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**FG IV - Project Officer - Scientific / Technical  
Project Officer**

<p><b>Position for:</b></p> <p><b>FG IV – Project Officer - Scientific / Technical Project Officer</b></p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The JRC is located in 5 Member States (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). Further information is available at: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/</a>.</p> <p>The Fraud Detection and Prevention Unit, part of the Health, Consumers and Reference Materials Directorate at the JRC, is offering a position for a Contract Agent.</p> <p>The fight against food fraud is an EU priority aimed at keeping the highest food safety standards. Detection of fraud in the food chain requires not only appropriate analytical methods but relies to a large extent on intelligence gathering from a variety of sources to reveal vulnerabilities of food chains and to inform enforcement actions. The activity is embedded in the newly created European Knowledge Centre for Food Fraud and Quality (KCFQ) (<a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/food-fraud-and-quality">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/food-fraud-and-quality</a>).</p> <p>Our new colleague will apply state-of-the-art molecular biology tools (DNA profiling, Next Generation Sequencing)) to characterise authentic agricultural products of high economic value such as wine, honey, olive oil. The obtained data have to be analysed using appropriate bioinformatics pipelines. The future job holder will be part of the Knowledge Centre for Food Fraud and Quality and is expected to support the team in the preparation of meetings with the network of national experts, where results are presented in an international forum. The candidate will also scan the horizon, collate information related to the state-of-the-art in the offered position to generate knowledge and contribute actively to the KCFQ.</p> <p><b>Qualifications:</b></p> <p>The successful candidate shall have a degree in biology, or biochemistry/food chemistry or a related discipline with a strong focus on analytical techniques relevant to the job content. Solid background in biochemistry related to development of DNA extraction protocols from complex food matrices will be an asset. Familiarity with IT systems for storing and organising data and bioinformatics is necessary.</p> <p>Good knowledge of spoken and written English (level B2).</p>
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<p><b>Directorate</b></p> <p><b>Unit</b></p>	<p>Directorate F - Health, Consumers and Reference Materials</p> <p>Unit F.4 - Fraud Detection and Prevention</p> <p>Further information:  <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/food-authenticity-and-quality">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/food-authenticity-and-quality</a></p>
<p><b>Indicative duration</b></p>	<p>36 months initial contract with possible renewals up to maximum 6 years</p>
<p><b>JRC Site</b></p> <p><b>Country</b></p>	<p>Geel</p> <p>Belgium</p>
<p><b>Rules and eligibility</b></p>	<p>The candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff.</p> <p>Applicants to the following Calls for expression of interest can also be considered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CAST Permanent - EPSO has launched in January 2017 an 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. Details available at the link below:  <a href="https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en">https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en</a></li> <li>2. Call COM/1/2015/GFIV – Research - The JRC has launched in January 2015 a permanent call for researchers FG IV. Details available at the link below:  <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-IV-researchers">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-IV-researchers</a></li> </ol> <p><b>Auxiliary contract staff:</b>  <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members</a></p> <p><i>Please note that due to the high number of applications received only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</i></p>