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FG IV - Project officer - New approaches to assessment of chemicals in the field of ecotoxicology

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/>

The Chemical Safety and Alternative Methods Unit, which incorporates The European Union Reference Laboratory for Alternatives to Animal Testing (EURL ECVAM), is part of the JRC's Directorate for Health, Consumers and Reference Materials.

We develop, evaluate, harmonise and promote innovative methods for the regulatory safety assessment of chemicals used in a variety of sectors, with the additional aim of protecting animals used for scientific purposes. We provide support to a broad range of policy areas including industrial and household chemicals, cosmetics, food, plant protection products, endocrine disrupters and chemical mixtures. We also promote the use of alternative methods in basic and applied biomedical research.

The organisation of work within the JRC enables a satisfactory balance between professional and private life. Appropriate training and on-the-job coaching will be provided to the successful applicant as well as support by the Welcome Desk to assist newcomers to the Ispra area.

For more information visit: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/alternatives-animal-testing-and-safety-assessment-chemicals>, <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/eurl/ecvam>

In relation to the workplace, general information can be found at the following website: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/about/jrc-site/ispra>

WE PROPOSE:

We are looking for a dynamic and highly motivated colleague to work in the area of ecotoxicology. The selected candidate will support EU policy areas related to the safe and sustainable use of chemicals and the protection of animals used for scientific purposes. Responsibilities will include:

- Supporting the development and acceptance of non-animal methods and approaches intended for regulatory application;
- The coordination of experimental (validation) studies carried out in the EURL ECVAM laboratory facility and in collaboration with partner laboratories;
- Liaising with EU and international science consortia to identify and advance promising approaches;
- Promoting non-animal approaches to testing and assessment of chemicals, including environmental mixtures, across EU policies by sharing knowledge across chemical sectors, related disciplines (e.g. toxicology, ecotoxicology, ecology and biodiversity) and between research and regulatory communities;
- Contribute to the development of integrated approaches to testing and assessment (IATA) for properties of environmental concern.

The successful candidate should be able to communicate results to a variety of scientific and stakeholder communities via oral presentations, scientific reports/papers, and promotion activities.

WE LOOK FOR:

Essential:

- Degree in ecotoxicology, biology, environmental science or related discipline
- Good general knowledge of environmental toxicology
- Good command of written and spoken English (B2)

Desirable:

- Knowledge or experience in the field of regulatory ecotoxicology;
- Knowledge or experience in the field of in silico or in vitro ecotoxicology methods;
- Knowledge or experience in the field of environmental economics and cost-benefit assessment;
- Knowledge or experience of EU policies and (regulatory) frameworks in the chemicals , food, cosmetics, or agrochemical sectors.

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.