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The activities around Digital Economics in the unit have contributed to several initiatives to support the Digital Single Market (DSM) policy. Current research focuses on the economics of data and data platforms, e-commerce trends and marketplaces, hotel booking platforms, search engines, media and advertising platforms, recommender systems, geo-blocking and other relevant issues in the digital economy. The objective of the team is to continue JRC research support for EU policy initiatives in relation to digital technologies and fill the empirical evidence gaps where needed, in particular with regard to online platforms, digital data and the regulatory framework.

In view of the above, we are looking for a highly motivated and outstanding candidate with a strong background in Economics or related social sciences. The successful candidate will be expected to support the activities of the team through empirical and/or theoretical research activities to provide empirical support to research contributing to the EU political priorities related to digital technologies. Research and analytical work will involve collaboration with other European commission services, as well as other relevant international organisations and research institutions.

Qualifications:

- At the time of applying, candidates must have completed a PhD (doctoral Diploma) in Economics or related areas (with a particular emphasis on applied work) or 5 years of experience after university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma in a field relevant to the position.
- Experience in handling data and statistical software for applied work.
- Experience in empirical industrial organisation is an important asset.
- Professional experience in quantitative socio-economic analysis of the digital economy and knowledge of the regulatory framework in Europe are a relevant asset.
- Experience in research related to the economics of data, data sharing, socio-economic impact of (big) data.
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Only then you can apply for this specific position, through [http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX](http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX)  
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