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JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

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**FGIV - Project Manager - Technical Project Leader
(Scientific)**

Circular Economy and Open Strategic Autonomy

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 Strategy, Work Programme and Resources. With the JRC Strategy 2030, the JRC reinforces its commitment to scientific excellence. The creation of the Scientific Development Unit (SDU) is one of the instruments to underpin this strategy. As part of the JRC's strategic scientific development, the Directorate has established and manages the Centre for Advanced Studies (CAS).

Further information: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en>
<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/event/webinar/launch-bounce4ward>
<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research/centre-advanced-studies>

WE PROPOSE:

The JRC is now looking for a project leader to develop a novel CAS project on "Circular Economy: a recipe for more strategic autonomy?" CAS provides an interdisciplinary and stimulating space where JRC scientists are encouraged to think beyond the conventional, look forward towards cutting-edge technology hand-in-hand with scientific excellence.

The project has its roots in the COVID-19 crisis, which exposed the EU's vulnerability to sudden shocks in the global supply chain. It builds on the idea that the transition to a Circular Economy, with less waste and better resource use, will not only help achieve the EU's climate ambitions under the European Green Deal and ensure a green recovery under NextGenerationEU, but will also reduce the EU's susceptibility to supply disruptions. In line with the 2021 European Industrial Strategy, this project aims to investigate to what extent the Circular Economy could provide resilience and open strategic autonomy for priority supply chains, how circular the EU economy currently is for various sectors, and what actions are most urgently needed.

Within the CAS, the successful candidate will establish an interdisciplinary team of up to four scientists; design the concept, methodology and implementation plan of the project; and contribute to the excellence of the output and international outreach. In particular, he/she will help facilitate cooperation with leading European and international experts in the field, and conclude the project with key scientific findings and recommendations for policy makers. The team may include (or collaborate closely with) researchers that have core competencies in waste and resource management, circular economy, international trade and geopolitics. This includes researchers from the Unit for Circular Economy and Industrial Leadership of the JRC, with whom the team will collaborate intensively. The project has a maximum duration of three years and is provided with financial resources for execution.

WE LOOK FOR:

Essential criteria:

- Completed university studies of at least three years attested by a diploma and at least 5 years of professional experience in a field relevant to the position. **Alternatively** a doctoral degree (PhD) in a field relevant to the position (such as Engineering, Natural Sciences, Economy or Political Sciences).

- Demonstrated experience of at least 3 years in circular economy related projects from a research, business and/or policy perspective;
- Professional experience of at least 1 year in leading research projects, teams and/or international networks;
- Independent, self-motivated, and able to manage a project to deadlines;
- Excellent written and spoken English (C1 level) and knowledge of at least one other EU language is compulsory.

Assets:

- Multidisciplinary experience, combining proven know-how in several domains related to resources and circular economy, including but not limited to technology, socio-economics and/or policy-making;
- In-depth knowledge and/or working experience on EU and international policies in the fields of international trade, sustainable development and/or geopolitics;
- Diverse working experience, including in the private sector, academia and/or government positions;
- A good understanding of the policy-science interface as well as the challenges associated with it;
- Proven interest and skills in developing and implementing new ideas, in particular in multi-disciplinary fields, are an advantage.

Interested candidates should provide a CV and cover letter. In the list of publications accompanying your CV, please highlight the 5 most relevant publications relevant for the position. The application must include a short research proposal how the research project could be shaped, outlining the objectives, concept and methodology (500 words maximum) bearing in mind that you may be asked to present it at the interview. The application must also include points of contacts for two referees who may be contacted in the course of the selection procedure.

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 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.