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JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

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FG IV – Scientific Project Officer - Marine  
Bioeconomy and Ecosystems

**POSITION FOR:**

Member of the contract staff FGIV – art. 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants

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**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 Directorate for Sustainable Resources, Water and Marine Resources unit.** The mission of Directorate for Sustainable Resources 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 bioeconomy, industry and trade.

The Water and Marine Resources Unit at the Sustainable Resources Directorate provides scientific and technical support to Commission services. In particular, its mission is to carry out scientific assessments addressing societal and economic challenges deriving from the evolving vulnerability of the European and global water environment. It contributes innovative solutions to sustainably manage water resources in the face of increasing trends of global population, urbanisation, pollution, over-exploitation, land use and climate change and ensures that they are adequately linked to policy development and implementation.

**WE PROPOSE:**

We offer a position as scientific officer with the duties of contributing to the work programme of the Unit related to the fields of Marine Environment, the Blue Economy and Bioeconomy. The Water and Marine Resources Unit is providing scientific advice to the development, implementation and monitoring of a number of EU policies and strategies concerning the marine realm. This includes the Marine Framework Strategy Directive (MFSFD), the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) and a Sustainable Blue Economy. The Sustainable Blue Economy as part of the Green Deal and the Zero Pollution Ambition is the European long-term strategy to support responsible and sustainable growth in the marine and maritime sectors (blue economy) as a whole. This is also related to the EU Bioeconomy Strategy.

In this context the continued support to fully implement the MSFD in the European marine waters is a key activity that requires the availability of a marine biologist or ecologist with a high-level scientific profile and a strong dedication to the scientific work and policy support carried out by the unit. This includes social, economic and environmental aspects and aims at understanding how long-term benefits resulting from the use of marine resources can be increased in a sustainable way. The results of the research will feed into the provision of scientific advice to the EU Sustainable Blue Economy, Bioeconomy as well as the MSFD, and related policies.

The selected candidate will be expected to:

- Deliver scientific contributions to the development and harmonization of assessments of Good Environmental Status of European Seas (e.g. on Eutrophication) in support of the MSFD implementation

- Collaborate with different Commission Services, related technical expert networks, research teams and Regional Sea Conventions, , organising meetings and stakeholder consultations, supporting policy analysis;
- Produce technical reports, scientific publications and policy briefs.

**WE LOOK FOR:**

We are looking for a marine biological scientist in the context of collaboration with DG ENV on supporting the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) and with DG MARE to support blue economy and bioeconomy activities related to biotic resources (e.g. algae).

He/she will carry out scientific and technical work focused on the further development of assessment procedures for Good Environmental Status and data analysis related to policy and climate impacts. He/she shall support the better coordination of different policy areas such as the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, the Water Framework Directive, the Sustainable Blue Growth, Maritime Spatial Planning and the Biodiversity Strategy under consideration of the new Green Deal and the Zero Pollution Action Plan.

The ideal candidate should have a PhD in marine biology, ecology, oceanography or an equivalent field with emphasis on marine environmental related aspects (or a University degree in oceanography/marine biology and 5 years of relevant experience after the university degree).

The candidate should have a committed, well-organized and dynamic personality, open to explore new fields and actively interact with different disciplines.

Excellent writing and presentation skills, with good knowledge of spoken and written English (B2) are required. Relevant publications and presentations are seen as essential and should be highlighted. As assets will be considered experience in the management of projects, experience in working with marine environmental assessments, excellent analytical and computer skills, knowledge of relevant EU policies and communication skills.

Also required is the proven ability to efficiently collaborate with scientists and policy experts from other domains.

**INDICATIVE CONTRACT'S DURATION:**

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

**PLACE OF WORK:**

Ispira (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](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 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.