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Yes! France is fully equipped to become the new home of the European Medicines Agency

President François Hollande and Prime Minister Bernard Cazeneuve officially announced on Wednesday April 19 their acceptance in principle of a bid by France to host the European Medicines Agency (EMA).

The need to relocate the headquarters of the EMA to the territory of the European Union is a direct result of Brexit. The European Medicines Agency (EMA) plays a key role in the scientific evaluation of medicines in Europe and, along with the Banking Authority, is one of two EU offices based in London. Several countries, including Sweden and Italy, have already put themselves forward to host the Agency's headquarters.

Leem welcomes the French bid, which would be a major boost for France in terms of health and, more especially, medicines.

France would benefit from the dynamism and international scientific renown afforded by hosting the EMA - and its 900 employees - as many international scientific experts and a large number of highly qualified European officials would follow in its wake. The relocation of the EMA would also enhance France's attraction as a scientific and industrial destination in the field of healthcare products, a measure also supported by the Strategic Council for the Healthcare Industries (CSIS).

"Both scientifically and economically, the EMA's move to France would send out a strong signal to French and international policy makers, according to Leem's Director General Philippe Lamoureux. Our industry is ready to work with the French government and European institutions to make this bid a success and to create the best conditions in which to welcome the European Medicines Agency."

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