



VACANCY NOTICE – 2023-SVQ-B5-FGIV-022556

FGIV – Project Officer - Scientific Officer - EU Taxonomy

Type of contract	Member of the European Commission’s contract staff, Function Group (FG) IV (article 3b of the Conditions of Employment of Other Servants)
Duration of contract	36 months (renewable up to maximum 6 years)
Area	Environment/Climate change
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 (B5) of the Directorate (JRC B) for a **Fair and Sustainable Economy**. 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.

The open position is in the **EU Taxonomy team** of the unit. The team supports the development of an EU-wide classification of environmentally sustainable economic activities (the “EU Taxonomy”). Our work consists in providing conceptual and methodological guidance as well as technical inputs for the definition of technical screening criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities, according to the Taxonomy Regulation. We also carry out research and provide policy analysis to support the application of environmental sustainability concepts in other EU policies (e.g. EU funding programmes), from a science-based perspective. More info about B5’s research on the EU Taxonomy: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/scientific-activities-z/sustainable-finance/eu-taxonomy_en

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

You will join an interdisciplinary and multicultural team of researchers and policy officers and contribute to the JRC's research portfolio on Shaping the Green Transition.

In particular, you will contribute directly to developing and implementing the **EU Taxonomy**, from contributing to its conceptual development, to the definition of the technical screening criteria, and to the drafting of the actual legal texts. Your role will be dealing with technical aspects, ensuring the work builds on the available scientific evidence and on robust methodologies, and facilitating the interaction with experts.

You will contribute to a JRC-wide exercise to carry out a **gap analysis of the progress towards targets set in the European Green Deal**, as a direct support to the Commission's policymaking underpinning the green transition. It will notably include analysis of the environmental dimension of EU financial instruments/initiatives.

The work of this position will be carried out in collaboration with a diverse team of highly motivated professionals and entails actively engaging with colleagues from across the whole JRC, the Commission and external scientists and experts working on multiple aspects of the green transition.

You are expected, inter alia, to:

- conduct technical, scientific and policy analysis or research studies relating to the environmental sustainability of economic activities;
- contribute to developing and drafting robust methodological documents that can underpin the development of technical screening criteria for the EU Taxonomy (such as for enabling and transitional activities) and in support of the mainstreaming of sustainability considerations into other EU policies, such as the 'Do No Significant Harm' principle;
- collaborate with other staff members drafting science for policy reports in the fields of green economic activities and sustainable finance, in particular for the development and implementation of the EU Taxonomy and for a gap analysis of the progress towards targets set in the European Green Deal;
- steer and guide technical discussions with stakeholders, technical working groups and other Commission's colleagues, including the preparation of working documents and execution of experts group meetings and consultations, necessary for the completion of studies;
- help organise, guide and support the work of a dedicated group of experts, and assist in identifying areas of apparent conflict and seeking information to clarify and find consensus on technical disputes;
- gather, validate, process and synthesise technical information on the environmental performance of economic activities, e.g. to make proposals on the basis of evidence of Taxonomy technical screening criteria and assess proposals formulated by others (iterative consultation process);
- discuss, communicate and publish the results of research, technical and policy studies with other colleagues in the JRC, the European Commission, other EU institutions, interested experts from Member States and external (EU and international) organisations.



WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for an expert in environmental sustainability. This is a very good opportunity for an environmental scientist or engineer as well as for a sustainability practitioner (e.g. with sustainable finance, corporate sustainability, environmental agency or international organisation experience) passionate about influencing policy making on high impact files related to the climate and environmental transition.

Candidates must have completed **university studies of at least 3 years** attested by a diploma in a field relevant to the position (e.g. environmental engineering or sciences, industrial engineering, climate, economics). A **very good level (C1) of written and spoken English** is essential, including the ability to write technical and/or policy reports.

The candidate should ideally have **3 years of professional experience or in-depth knowledge in one or more of the following areas:**

- environmental and/or climate finance policies or initiatives;
- one or more of the six environmental objectives set for the EU Taxonomy (climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, water, circular economy, pollution prevention and control, and biodiversity & ecosystems);
- benchmarking/evaluation of environmental performance of activities, products, industrial processes or organisations;
- environmental sustainability in one or more of the following sectors: manufacturing, energy, transport, buildings, water, ICT, agriculture, forestry;
- life cycle considerations/assessment methods;
- application/development of the EU Taxonomy or other sustainable finance taxonomies or similar tools;
- work with experts/stakeholder groups and discussions steering towards consensus;
- international/EU study or work experience.

In order to be successful in this position, it is desirable that the candidate has **strong competences in:**

- analysing, problem solving and delivering quality results: you can make sense of large amounts of information and data, put it into context and make decisions or recommendations based on solid analysis;
- working both autonomously and with others in a team: this position will rely on inputs from many colleagues; it is important to have a proactive attitude, be open minded and ready to learn new things in order to be able to integrate contributions from other domains of expertise and apply knowledge in different contexts;
- communicating technical or specialised information: you should be proficient in synthesising scientific and technical knowledge and be a good and proactive communicator with both experts and non-experts, able to speak and write clearly in English;
- participating efficiently in and, when needed, leading discussions and meetings;
- prioritising and organising: you should have good organisation skills and show resilience to work with tight deadlines.



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 \(europa.eu\)](#) (CAST Permanent FG II/III/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.