**POSITION FOR:**
Member of the contract staff FGIV – 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 DG 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/](https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/)

The mission of the Territorial Development Unit within the Growth and Innovation Directorate of the JRC is to support the urban and territorial articulation of the EU policy agenda, and its external investment and global outreach. Our aim is to deliver world-class science-for-policy support and to bring Europe closer to citizens and places, turning territorial diversity into value. We aim at strengthening the EU global role in putting forward place-based solutions for recovery and sustainability and at localizing global agendas, bringing back to Europe what we learn from outside.

We build on an impressive team of colleagues and on a unique combination of knowledge, data, methods, analytical and modelling tools as well as extensive links to urban, local, regional, national and international stakeholders, authorities and communities.

The Unit works across two JRC sites: Seville (Spain) and Ispra (Italy). Staff are broken down around 50% per site. Currently, the Unit staff are well balanced by gender (50% - 50% ratio).

The Unit has a vacancy for a Contractual Agent. The position is part of the Unit's Smart Specialisation Global Outreach team.

**WE PROPOSE:**
The objective of this position is to support the work of the Unit, in particular the Smart Specialisation Global Outreach Team, in adapting/applyng place-based innovation policy concepts and methodologies globally, in particular in the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region, Africa, Latin America and the Arctic.

The candidate should:

1. Contribute to research on innovation in transition and developing economies, innovation for sustainability and institutional capacity for innovation policy, as well as to the delivery of sound policy advice for a number of selected countries.

2. Support the policy-making process in the areas of innovation policies at different territorial levels by producing solid theoretical analysis and robust empirical evidence.

3. Provide methodological guidance and case studies.

4. Help coordinate working groups where national and regional stakeholders work around common themes under the supervision of the Team Leader.
The candidate should also:

1. Contribute to the conceptualisation, formulation and implementation of relevant studies, information gathering activities and analysis in the field of innovation and regional development policy (including initiation and management of smaller contracts with experts and external organisations).

2. Contribute to synthesis reports; prepare and review deliverables and reports.

3. Follow up and report on project activities – progress, outcomes and impacts.

4. Contribute to Unit-level tasks such as the preparation of briefing contributions, of storytelling and of communication output, and of the scientific content of procurement and financial files.

5. Develop and nurture good relations with interlocutors in the relevant European Commission services, in the scientific community as well as with stakeholders and national/regional Governments.

**WE LOOK FOR:**

The successful candidate would be a brilliant, open-minded scientist and a team player with a genuine curiosity for the job and eager to contribute to the impact of the EU external policies in the field of innovation and regional development.

The main requirements of the job could be summed up as follows:

- Candidates should 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 PhD and/or professional experience in economics, territorial development, economic geography, public policy or equivalent domains will be considered an advantage.

- Further professional experience (on top of the requirements indicated in the previous point) including research projects and/or publications in the area of urban and regional development, STI policies or economic geography, or experience in design, implementation or monitoring and evaluation of innovation policies and smart specialisation strategies, will be considered a further asset.

- An excellent knowledge of English (level C1) is required. Good command of Russian and/or French will be considered an advantage.

**INDICATIVE CONTRACT’S DURATION:**

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

**PLACE OF WORK:**

Seville (ES)

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

Candidates for this contract agent post shall:

- (i) have passed a valid EPSO CAST selection procedure;
or
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](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.