

**POSITION FOR:**

Member of the contract staff IV – 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.

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**The current vacancy is in the Digital Economy Unit (JRC.B.6)** of the JRC Directorate Growth and Innovation. The unit provides quantitative and qualitative techno-socioeconomic research targeting the impacts of the Digital Transformation on the economy and society. It studies the current and emerging facets of digital transformation and its impacts on the European economy, society and environment, in support of policies under the priority “A Europe fit for the Digital Age”. In particular, the unit provides techno-socio-economic research on the impacts and the strategic role of Artificial Intelligence (AI), as well as other digital technologies, data and digital platforms for the economy and society, to support the modernisation of public sector.

**WE PROPOSE:**

The digital transformation is affecting all areas of Europe’s economy and society. In 2020, the European Commission launched its Digital Strategy “Shaping Europe’s Digital Future” aiming at a digital transformation which will put people first, open up new opportunities for businesses, encourage the development of trustworthy technology, foster an open and democratic society and enable a vibrant and sustainable economy.

The *digital economics* team of the unit is contributing to several policy initiatives under the Digital strategy, including the Digital Services Act, Digital Markets Act, Data Act, Platform to Business Regulation or Geo-blocking Regulation. It also supports sectoral policies related to platforms and data, e.g. on short-term rentals.

Current research focuses on the economics of data and data platforms, e-commerce trends and marketplaces, hotel booking platforms, search engines, media and advertising platforms, recommender systems, geo-blocking and other relevant issues in the digital economy. The objective of the team is to continue the JRC research support for EU policy initiatives in relation to digital technologies and fill the empirical evidence gaps where needed, in particular with regard to online platforms, digital data and their regulatory framework.

For this research, the unit is looking for a highly motivated and outstanding candidate with a strong background in economics or related social sciences. The successful candidate is expected to support the activities of the team through empirical and/or theoretical research activities to provide evidence to support the EU political priorities related to digital markets and services. Research and analytical work will involve collaboration with other teams at the Digital Economy Unit, other JRC units and directorates, European Commission services, as well as other relevant international organisations and research institutions.

The work will involve:

- designing research tasks to provide evidence in support of policies related to digital platforms;
- analysing the most important features of the role of digital platforms in different sectors (e.g. e-commerce, accommodation, social networks, search, and mobile applications) and their emerging impact on traditional industries (e.g. energy, construction);
- evaluating the current regulatory framework for digital services in the EU and its

effectiveness in light of the fast-evolving digital landscape;

- collecting, processing and analysing data from various sources to assess the socio-economic impact of digital platforms;
- contributing to tailored communication and outreach to different audiences (under the supervision of scientific officer responsible);
- drafting scientific publications and reports for a variety of audiences (experts/scientists, policy makers, the general public);
- drafting technical annexes and take part in contract management (including review of publications) under the supervision of the scientific officer responsible

**WE LOOK FOR:**

We are looking for a research scientist with a keen interest in EU policies with:

- A PhD or Master's degree (if combined with at least 5 years of relevant experience) in economics or a related field relevant to the position, with a particular emphasis on applied work.
- Very good (C1 level) command of the English language.

The following experience/knowledge is desirable:

- A track record in digital economics research related to digital platforms, multi-sided markets and information service providers.
- Knowledge of the regulatory framework in the EU related to digital platforms, multi-sided markets and information service providers.
- Experience in handling data and statistical software for applied work.
- Experience in empirical industrial organisation.
- Experience in writing and communicating to scientific, policy and business audiences, as well as the public.

**INDICATIVE CONTRACT'S DURATION:**

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

**PLACE OF WORK:**

Sevilla (ES)

**RULES AND ELIGIBILITY:**

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://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/working-us/jobs-jrc/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members/function-group-iv/job-opportunities-research-fellows-european-commission\\_en](https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/working-us/jobs-jrc/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members/function-group-iv/job-opportunities-research-fellows-european-commission_en) (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.