As the science and knowledge service of the Commission, the mission of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle. The JRC is located in 5 Member States (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). Further information is available at https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/.

The "Circular Economy and Industrial Leadership" Unit (based in Seville, Spain) provides technical and scientific support to the development and implementation of a broad range of EU environmental policies.

The "Circular Economy and Industrial Leadership" Unit is looking for three candidates to join a young and dynamic team supporting the development of an EU-wide classification of environmentally sustainable economic activities (known as the “EU sustainable finance taxonomy”) to be used for investment purposes.

The taxonomy deals with six environmental objectives (climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, transition to a circular economy, pollution prevention and control, and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems). For a range of specific economic activities across various sectors, the taxonomy should provide technical screening criteria (metrics and thresholds) defining substantial contribution to an objective and ensuring no significant harm to all the other objectives.

The European Commission will adopt delegated legislation on these criteria based on advice from expert groups and after consulting stakeholders. The Joint Research Centre will play a central role in elaborating the technical screening criteria in the taxonomy and support the overall development of the taxonomy.

The successful candidates are expected, inter alia, to: gather and process technical information on the environmental performance of economic activities with regard to one or more environmental objectives and develop a robust evidence base that can underpin the development of technical screening criteria; make proposals of metrics and thresholds for individual economic activities; assess and comment (on the basis of evidence) proposals formulated by others, participate in technical discussions with experts and policy officers from other Commission DGs; explain to non-experts the implications of different possible options for setting criteria.

Qualifications:
We are looking for candidates with a strong technical background (preferably environmental engineers or scientists, industrial engineers) and experience in the assessment of the environmental performance of economic activities (or organisations, products, industrial processes).
It is essential to have a good understanding of life cycle considerations in order to assess the environmental impacts of economic activities over their whole life cycle and the ability to communicate scientific and technical evidence clearly both to experts and non-experts, and to participate efficiently in (and, when needed, lead) discussions and meetings (including on-line).

In-depth knowledge of environmental sustainability in at least one of the following sectors is an asset: manufacturing, energy, transport, buildings, water, ICT. Knowledge of finance/sustainable finance is a plus, but candidates without finance background are also encouraged to apply.

It is necessary to have an open mind ready to learn new things and apply knowledge in different framework and areas, a positive and proactive attitude, high resilience to work under tight deadlines, as well as being good in both teamwork and self-organisation.

At the time of applying, candidates must have completed a PhD or 5 years of research experience after university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma. A very good level (C1) of written and spoken English is essential and knowledge of at least one other EU language is compulsory.

| Directorate Unit | JRC Directorate B ‘Growth and Innovation’  
| Circular Economy & Industrial Leadership Unit (B.5) |

| Indicative duration | 36 months initial contract with possible renewals up to maximum 6 years |

| JRC Site Country | Seville Spain |

| Rules and eligibility | The candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff.  
If you are not in any valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff, you can still apply by following these steps.  
You express your interest by applying to the CAST Permanent or to the permanent JRC Call for researchers.  
1. CAST Permanent: open-ended selection procedure to create a pool of candidates from which the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union (EU) can recruit contract agents. [https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en](https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en)  
2. JRC Call COM/1/2015/GFIV – Research: open-ended selection procedure to create a pool of candidates from which mainly the JRC can recruit contract agents FGIV as researchers. Details available at |

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the link below: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-IV-researchers

Only then you can apply for this specific position, through http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX


Article 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants of the European Union applies: the actual period of employment within the Commission under this type of contract, including any period under renewal, shall not exceed 6 years.

Please note that in case a high number of applications is received only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.