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

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, and Chemical Contaminants.

The Ocean and Water Unit is providing scientific advice to the development, implementation and monitoring of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive MSFD. Within the MSFD, provisions against marine pollution by chemical contaminants are closely related to the Water Framework Directive, the EU Chemicals Policy and the Zero Pollution Action Plan.

Chemical substances and their effects, as well as spills of oil and chemicals require harmonised approaches for their monitoring and assessment, as well as prioritisation of mitigation measures.

In this context, the continued support to fully implement the MSFD provisions on chemical contamination of European marine waters requires the availability of an environmental chemist, 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:

- To support the implementation of the MSFD Descriptors D8 + D9 regarding monitoring and assessment of chemical contaminants, the effects of chemical contaminants and spills of oil and chemicals, as well as contaminants in seafood.
- 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 an **environmental chemistry scientist** in the context of collaboration with DG ENV on supporting the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD)

S/he will carry out scientific and technical work to support EU MS through the MSFD Expert Network on Contaminants, in close collaboration with Regional Sea Conventions in shared basins and considering provisions and working groups of the Water Framework Directive.

S/he will support the development of strategies for marine chemical contaminant monitoring and assessments, including emerging methodologies, data management for baselines and trends, and the link with measures for pollution mitigation within the Common Implementation Strategy of the MSFD.

The ideal candidate should have a PhD in environmental/marine chemistry, or an equivalent field with emphasis on marine environmental related aspects (or a University degree in oceanography/marine 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 chemical 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.