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**FG IV - SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL SUPPORT
OFFICER- ECONOMIC AND POLICY ANALYST**

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 Finance and Economy unit that provides support for the development of European Union policies based on state-of-the-art financial and economic research. Its areas of expertise include macro-economic forecasting and fiscal surveillance, Foreign Direct Investment screening and global value chains, sustainable finance, resilience and fairness, banking union and financial stability.

Further information: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/financial-and-economic-analysis>

WE PROPOSE:

The Unit is looking for four researchers with strong quantitative skills and a solid background in corporate finance and/or applied micro-econometrics.

The candidates are expected to work in one of the following areas:

- Firm financing, access to capital markets and financial structure;
- Analysis and identification of firm vulnerabilities and resilience to new and emerging risks, such as climate change and the coronavirus pandemic;
- Analysis of the firm-level stock/flow of cross-border investments, with a view contribute to the FDI screening initiative of the Commission. The reconstruction and analysis of corporate structure is part of the project;
- Characterisation and analysis of global value chains using firm level data. Adequate knowledge of economic theory should allow the candidate to place the issues in the wider context of policies affecting firm behaviour, allocation of resources in strategic sectors, cross-border investments, and, in general, financial and economic outcomes, both at the micro and at the macro level.

WE LOOK FOR:

The ideal candidate should have as essential:

- Ph.D. or a minimum of 5 years of research experience after the first degree giving access to doctoral studies;
- Background in Economics and/or Finance and/or Statistics with strong skills in quantitative analysis and/or applied econometrics, proven by a publication record or ongoing research;
- Experience in working with microdata on companies and financial data preferably in the areas of the call;
- Knowledge of one or more standard statistical packages, including programming principles, of the following: Stata, R, Matlab or other standard statistical packages; Knowledge of SQL or Python would be an asset;
- Thorough knowledge of spoken and written English (C1), including the ability to write technical and/or policy reports.

The preferred candidate should also have the following behavioural competencies:

- Commitment, motivation and proactivity in pursuing projects;

- Ability to work independently, including by managing effectively own workload, as well as a part of a team;
- Ability to identify and focus on the essential elements of issues and processes so as to achieve established goals efficiently;
- Ability to adapt easily to changing plans and priorities.

The work is aimed at producing background papers and scientific reports informing and supporting the policy debate within the Commission. The position also requires the ability to help in providing Commission services and JRC management with an understanding of the policy and economic context by preparing occasional briefings. The results should be published in JRC scientific and policy reports. The JRC encourages the submission of selected outputs for publication in peer-reviewed journals.

INDICATIVE CONTRACT’S DURATION:

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

PLACE OF WORK:

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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.