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**FG IV – PROJECT OFFICER – SCIENTIFIC  
RESEARCH IN NUTRITION AND PUBLIC  
HEALTH****Position for:****FGIV – Project Officer –  
Scientific Research**

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.

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/>

Within its Directorate for Health, Consumers and Reference Materials, the Health in Society Unit supports EU policies in public health for promoting excellence and equality of healthcare in all Member States. The Unit is composed of a young and dynamic team of epidemiologists, medical doctors, statisticians, methodologists, public health and nutrition experts working on: health information on cancer and rare diseases; healthcare quality, health promotion and prevention of non-communicable diseases.

The position is within the Health Promotion team of the Health in Society Unit. Health promotion is about 'the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve, their health'. Nutrition is one of the key determinants of health. With the Farm to Fork Strategy the Commission aims to promote healthy and sustainable diets for healthy people, societies and a healthy planet.

The JRC is frequently requested to synthesis the scientific literature and to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of policy measures aimed at promoting healthy choices in support of designing and implementing better policies in the EU. The team addresses these request by providing knowledge for policy (e.g., a literature review on the effect of front-of pack nutrition labelling schemes) or by supporting EU Member States with developing monitoring approaches to create fit for purpose data for evaluation as well as tools and modelling approaches for translating food-based policies (e.g., food reformulation nutrition labelling, restricting food marketing) into changes in people's/populations diet and health. Increasingly, developing food system approaches and tools to provide policy options to achieving the much needed change towards healthier and sustainable diets and food systems are also aimed for.

The JRC is looking to strengthen the team in the Health in Society Unit with expertise in nutrition and public health in view of the objectives and actions laid out in the Farm to Fork Strategy to which the JRC will be providing support with its scientific expertise.

The Unit works in unison with other JRC directorates, the scientific community and other Commission services,

	<p>particularly DG Health and Food Safety. Furthermore, it also collaborates closely with many of the relevant external stakeholder groups</p> <p>Qualifications:</p> <p>We are looking for a person with a University degree and strong professional background (at least five years experience or a doctoral diploma) related to nutrition and public health who can support the work of the Unit in this important aspect of science for a health-in-all-policies approach, in particular related to health promotion in the Farm to Fork Strategy.</p> <p>You will be able to work independently and demonstrate strong analytical skills and be familiar with many of the tools and skills applied in this domain, such as means of literature and data identification, knowledge synthesising, evaluating strength of evidence and science communication.</p> <p>You will also be able to point to solid experience in systematic reviews, epidemiology, public health nutrition, and scientific approaches for complex systems, such as the food system. As well as having a number of high quality publications to your name, you will have good communication and reporting skills and an ability to express scientific processes and results to non-experts in the field.</p> <p>A strong motivation, enthusiasm and a desire for teamwork are equally essential. Familiarity with working in an international environment would be an asset.</p> <p>English level C1 or higher is required.</p>
<p><b>Directorate Unit</b></p>	<p>Health, Consumers &amp; Reference Materials Health in Society</p> <p>Further information: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/science-area/health-and-consumer-protection">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/science-area/health-and-consumer-protection</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>Ispra Italy</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>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> <p>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</p>

contract agents.

[https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240\\_en](https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en)

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:

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-IV-researchers>

Only then you can apply for this specific position, through

<http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX>

**Auxiliary contract staff:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members>

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.

*Please note that in case a high number of applications is received only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.*