



2022-IPR-D2-FGIV-021888

**FG IV - Project Officer – Environmental objectives  
for EU coastal and transitional waters**

**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 is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle.

The JRC is located in five 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 Water and Marine Resources Unit within the Directorate for Sustainable Resources.** The mission of the Directorate 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, the blue economy and fisheries, the bioeconomy, industry and trade.

The Water and Marine Resources Unit provides scientific and technical support to Commission services. In particular, its mission is to carry out scientific assessments addressing societal and economic challenges deriving from the evolving vulnerability of the European and global water environment. It contributes innovative solutions to sustainably manage water resources in the face of increasing trends of global population, urbanisation, pollution, over-exploitation, land use and climate change and ensures that they are adequately linked to policy development and implementation.

**WE PROPOSE:**

We offer a position as scientific project officer to provide scientific support to the development and harmonisation of the environmental objectives for coastal and transitional waters in the framework of the EU water legislation.

The assignment requires the ability to translate state-of-the-art scientific knowledge on eutrophication, chemical pollution, hydromorphological alteration, and other pressures, their impact on coastal and transitional ecosystems into coherent indicators and targets, as needed for the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD).

The jobholder will explore the application of innovative methods for quantifying pressures and their impacts combining all available sources of information from remote sensing to field monitoring and bioassays. The work will contribute to key priorities under the European Union Green Deal, such as Farm-to-fork, Biodiversity, Zero Pollution, and climate adaptation strategies.

The job holder will cooperate with Commission Services, the European Environmental Agency, Member States and stakeholder representatives on the priorities set out in the WFD Common Implementation Strategy (CIS), and establish links to relevant ongoing and new research projects and the MSFD CIS.

**WE LOOK FOR:**

A highly motivated and skilled scientist with a strong background in the field of ecological assessment preferably in coastal and transitional waters.

Candidates will have a PhD in earth sciences, biology, ecology, environmental sciences or related fields, or, alternatively, at least 5 years of full time relevant research experience after the first University degree giving direct access to doctoral (PhD) studies.

Experience in scientific support to water policies and a thorough scientific knowledge on methods to quantify human pressures and their impact in coastal and transitional waters is an advantage.

Preferential requirements include experience with the implementation of EU water policies.

Competence in writing reports and communication is an advantage.

**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/en/documents/call-expressions-interest-0>

– (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.