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JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

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**FG IV - PROJECT OFFICER – JRC  
OBSERVATORY OF CRITICAL TECHNOLOGIES  
– APPLIED ECONOMIST**

**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 with the Knowledge for Security and Migration Unit, of the Space, Security and Migration Directorate. The mission of the Unit is to support EU policies for security, space and defence by mapping, collating and analysing state-of-the-art scientific knowledge, methods and tools for the respective policy areas. Anticipating relevant trends and needs through foresight, identifying knowledge gaps, indicating potential synergies across research funds and investments, mapping industrial ecosystems and co-designing R&D roadmaps are all parts of Unit work.

The JRC took a major long-term commitment to set up and lead the new EU Observatory of Critical Technologies foreseen by the Action Plan on synergies between civil, defence and space industries (COM(2021) 70). The Unit is tasked to lead and coordinate both JRC's and stakeholders' contributions to the Observatory, and will execute some technical work itself. The Observatory will identify critical technologies common to civil, defence and space industries, and will provide regular monitoring and analysis of them, their potential applications, needed research and testing infrastructure, their value and supply chains, the desired level of EU control over them, and existing gaps and dependencies in the context of EU strategic autonomy. In consultation with key stakeholders such as other Commission DGs, ESA, EDA and industry, the Observatory will regularly produce a report on the above issues. Based on these reports, technology roadmaps will be developed to stimulate cross-fertilisation between civil, defence and space industries for critical technologies

**WE PROPOSE:**

The specific job mainly concerns the analysis of value chains and supply chains of critical technologies in space, defence and related civil sectors, as well as involvement in the coordination of the stakeholders' activities.

The job will cover the strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty angle of the Observatory. It will primarily involve in-depth economic analysis and monitoring of critical technologies' supply chains and value chains in the EU, to identify and assess dependencies, vulnerabilities and risks. It may also involve assessing the status and trends for R&D, innovation, markets and key players in the EU and globally; understanding the role of technologies in critical infrastructures; and performing foresight studies. As mentioned, the sectors of interest are defence, space and related civil industries. Technologies and technology areas may extend across electronics and digital, informatics, communications, manufacturing, aeronautics, health, energy, mobility, artificial intelligence, robotics, autonomous systems and biotechnologies.

The job includes collecting, exploiting and analysing data / statistics / information from official, commercial and open sources; liaising with internal and external policy makers, analysts, experts and stakeholders; organising workshops and seminars; helping design and improve processes and methodologies, including the development of indicators; defining work for contractors; and drafting reports and visualising data and results. The successful candidate will be part of a multidisciplinary

team of scientists, engineers and economists. Outputs of the work will take the form of added content to databases and (contributions to) reports.

**WE LOOK FOR:**

University degree (at least master's level) in applied economics, engineering, industrial production, business administration, or other relevant technological discipline (e.g. operations research). Work experience of at least 3 years in relevant techno-economic analyses for the private or public sector (e.g. hi-tech industrial sector, critical infrastructures, R&D and innovation, work in the space, security or defence industries etc.). Previous research or work experience specifically in defence, space, security, or supply chain risk management or in techno-economic analyses for strategic industries or in management consultancies would be an asset. Knowledge of EU policies in defence, industry or research is useful.

Very good writing and communication skills in English (at least C1 level), hands-on analytical skills such as with statistical and data visualisation tools, the capacity to work autonomously and proactively, the ability to manage relationships with stakeholders and partners both inside and outside the EU institutions, are all necessary.

Project management experience is a bonus. Flexibility and capacity to work under time pressure are indispensable. The work will involve sensitive information, and the successful candidate will be subject to security screening; an existing security clearance is a bonus.

**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](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.