POSITION FOR:
Member of contract staff FG IV – art. 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants

WE ARE:
As the science and knowledge service of the European Commission, the mission of the 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: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/

The current vacancy is in the ‘Knowledge for the Energy Union’ Unit of Directorate C – Energy, Transport & Climate. Our mission is to support the delivery of the European Green Deal and the transition to a climate-neutral economy with scientific evidence, through the mapping and analysis of relevant knowledge and data, the generation of new evidence and the anticipation of evolving trends.

Our staff (about 50) is mainly based in Petten (NL). A convenient bus service connects our offices to the cities of Alkmaar and Amsterdam. Children of employees can attend the European School in Bergen.

More information about CAST Permanent and contract agents in the European Institutions is available in this FAQ EPSO page Contract agents | Careers with the European Union (europa.eu).

WE PROPOSE:
We offer a dynamic position in an international organisation. You will be working at the interface between science and policy, contributing to energy policies with scientific analysis.

In this position you will be interacting with EU policymakers and stakeholders from European industry and academia. The position offers opportunities for continuous professional development, training and participation in international conferences and policy-relevant forums.

The position:
As Project Officer you will support the Commission policy making, underpinning initiatives related to the development and deployment of renewable energy technologies, focusing in particular on onshore and offshore wind energy.

You are expected to carry out research and manage existing knowledge on wind energy technologies, and in particular:

- Assess the state of the art of the technology, its European and global markets and their growth potential;
- Identify R&D needs, analyse R&D and deployment investment data and map research activities across the EU;
- Map existing infrastructure and assess national plans for the expansion of wind energy capacity in the EU;
- Analyse the resilience of wind energy supply chains, focusing, in particular, on the use of raw materials, materials circularity and the European manufacturing capacity;
- Assess the state of innovation and competitiveness of the sector, by analysing, among others, patenting and scientific publication trends;
- Collect and make sense of information on the impact of wind energy on the economy and employment;
- Build and maintain datasets about wind energy technologies, wind farms and supply chains using public and proprietary data sources to substantiate our assessments;
- Effectively communicate findings by authoring and publishing research reports and scientific publications, knowledge factsheets, policy support briefs;
- Expand and maintain our network of stakeholders within and beyond the Commission and, interact closely with other Commission Services;
- Present project research at policy forums and scientific conferences.

You will work closely with other teams in the Unit, for instance responding to requests to support clean energy research and innovation, industrial policies, or the social impacts of the energy transition.

Typical outputs from our team are JRC reports and briefs, conference proceedings, and where appropriate scientific journal papers.

WE LOOK FOR:

Profile:
You should apply for this position if you are passionate about working at the forefront of science and EU energy policies, having a solid background on wind energy, good knowledge about clean energy technologies and a strong interest in the transition to climate neutrality.

This position can be very fulfilling and, in order to be successful in this role, you should:

- Be analytical and have good quantitative skills. You can collect and make sense of large volumes of information and make decisions or recommendations based on solid analysis.
- Be a good and proactive communicator. You should be able to speak and write clearly in English and to interact with different stakeholders.
- Be a self-starter. You can take initiative, being able to work with little supervision.
- Be a team player. Our main results often incorporate inputs from many colleagues. It is important in this position to be able to work in a team, be open minded and listen to other people’s contributions.

Qualifications and competences:

- Candidates should have an advanced degree in relevant scientific/engineering fields and a minimum of 2 years’ relevant professional experience. Alternatively a doctoral diploma with related research experience in the scientific/engineering field.
- Very good oral (B2 level) and writing skills (C1 level) in English, and the ability to produce concise overviews based on large volumes of diverse and often incomplete data, are essential. Your application should be supported by a publications/reports list.

INDICATIVE CONTRACT DURATION:
36 months initial contract with possible renewals up to a maximum of 6 years.
PLACE OF WORK:
Petten (NL)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:
Candidates for this contract agent post shall:
– (i) have passed a valid EPSO CAST selection procedure; or
– (ii) be registered in the EPSO Permanent CAST
https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en or
- (iii) be registered in the specialised call for researchers https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-iv-researchers (used mainly by the JRC).

With a valid application number to one of the above, you may then apply for this specific vacancy at JRC through: http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX.

RECRUITMENT POLICY:
The Joint Research Centre
• Cultivates a workplace based on respect for other people and the environment.
• Embraces non-discriminatory practices and equality of opportunity. In case of equal merit, preference will be given to the gender in minority.