



VACANCY NOTICE – 2023-SVQ-B5-FGIV-022511

FGIV - Project Officer - Scientific Research - Circular Economy Anticipatory Research

Type of contract	Member of the European Commission's contract staff, Function Group IV (article 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants)
Duration of contract	36 months (renewable up to maximum 6 years)
Area	Green Deal – Circular Economy
Place of employment	Seville (ES)
Indicative basic salary	3877,47 - 5616,29 € (applicable as of 1 st of July 2022) For more detailed information please consult: Working Conditions .

WE ARE

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

The current vacancy is in the **Circular Economy and Sustainable Industry Unit** of the **Directorate B - Fair and Sustainable Economy** of the JRC in Seville, Spain.

The unit 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 a new line of research with a strategic forward-looking perspective. The research will explore the bottlenecks and opportunities on the path of the circular economy transition and look for potential synergies and reinforcing factors in new technologies, infrastructures, business models, and consumer behaviour. It will build, model or analyse future scenarios, and it will assess the contribution of circularity to the broader green transition, in particular regarding decarbonisation and resource saving. Ultimately, our research will show how policies to strengthen the circular economy can be tightened and what sustainability effects this would have.

This new line of research can build on the unit's long experience in research for supporting specific policies in the areas of sustainable production and consumption as well as circular economy. It will in particular rely on the unit's existing strong competencies in sustainability impact assessment and seek to use them together with the approaches and methodologies of futures studies.

Further information about the JRC's research on circular economy is available under the following links: [Sustainable materials \(europa.eu\)](#) and [Less waste, more value \(europa.eu\)](#)



We offer:

- a job in a dynamic, multidisciplinary environment, with important societal impact in Europe and beyond;
- a unique opportunity to contribute to analyse and shape EU policy towards the delivery of the green transition working at the interface between science and policy. In this position you will be interacting with EU policymakers and stakeholders from academia, environmental NGOs and industry;
- a family-friendly working environment, with online collaboration and occasional travel for conferences/workshops and cooperative work with colleagues in Brussels or other JRC sites.

WE PROPOSE

We have one vacancy for a Project Officer – Scientific Research – Circular Economy Anticipatory Research who would carry out research in support of recalibrating and reinforcing EU policies for the transition to a circular economy.

The jobholder's main responsibilities will be as follows:

- To carry out environmental and techno-economic research studies with a forward-looking approach;
- To gather, validate, process, analyse and synthesise data on the circular economy and the green transition;
- To involve international scientific networks in order to contribute with a sound scientific basis to the decision-making process;
- To draft science for policy reports in the field of circular economy;
- To interact with stakeholders and facilitate the activities of expert advisory groups;
- 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 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, collaborative spirit, self-organisation and the capability to work independently are all highly appreciated.



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Essential:

The candidate must have completed university studies of at least 3 years. In addition, the candidate must have a PhD or have at least 3 years of cumulative professional experience related to any of the jobholder's main responsibilities as set out above.

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 a technical, natural or social scientist with research experience in areas like:

- industrial ecology
- environmental management engineering
- sustainability assessment
- environmental systems analysis
- future studies related to sustainability.

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.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are **already on a valid CAST FG IV reserve list**, or you **have already applied to one of the calls below**, you can directly submit your application at <http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX>.

If not, before applying to this position, **you must register** for one of the two following:

- the [Call for Expressions of Interest | EU Careers \(europa.eu\)](http://europa.eu) (CAST Permanent FG IV), which is used by a wide range of organisations (institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union), or
- the [specialised call for researchers](#) (JRC Call COM/1/2015/GFIV – Research), which is mainly used by the JRC.

Note that each of the calls above has **different minimum eligibility requirements and different selection tests**.



The JRC cultivates a workplace based on respect for other people and the environment, and embraces non-discriminatory practices and equality of opportunity. In case of equal merit, preference will be given to the gender in minority.