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**FG IV – PROJECT OFFICER - SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH ON NUTRITION AND RESILIENCE**

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/>

The current vacancy is in the Directorate for Sustainable Resources (located in Ispra, Italy). Its mission is to provide independent scientific evidence to support the development, implementation, evaluation and coherence of EU policies, mainly in the areas of agriculture and rural development, development cooperation, environment and climate change, blue growth and fisheries, the bio economy, industry and trade.

The vacancy is within the Food Security Unit, which contributes scientific development towards a more effective, and efficient management of EU policies related to agriculture and food security. More specifically, the position is in the FOODSEC group, which addresses food and nutrition security issues in food insecure countries, in particular on Africa.

The current open position and activities are related to the nutrition component of the JRC-DEVCO Administrative Arrangement ‘Technical and scientific support to sustainable agriculture, food & nutrition security and food system’ and other nutrition activities in the FOODSEC group.

The JRC offers a vacancy for Contract Agent. The candidate will contribute to the research agenda on nutrition and resilience in the context of development policies initiatives and provide direct scientific and technical support in the frame of the JRC-DEVCO Administrative Arrangement.

Scientific and technical support includes the improvement of the IPC Acute Malnutrition Tool, of the nutrition indicators integration in the IPC Food Security Tools and of the nutrition indicators analysis in the Cadre Harmonise. The agent will also contribute to the nutrition component of the Global report on Food crises and related developments.

Another aspect of the scientific support is to play a driving role in the analysis, tracking and reporting of key nutrition indicators. This applies in particular to the Minimum Dietary Diversity – Women (MDD-W) indicator and implies scientific improvements, technical support to Delegations and advocacy building.

The research activities will concentrate on under-nutrition problems in developing countries, including contributing to a

	<p>better understanding of acute malnutrition indicators such as Mid-Upper-Arm-Circumference (MUAC) and Weight for Height (WHZ) in order to update international guidelines for their use.</p> <p>Qualifications:</p> <p>PhD or Master degree in nutrition, public health or related field and 3 years of professional experience after the university degree.</p> <p>Experience in nutrition and food security or poverty analysis methods is required, and field experience in Sub-Saharan Africa is an asset. Ability to translate research results into policy recommendation is an advantage.</p> <p>Proficient use of English (B2 as minimum) is required.</p>
Directorate Unit	<p>Sustainable Resources Food Security</p> <p>Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/</p>
Indicative duration	<p>36 months initial contract with possible renewals up to maximum 6 years</p>
JRC Site Country	<p>Ispira Italy</p>
Rules and eligibility	<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 contract agents. https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en</p> <p>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</p> <p>Only then you can apply for this specific position, through http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX</p> <p>Auxiliary contract staff: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members</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>
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Please note that in case a high number of applications is received only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.