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FG IV – Scientific Officer - Economic and Policy Analyst

**Position for:**

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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.

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The mission of the Territorial Development Unit within the Growth and Innovation Directorate of DG 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 Unit has a vacancy for a Contractual Agent. The position is part of the Unit's Smart Specialisation Platform (S3P) team in DG JRC of the European Commission.

The objective of this position of "Scientific Officer" is to support the work of DG JRC Territorial Development Unit, in particular the Smart Specialisation Platform, in adapting/applying the Smart Specialisation concept to the EU enlargement and neighbourhood countries, EU macroregions and the Arctic.

The candidate should:

1. Contribute to research on territorial "Smart Specialisation Strategies" and to the delivery of sound policy advice for selected countries in the EU's enlargement and neighbourhood context, as well as for EU macro-regions and the Arctic.
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 Scientific Officer.

The candidate should also:

1. Contribute to the conceptualisation, formulation and implementation of relevant studies, information gathering activities and analysis in the field of research and innovation policy (including institutional, networking and competitive actions).
2. Contribute to synthesis reports; prepare and review deliverables and reports.
3. Follow up and report on project activities – progress, outcomes and impacts.

The function and responsibilities of this position would thus

	<p>include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy Analysis and Advice: to carry out research activities on Smart Specialisation in the EU's enlargement and neighbourhood countries, and feed into policy-making.</li> <li>- Project and Process Management: to prepare, review and follow up on deliverables and projects.</li> </ul> <p>The candidate might also initiate and manage smaller contracts with experts and external organisations in these areas, including project and financial documentation.</p> <p>The candidate should have demonstrated experience in the above capacities and be proficient in writing concise pieces of information in English.</p> <p>The main requirements of the job could be summed up as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal education : 3 to 5 years university level education in economics, public policy or economic geography</li> <li>• Job-Related experience: at least 5 years, including research projects and/or publications in the area of urban and regional development, STI policies or economic geography OR: experience in development, implementation or monitoring and evaluation of innovation policies. Experience with smart specialisation will be an asset</li> <li>• Knowledge of STI policies and/or the EU's enlargement and neighbourhood policy and countries is an advantage</li> <li>• Excellent knowledge of English</li> <li>• Good command of Russian and/or French will be an advantage</li> <li>• Knowledge of EU policies is an advantage.</li> </ul> <p>At the time of applying, candidates must have completed a PhD or 5 years of experience after university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma in a field relevant to the position.</p> <p>The candidate should be highly motivated and able to work in a team.</p>
<p><b>Institute/Directorate Unit</b></p>	<p>JRC B Growth &amp; Innovation B.3 Territorial Development Industrial Research &amp; Innovation</p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/industrial-research-and-innovation">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/industrial-research-and-innovation</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> <b>Country</b></p>	<p>Seville Spain</p>

<b>Rules and eligibility</b>	<p>The candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff.</p> <p>If you are not in any valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff, you can still apply by following these steps.</p> <p>You express your interest by applying to the CAST Permanent or to the permanent JRC Call for researchers.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>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. <a href="https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en">https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en</a></li><li>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 FGIV as researchers. 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>Only then you can apply for this specific position, through <a href="http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX">http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX</a></p> <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>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.</p> <p><i>Please note that due to the high number of applications received only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.</i></p>
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