



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

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FG IV - Project Officer - Scientific / Technical Project Officer

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 Health, Consumers and Reference Materials Directorate, Fraud Detection and Prevention Unit (JRC.F.4).

The fight against food fraud is an EU priority aimed at keeping the highest food safety standards. Detection of fraud in the food chain requires not only appropriate analytical methods but relies to a large extent on intelligence gathering from a variety of sources to reveal vulnerabilities of food chains and to inform enforcement actions. The activity is embedded in the newly created European Knowledge Centre for Food Fraud and Quality (KCFFQ) (<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/food-fraud-and-quality>).

WE PROPOSE:

Our new colleague will apply state-of-the-art molecular biology tools (rt-PCR, ddPCR, Next Generation Sequencing) to characterise authentic agricultural products of high economic value such as wine, honey, olive oil. The obtained data have to be analysed using appropriate bioinformatics pipelines. The future job holder will be part of the EC Knowledge Centre for Food Fraud and Quality and is expected to support the team in the preparation of meetings with the network of national experts, where results are presented in an international forum. The candidate will also scan the horizon, collate information related to the state-of-the-art in the offered position to generate knowledge and contribute actively to the KCFFQ.

WE LOOK FOR:

The successful candidate shall have a degree in (molecular) biology, biochemistry/food chemistry, or a related discipline with a strong focus on analytical techniques relevant to the job content.

A solid background in the application of state-of-the-art molecular biology diagnostic tools (PCR, NGS) is a requirement and experience in its practical application to food matrices is an advantage. Familiarity with bioinformatics tools to organise, analyse and interpret biological information at the molecular, cellular and genomic level is highly desirable.

Good knowledge of spoken and written English (level B2) is required.

INDICATIVE CONTRACT'S DURATION:

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

PLACE OF WORK:

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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.