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FG III - PROJECT ASSISTANT – SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FOR NUCLEAR SAFEGAURDS AND SECURITY

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The current vacancy is in the Directorate for Nuclear Safety and Security, Department of Nuclear Security and Safeguards, Nuclear Security unit, located in Ispra, Italy.

The unit provides support mainly to Euratom Inspectorate for the implementation of nuclear safeguards in the European member states. It also operates nuclear laboratories where novel detection and characterisation systems are developed and tested. Complementarily, the unit carries out desktop research activities to support the combat against nuclear proliferation and the control of dual use export and of the trade of strategic goods.

The jobholder will ensure the good functioning and maintenance of the EUropean nuclear SECurity TRAining facility (EUSECTRA-Ispra) and support the delivery of trainings and capacity building exercises in nuclear security and safeguards. S/he will also participate in the daily operation and maintenance of laboratory instrumentation, keeping abreast of the latest technological advances with respect to detection systems and data acquisition systems.

The jobholder will contribute to the design and execution of scientific research, to the development and deployment laboratory experiments and innovative equipment development of techniques based on the application of neutrons, gamma rays, muons and anti-neutrinos. In particular, s/he will assist in exploring the use and the application of digital technologies to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of nuclear detection and characterisation devices. Modelling capacities would be an advantage.

The selected candidate will contribute to research activities of the new Ispra Nuclear Safeguards, Security and Standardisation Laboratory (INS3L, including the Ispra based European SECurity TRAining facility EUSECTRA) and will support new research lines in nuclear detection and characterisation in collaboration with the other Directorate G sites. The research results shall lead to proof of concepts and to applications in the field of nuclear security and safeguards, with technical readiness levels allowing to bring them to a full deployment level.

Position for:

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	Qualifications:
	The ideal candidate must hold a BSc in nuclear science and technology (or equivalent). S/he should be able to demonstrate at least 3 years of hands-on experience with gamma or neutron detection techniques in nuclear laboratories, possibly in the field of nuclear security and safeguards technical developments. An experience of at least 3 years of nuclear laboratory maintenance and operation is essential.
	At least 3 years hands-on experience with the development and maintenance of radiation detection and data acquisition systems, as well as 3 years' experience in assisting or delivering training for nuclear inspectors or security officers will be considered as advantages.
	A strong problem solving attitude, proven communication skills, the ability to work in a team, the capacity to take initiatives and to work autonomously are also needed.
	A fair command of English (B2), both oral and written is required, additional language skills (in particular Italian and French) will be considered as an advantage.
Directorate Unit	Nuclear Safety and Security Nuclear Security
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Indicative duration	36 months initial contract with possible renewals up to maximum 6 years
JRC Site	Ispra
Country	Italy
Rules and eligibility	The candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group III contract staff.
	If you are not in any valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group III contract staff, you can still apply by following these steps.
	You express your interest by applying to the CAST Permanent or to the permanent JRC Call for researchers.
	CAST Permanent is 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. https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en
	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.