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**Scientific/Technical project officer  
"Stairway to Excellence" Initiative /  
Smart Specialisation Platform**

**Position for:**

**FG IV Scientific /  
Technical project officer**

The mission of the Knowledge for Growth Unit (KfG) of the Institute for Prospective Technological Studies (IPTS) is to provide evidence-based strategic intelligence to support research, innovation, education and regional policy making in the EU.

The Unit has a vacancy for an auxiliary contract agent FG IV in the context of the "Stairway to Excellence" Initiative / Smart Specialisation Platform to carry out research and policy support on **regional innovation and synergies between European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) and Horizon 2020**.

The successful candidate is expected to contribute substantially to the implementation of the activities of the project "Stairway to Excellence" (1) in the area of **trans-national policy learning** through both international peer reviews and national policy events and (2) in **the development of methodologies**, analysis and implementation of appropriate policy support tools, including monitoring and evaluation – **on both Horizon 2020 / FP data and regional economic indicators**.

The successful candidate will also contribute to the support of **R&I policy-making processes** in the context of the general activities of the Platform.

These activities will involve regular interactions with policymakers at the EU, national and regional level.

The ability to communicate complex research output to a non-technical audience and to incorporate feedback from experienced practitioners into the research and policy support agenda is thus a major prerequisite.

**Requirements:**

Candidates should preferably have 5 years of research of experience in a field relevant to the position and:

- a proven record of both research and policy support in the areas of R&I, preferably including the regional level;
- some experience in policy learning process, especially at the trans-national level;
- knowledge and experience of policy monitoring and evaluation, with regard namely to R&I and/or regional development strategies.

Previous experience and/or familiarity with the smart specialisation concept and its applications to regional and national R&I strategies is desirable.

A very good level of written and spoken English is essential and the knowledge of another EU language will be considered an asset.

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<b>Indicative duration</b>	12 months initial contract with possible renewals up to maximum 6 years
<b>JRC Site</b>  <b>Country</b>	Seville  Spain
<b>Rules and eligibility</b>	<p><b>The candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff or have applied to the permanent open call for researchers FGIV:</b></p> <p><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></p> <p>Auxiliary contract staff:  <a href="http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=3730">http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc/index.cfm?id=3730</a></p> <p><i>Please note that due to the high number of applications received only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</i></p>