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JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

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

POSITION FOR:

Member of the contract staff FGIV – art. 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CONSLEG:1962R0031:20110101:EN:PDF>

WE ARE:

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.

WE PROPOSE:

The current open position and activities are related to the nutrition component of the JRC-INTPA 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-INTPA Administrative Arrangement.

Scientific and technical support includes the improvement of the IPC (Integrated Food Security Phase Classification) 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 EU Delegations and advocacy building.

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

WE LOOK FOR:

The ideal candidate should have a PhD in nutrition, public health or related field (or a University degree giving access to doctoral studies and at least 3 years relevant experience).

Additional three years experience of research or policy related work in the field of nutrition indicators is required. The above-mentioned experience should include working periods in low income countries.

Ability to translate research results into policy recommendations is an advantage.

Knowledge of the EC Food Security and Nutrition policies and international cooperation/ development programs would be an advantage.

A good knowledge of written and spoken English (B2 as minimum) is required

INDICATIVE CONTRACT'S DURATION:

36 months initial contract with possible renewals up to maximum 6 years.

PLACE OF WORK:

Ispra (IT)

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the position, the candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group IV contract staff.

You can be added to an EPSO reserve list if you complete successfully an EPSO selection procedure.

Candidates who are on a valid EPSO reserve list or have applied to an EPSO selection procedure can apply to this specific position through <http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX>.

How to apply to an EPSO selection procedure?

Apply either to the permanent EPSO call (CAST Permanent) https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en or a specialised call for researchers <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-IV-researchers>

The CAST Permanent reserve list is used by a wide range of organisations (institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union), whereas the specialised reserve list for researchers (JRC Call COM/1/2015/GFIV – Research) is mainly used by the JRC.

RECRUITMENT POLICY:

The JRC

- Cultivates a workplace based on respect for other people and the environment.
- Embraces non-discriminatory practices and equality of opportunity. In case of equal merit, preference will be given to the gender in minority.