqueness in the region.



Criterion 6: Geographical spread

Relocating EMA to Warsaw, a city at the heart of Central and Eastern Europe, will have the advantage of meeting the geographical spread criterion in accordance with the objective set in December 2003 by the representatives of the EU Member States meeting at the Head of State or Government level in 2008.



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