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**FG IV – Scientific Project Officer –
Marine Biodiversity**

POSITION FOR:

Member of the contract staff FGIV –art. 3b of the [Conditions of Employment of Other Servants](#)

WE ARE:

The [Joint Research Centre \(JRC\)](#) provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting EU policies to positively impact society.

The JRC is located in 5 Member States (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain).

The current vacancy is in Directorate for Sustainable Resources, Ocean and Water Unit. The mission of 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, international development cooperation, environment and climate change, blue growth and fisheries, the bioeconomy, industry and trade

The **Ocean and Water Unit** supports EU policies underpinning freshwater and marine governance with independent best available scientific and technical advice by carrying out multi-disciplinary research and socio-economic assessments linked to the European and global hydrosphere, and by providing innovative solutions to enable the sustainable and fair use of water and marine resources in the complex context of climate change, planetary health, a growing global population, sustainable food systems, urbanisation, pollution, over-exploitation and the loss of biodiversity.

WE PROPOSE:

We offer a position as scientific officer with the duties of contributing to the work programme of the Unit related to the fields of Marine Environment. The Ocean and Water Unit is providing scientific advice to the development, implementation and monitoring of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive MSFD. Marine species, habitats and food-webs are among the MSFD Descriptor Criteria to describe the environmental status of Marine Biodiversity. Pelagic and Seabed Habitats, species, as well as their relations with food webs, taking into account relevant anthropogenic pressures, need to be assessed. Harmonisation and common understanding of methodologies and approaches among EU MS is crucial for comparable assessments and resulting identification of priority measures.

In this context, the continuous support to fully implement the MSFD in the European marine waters is a key activity that requires the availability of a marine biologist or ecologist with a high-level scientific profile and a strong dedication to the scientific work and policy support carried out by the unit.

The selected candidate will be expected to:

- Support the implementation of the MSFD in EU Member States regarding the environmental status of marine habitats, species and food-webs and their links with MSFD pressure descriptors, to improve reporting and support the MSFD review process.
- Carry out scientific and technical work focused on the further development of assessment procedures for Marine Biodiversity, harmonised reporting by EU MS and the implementation of adequate measures for its protection.

- Collaborate with different Commission Services, related technical expert networks, research teams and Regional Sea Conventions, organising meetings and stakeholder consultations, supporting policy analysis;
- Produce technical reports, scientific publications and guidance documents.

WE LOOK FOR:

We are looking for a **marine biology scientist** with a strong background in policy related marine biodiversity assessments.

S/he will carry out scientific and technical work focused on the further development of assessment procedures for Marine Biodiversity, harmonised reporting by EU MS and the implementation of adequate measures for its protection.

S/he will collaborate to coordinate the relevant JRC MSFD Expert Networks on Species and the Pelagic Habitats and liaise with the MSFD Technical Group on Seafloor Integrity (TG Seabed) as well as with Regional Sea Conventions and scientific communities to enable a joint strategic approach on the assessments of marine biodiversity parameters.

The ideal candidate should have a PhD in marine biology, ecology, or an equivalent field with emphasis on marine environmental related aspects (or a University degree in marine sciences/biology and 5 years of relevant experience after the university degree).

The candidate should have a committed, well-organized and dynamic personality, open to explore new fields and actively interact with different disciplines.

Excellent writing and presentation skills, with good knowledge of spoken and written English (B2) are required. Relevant publications and presentations are seen as essential and should be highlighted. As assets will be considered experience in the management of projects, experience in working with marine environmental assessments, excellent analytical and computer skills, knowledge of relevant EU policies and communication skills.

Also required is the proven ability to efficiently collaborate with scientists and policy experts from other domains.

INDICATIVE CONTRACT'S DURATION:

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

PLACE OF WORK:

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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 Specialised Call for 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 its [vacancy page](#).

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.