As the science and knowledge service of the Commission, the mission of DG Joint Research Centre 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: [http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu](http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu)

The mission of the Territorial Development Unit within the Growth and Innovation Directorate of the JRC is to perform research and analysis and to provide policy support at the crossroads of EU regional, cohesion, R&I and industrial policies, including the assessment of economic and territorial impacts, to enhance the formulation and implementation of policy and more effective and efficient use of EU funds.

The City Science Initiative (CSI) is part of the portfolio of activities promoted by the “Community of Practice on Cities” of the JRC, within the mandate to support the implementation of EU policies and international agreements. The CSI runs in close cooperation with other services of the Commission and is implemented as a knowledge exchange hub engaging stakeholders of scientific and policy-making sides in cities. The main objective of CSI is to strengthen the way in which science and research can help to address and anticipate urban challenges in cities of the EU. Key activities conducted in the framework of CSI are: (i) promoting discussions on ways through which science could help in addressing challenges faced by cities; (ii) exploring how research, science and technology can help cities to address the challenges at the local level; and (iii) showcasing the potential of the European Commission services and existing networks in supporting the efforts to strengthen the science and policy interface in cities.

The work is structured around the implementation of three main work streams: (i) consolidating liaisons with cities, networks of cities and stakeholders via the Community of Practice on Cities; (ii) conducting knowledge management activities oriented to identify gaps in science-based inputs for urban policies, (iii) ensure the implementation of co-creation processes between cities representatives (research and public administration) and other key stakeholders, e.g. European Commission, cities networks and international
We are looking for a researcher in the field of capacity building and knowledge management, with experience in international organisations. The primary duties include:

- Monitoring progress of science-based initiatives to improve urban policies, and explore synergies at EU level.
- Design and implement co-creation processes engaging both researchers and policy makers of urban policies at EU, national and subnational level.
- Assist and contribute to improve the bottom up process already generated with the community of stakeholders.
- Explore the links between urban policies and sustainable agendas, and assess the local implementation of global agreements (i.e. 2030 Agenda and SDGs).

Qualifications:

The ideal candidate should have studied and/or has relevant and proven experience in at least one of the following areas: geographical information sciences, socio-economic research or equivalent domains in the fields of urban and/or regional development and planning.

Candidates should ideally have a PhD (doctoral diploma) or a minimum of 5 years professional experience after university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma.

A very good level of written and spoken English is essential.

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**Indicative duration**

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

**JRC Site**

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.  

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 GFIV as researchers. Details available at the link below:  

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

**Auxiliary contract staff:**  

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 due to the high number of applications received only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.*