



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE

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**FG IV – Economic and Policy Analyst - Rural data
and spatial modeller**

POSITION FOR:

Member of the contract staff FG IV – 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://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu>

The current vacancy is in the Territorial Development Unit within the Growth and Innovation Directorate of the JRC. The mission of the Unit is to support the urban and territorial articulation of the EU policy agenda, its external investment and global outreach. Our aim is to deliver world-class science-for-policy support to bring Europe closer to citizens and places, turning territorial diversity into value. We aim at strengthening the EU global role in putting forward place-based solutions for recovery and sustainability and at localizing global agendas, bringing back to Europe what we learn from outside.

We build on an impressive team of colleagues and on a unique combination of knowledge, data, methods, analytical and modelling tools as well as extensive links to urban, local, regional, national and international stakeholders, authorities and communities.

The Unit works across two JRC sites: Seville (Spain) and Ispra (Italy) with around 50% of the Unit Staff based at each site.

WE PROPOSE:

This position concerns the implementation and set-up of the Rural Observatory – as foreseen by the EC Communication ‘A long-term vision for the EU’s rural areas’.

The Rural Observatory is a public, online rural data portal containing relevant statistics, indicators and analyses based on data from multiple sources, at the most appropriate territorial granularity and timely updated. The observatory will contribute to a better understanding of rural areas; it will cover the economic, social and environmental dimensions. The main sources of data are the JRC LUISA Territorial Modelling Platform, EUROSTAT, European and National relevant data suppliers and projects, any other suitable and accessible sources.

The primary duties of the job holder will include:

- Collection, evaluation and structuring of spatial, statistical and economic data sets suitable for territorial and rural analysis;
- Contribution to Thematic analyses, on topics and research questions of relevance for rural areas;
- Preparation of datasets for territorial modelling, running of scenarios and evaluation of outcomes.
- Analysis and dissemination of results
- Evaluation of impact of policies in relation to rural development

WE LOOK FOR:

We are looking for a researcher in the field of data analysis and spatial modelling applied to rural development.

The ideal candidate has studied and/or relevant and proven experience, in at least one of the following

areas: geographical information sciences, spatial and statistical analysis, spatial data processing and modelling, or equivalent domains in the fields of rural and/or territorial development and planning. Programming skills for spatial modelling (including but not limited to land-use, transport, demography, accessibility etc.) are considered highly positive assets.

Experience with large datasets is an asset.

A very good knowledge of English (C2) is required.

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.