



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

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**FG IV - Project Officer – Health economist/modeller
for public health**

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 (JRC) 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/>

Within its Directorate for Health, Consumers and Reference Materials, the Health in Society Unit supports EU policies in public health for promoting excellence and equality of health-care in all Member States. It also helps ensuring other EU policies consider health impacts via a health in all policies approach. The Unit is composed of a young and dynamic team of epidemiologists, medical doctors, statisticians, methodologists, public health nutrition experts working on: health information on cancer and rare diseases; healthcare quality, prevention of non-communicable diseases.

The position is within the Health Promotion team of the Health in Society Unit. Health promotion is about 'the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve, their health'.

WE PROPOSE:

The JRC is frequently requested to assess the effectiveness and efficiency of policy measures aimed at promoting health and preventing non-communicable diseases, such as by promoting healthy nutrition or physical activity. The team addresses these requests by supporting EU Member States with developing monitoring approaches to create fit for purpose data for evaluation or by developing tools and modelling approaches for translating food-based policies (e.g., food reformulation, nutrition labelling, public food procurement, restricting food marketing) into changes in people's/populations diet and health. Increasingly, the team is asked to help assessing social impacts including on health of scenarios and policy options related to various initiatives announced in the Farm-to-Fork Strategy and Europe's Beating Cancer Plan.

The need has arisen to complement the expertise of the Unit with a health economist/modelling expert to strengthen the team's ability to meet those tasks and objectives. Regularly, there is need for data identification, data extraction and to statistical analyses of large datasets as well as quantitative assessments, including modelling where appropriate, of impacts related to public health.

The Unit works in unison with other JRC directorates, the scientific community and other Commission services, particularly DG Health and Food Safety. Furthermore, it also collaborates closely with many of the relevant external stakeholder groups.

WE LOOK FOR:

A person with a University degree and strong professional background related to health economics, mathematical modelling, assessing health impacts and data analysis who can support the work of the Unit in this important aspect of public-health policy.

You will be able to work independently and demonstrate strong analytical skills and be familiar with many of the tools and skills applied in this domain, such as means of data identification, collection and analysis, models and statistical packages. You will also be able to point to solid experience in impact assessment, health economic models and quantifying cost-benefit/ cost-effectiveness of interventions, and modelling approaches for complex systems, such as the food system. As well as

having a number of high quality publications to your name, you will have good communication and reporting skills and an ability to express scientific processes and results to non-experts in the field. A strong motivation, enthusiasm and a desire for teamwork are equally essential. Familiarity with working in an international environment would be an asset.

English level B2 or higher is required.

INDICATIVE CONTRACT'S DURATION:

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

PLACE OF WORK:

Ispra (IT)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Candidates for this contract agent post shall:

– (i) have passed a valid EPSO CAST selection procedure;

or

– (ii) be registered in the EPSO Permanent CAST https://epso.europa.eu/documents/2240_en

or

- (iii) be registered in the specialised call for researchers <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/vacancies/function-group-iv-researchers> (used mainly by the JRC).

With a valid application number to one of the above, you may then apply for this specific vacancy at JRC through: <http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX>.

RECRUITMENT POLICY:

The Joint Research Centre

- 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.