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SCIENCE-LIFE IN BALANCE

Porto meets all the requirements to guarantee an effective transition, ensuring business continuity, in a solid health and research environment, with Infarmed – the Portuguese National Authority for Medicines and Health Products – as a committed and reliable partner.

A welcoming atmosphere will be provided by Portuguese people in this safe, open-minded and vibrant city where the reasonable cost of living has attracted expats from all over the world.

Porto's growing tech-driven economy enhances the city's position as a premium destination to live, work and invest. Furthermore, the Portuguese taxation regime for expats is one of the most competitive in Europe.

In Porto, we believe these optimal conditions will allow EMA to retain its highly competent staff, thus preserving the Agency's know-how, and also attract qualified talent in order to guarantee its future.

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EMA's headquarters will be located in Porto's city centre in a state-of-the-art building, just 20 minutes away from the airport and close to various transportation options within the city and its surroundings.

Ready to operate in time for the UK's withdrawal from the EU, the new premises provide very functional space that will support the vision of the Agency, while delivering also an environment that encourages collaboration, transparency and quality control.

The city centre offers several green areas, playgrounds, restaurants and shopping centres, while being supplied by a modern and varied hotel offer in the city that is rapidly growing (21 new hotels will open until 2019), offering over 5,000 new beds by the end of 2019.



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A PRIVILEGED LOCATION
IN PORTO CITY CENTRE

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REASONS TO MOVE



Portuguese are experts in the art of welcoming, making everyone feel at home, regardless of ethnicity, nationality, religion or sexual orientation. Portuguese learn the English language since preschool making them one of the most fluent populations in Europe.

All of this contributed to rate Portugal as the world's most welcoming country for immigrants by the UN.

Safe, sunny, with a rich culture and heritage resulting from nine centuries of history, and with a high quality of health services, international schools and excellent flight connectivity to all over the world, Porto offers a unique quality of life to expatriates. Porto was recognized as European Best Destination in 2012, 2014 and 2017.

Porto has a vibrant and innovative health research and innovation ecosystem, characterized by the presence of world-class institutions and scientists. There are 57 institutions with R&D in health sciences in the Porto Metropolitan Area and 117 in the Porto Catchment Area.

Over the last 10 years, the number of scientific publications on health published by Portuguese researchers increased by 123% in areas such as diagnostic and therapeutic technologies, biomedical and pharmaceuticals sciences.

This increase in scientific production and international co-publications was mirrored by an expansion in health R&D investment by 128% in the same time period.



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