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**FG IV – Project Officer -  
Biological interactions with materials****POSITION FOR:**

Member of the contract staff FG IV – 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 Directorate for Health, Consumers & Reference Materials, Consumer Products Safety Unit.**

The mission of the **Directorate** is to provide independent scientific evidence for the development, implementation and evaluation of EU policies. The Directorate supports the priorities of the von der Leyen Commission: Green deal, farm to fork, new industrial strategy, circular economy and promoting Health for European citizens.

The mission of the **Unit** is to provide scientific support and harmonised methods in the framework of the EU legislation. Work includes advanced (nano)materials, micro- & nanoplastics, safety and sustainability of new products and health technology such as medical devices. It contributes to build sustainable innovation ecosystems by open access and training activities of its Nanobiotechnology laboratory.

Further information: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en>  
<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/nanotechnology>

**WE PROPOSE:**

The JRC is offering a position for a contract agent in the context of the activities of the Consumer Products Safety Unit on Safe & Sustainable Advanced Materials, Micro- & Nanoplastics and Outreach activities.

She/he will contribute to the development, harmonisation, standardisation and validation of methodologies for the safety assessment of innovative materials involving the interactions of biological systems with a range of materials originating from consumer, food and medical products as well as incidental contaminants such as microplastics. The candidate will support the Nanobiotechnology laboratory in its open access and training activities.

**WE LOOK FOR:**

The ideal candidate should have the following qualifications:

Essential:

- Post-graduate title (Specialisation and/or PhD) in life science, biology, biotechnology, biochemistry or equivalent;
- Good knowledge in cell biology;
- Good knowledge on / experience with (in-vitro) toxicity testing;
- Good capacity to evaluate scientific results/reports and to draft scientific/technical documents;
- Good interpersonal communication skills and ability to work in an international environment;
- Ability to handle high workload when necessary and deliver under pressure;
- The working language will be English and a good knowledge of oral and written English (B2 level), as well as good communication and presentation skills are necessary.

**Advantages:**

- Experience in inter-laboratory studies;
- Good knowledge on / experience with safety assessment of chemicals and/or engineered nanomaterials, particularly in a regulatory context;
- Basic knowledge of EU legislation on chemicals;
- A good understanding of the policy-science interface, as well as the challenges and opportunities associated with it;
- Experience with test method development and international standardization via OECD, CEN, ISO, etc.;
- Ability to establish networks and communicate with different stakeholders.

**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](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.