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**FG IV - Project Officer - Scientific Research -
Circular Economy and Waste**

POSITION FOR:

Member of the contract staff FG 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 (JRC) 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 on the [JRC website](#).

The JRC offers a vibrant and multidisciplinary academic work environment, combined with a competitive [salary and benefits/allowances package](#).

The current vacancy is in Directorate for Growth & Innovation (B), in the Circular Economy and Industrial Leadership Unit (B5) of the JRC. Unit B5 provides scientific, technical and economic analysis support to the development and implementation of a broad range of EU environmental policies, and has the following areas of expertise: industrial emissions, sustainable product policy, circular economy and waste management, sustainable finance taxonomy and applied environmental economics.

More specifically, this vacancy is linked to the area of circular economy and waste management. The research in this area supports EU policies on waste management and recycling to facilitate a transition to a circular economy. It includes waste classification, safety and quality criteria for secondary materials (including end-of-waste and by-products criteria), requirements on recyclability and recycled content (for example in batteries), harmonised rules for the separate collection of waste, the definition of high-quality recycling, and recycling targets. Our research relies on strong competencies in sustainability impact assessment.

Further information about the unit's research on circular economy and waste management can be found on the [EU Science Hub](#).

WE PROPOSE:

We have one vacancy for *Project Officer – Scientific Research – Circular Economy and Waste Management* who would carry out research in support of EU policies for waste management, recycling and the recovery of secondary raw materials from waste.

The jobholder's main responsibilities will be as follows:

- To conduct environmental and techno-economic research studies.
- To draft science for policy reports in the fields of waste management and circular economy.
- To steer and guide the technical discussion/exchange of information with stakeholders and technical working groups, necessary for the completion of the studies, including the organisation, coordination, preparation of working documents, and execution of large stakeholder group meetings and consultations.

- To gather, validate, process and synthesise data and technical information on the environmental performance of specific processes and economic activities (e.g. waste management).
- To discuss and communicate the progress of research studies with the JRC and other European Commission colleagues, and interested experts from EU institutions, and Member States.
- To involve international scientific networks in order to contribute with a sound scientific basis to the decision-making process.
- To publish scientific results in EU/JRC reports as well as peer-reviewed journals and other professional publications.
- To present the research and its policy implications to the EU scientific or policy communities.

The successful candidate will be part of a highly motivated team of researchers, in which team work and collaborative spirit, and, at the same time, self-organisation and the capacity to work independently are all highly appreciated.

WE LOOK FOR:

Essential:

At the time of applying, candidates must have completed a PhD or have a minimum of 3 years of professional experience related to environmental analysis, techno-economic evaluation, circular economy or waste management.

A very good level (C1) of written and spoken English is essential and knowledge of at least one other EU language is compulsory.

Desirable:

The candidate should be an engineer or a natural scientist with experience or good knowledge in areas like

- sustainability impact assessment models
- life cycle assessment (LCA) methods
- waste management; the recovery of secondary raw materials and their related economic, environmental and health issues.

It is desirable that the candidate has strong competences in:

- analysing and problem solving
- communicating technical or specialized information
- drafting
- delivering quality results
- prioritising and organising
- both working autonomously and with others, in a team

International study or work experience is an important asset.

INDICATIVE CONTRACT'S DURATION:

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

PLACE OF WORK:

Seville (Spain)

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](#)

or

– (iii) be registered in the [in the Specialised Call for Researchers](#) (mainly used by the JRC).

With a valid application number to one of the above, you may then apply for this specific vacancy at JRC through its [vacancy page](#).

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.