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FG IV - Scientific Project Officer - Agri-food systems analyst

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 the Directorate for Sustainable Resources, Food Security Unit (located in Ispra, Italy).

The mission of the 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 bio economy, industry and trade.

The Food Security Unit contributes scientific development towards a more effective, and efficient management of EU policies related to agriculture and food security. More specifically, the position is in the Food and Nutrition security Project Portfolio, which addresses food and nutrition security issues in food insecure countries, in particular in Africa.

WE PROPOSE:

We propose a challenging and rewarding post of scientific officer to play a decisive role in the transformation towards more sustainable food systems at global level.

Main tasks will include:

- The coordination of scientific policy support to food systems sustainability related aspects across various policy areas (European Green Deal, international cooperation, SDG's, fighting hunger and malnutrition).
- the provision of strategic input to the Knowledge Centre on Global Food and Nutrition Security.
- scientific analysis of food systems and food systems sustainability for different countries in the World and specifically for countries with high risk of food insecurity.
- aligning the international dimensions of the Farm to Fork strategy with EC commitments to the Global Network against Food Crisis and their evolution in the light of the UN Food Systems Summit and in the “One Health Approach” perspective.

The post will also contribute the Unit's work in partnership with INTPA and other Commission DGs (especially ECHO, AGRI, SANTE, CLIMA, DEFIS, ENV, CNECT and ESTAT) in building communities of practice on food systems science.

The selected candidate will therefore work with other stakeholders, particularly the UN Rome based agencies and focus on coordination of food systems transformation related policy priorities. Links with other competences in the unit related to agricultural production monitoring, climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and food security analysis will play a role, as well as collaboration across JRC units.

WE LOOK FOR:

We are looking for a highly motivated, pro-active and well-organized candidate.

Three years' experience in food system science and AGRI-food systems knowledge is essential.

In addition, three years' experience with systems approach related to food and agriculture, demonstrated knowledge of agro-economic aspects like: value chain analysis, circular economy, and life cycle analysis is desirable.

Work experience in developing countries would be an advantage.

Experience with evidence based policy support and knowledge of the international policy landscape related to food security and nutrition would be an advantage.

The successful candidate should also be able to demonstrate her/his ability to provide guidance and help oversee the work of a team, and a clear capacity to communicate technical and scientifically.

The expert's skills are essential contributions to the unit's ongoing scientific policy support activities. The expert will also contribute to scientific analysis and writing in the domain and liaison, on behalf of the unit, with other entities such as for example the FAO, and with key stakeholders within the European Commission.

A very good command of English (B2) as well as for another official EU language is necessary.

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 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.