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FG IV- ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST

POSITION FOR:

Member of the contract staff FGII – 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 mission of the Urban and Territorial Development Unit within the Growth and Innovation Directorate of the JRC is to support the urban and territorial articulation of the EU policy agenda, its external investment and global outreach. Our aim is to deliver world-class science-for-policy support to bring Europe closer to citizens and places, turning territorial diversity into value. We aim at strengthening the EU global role in putting forward place-based solutions for recovery and sustainability and at localizing global agendas, bringing back to Europe what we learn from outside.

We build on an impressive team of colleagues and on a unique combination of knowledge, data, methods, analytical and modelling tools as well as extensive links to urban, local, regional, national and international stakeholders, authorities and communities.

The Unit works across two JRC sites: Seville (Spain) and Ispra (Italy). Staff is divided around 50% per each site.

The Unit has a vacancy for a Contractual Agent in its team working with smart specialisation in the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region. The position is based in Seville, Spain.

Further information on the project:

<https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/s3-beyond-eu>

WE PROPOSE:

The objective of this position of "Economic and Policy Analyst" is to support the work of DG JRC Urban and Territorial Development Unit in adapting/applying the concept and methodology of smart specialisation to the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region in order to foster place-based innovation for sustainability. In particular, this position is connected with Smart Specialisation in Eastern Partnership Countries.

The candidate should:

1. Contribute to research and analysis on territorial "Smart Specialisation Strategies" and to the delivery of sound policy advice for selected countries and economies in the EU Enlargement, Neighbourhood and global context.

2. Support the policy-making process in the areas of innovation policies for sustainability at different territorial levels by producing solid theoretical analysis and robust empirical evidence.
3. Provide methodological guidance and case studies.
4. Help coordinate policy-making processes where national and regional stakeholders work around common themes.
5. Support the local uptake of global challenges such as the Agenda 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.

The candidate should also:

1. Contribute to the conceptualisation, formulation and implementation of relevant studies, information gathering activities and analysis in the field of regional development, research and innovation policy.
2. Contribute to synthesis reports; prepare and review deliverables and reports.
3. Participate and contribute to the organisation of stakeholder workshops and training.
4. Follow up and report on project activities – progress, outcomes, impacts and inputs to administrative procedures.

The function and responsibilities of this position would thus include:

- Policy Analysis and Advice: to carry out research activities on Smart Specialisation in the EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Region, and the global context and feed into policy-making.
- Project and Process Management: to prepare, review and follow up on deliverables and projects.

The candidate might also initiate and manage smaller contracts with experts and external organisations in these areas, including project and financial documentation.

WE LOOK FOR:

The candidate should have demonstrated experience in the above capacities and be proficient in writing concise pieces of information in English.

The main requirements of the job could be summed up as follows:

- Candidates should ideally have a PhD (doctoral diploma) or a minimum of 5 years professional experience, after university studies of at least 3 years attested by a diploma. The professional experience should include 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.
- Knowledge of STI policies and/or the EU Enlargement, Neighbourhood and international policy and relevant external regions is an advantage.
- Excellent knowledge of English is required.
- Very good command of Russian and/or French will be an advantage.
- Knowledge of EU policies is an advantage.

The candidate should be highly motivated and able to work in a team.

INDICATIVE CONTRACT'S DURATION:

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

PLACE OF WORK:

Seville (ES)

RULES AND ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the position, the candidate must be on a valid EPSO reserve list for Function Group II 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 to the permanent EPSO call (CAST Permanent) https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en. This reserve list is used by a wide range of organisations (institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union).

OR

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.