



VACANCY NOTICE – 2023-IPR-T1-FGIV-022624

Scientific Project Officer – Inclusive Data Governance

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	Inclusive Data Governance
Place of employment	Ispra (IT)
Indicative basic salary	3,877.47 € - 5,616.29 € (applicable as of 1st 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 **Digital Economy Unit** of the **Directorate for Digital Transformation and Data**. The unit studies the current and emerging facets of digital transformation, and its impacts on the European economy, society and environment, in support of EU digital policies. In particular, the unit provides techno-socio-economic research on the **impacts and strategic role of digital technologies, data and digital platforms for the economy and society**, as well as on digital skills and digital education, and the modernisation of the public sector.

Data is an essential resource for economic growth, competitiveness, innovation, job creation and societal progress. The **European strategy for data** aims at ensuring that the EU is at the forefront of the second wave of innovation based on data by creating a single market for data, fostering Europe's global competitiveness and data sovereignty. Through the **Data Governance Act** and the **Data Act**, the strategy aims at making more data available for use in the economy and society, while keeping the companies and individuals who generate the data in control.

Situated at the intersection of science and policy, the position will be part of a team of researchers supporting the implementation of these policies by identifying, documenting and investigating the development of inclusive data governance models that can contribute to the establishment of fairer and more sustainable data ecosystems. The work aims at **increasing trust in data sharing through data intermediaries**, and to make it easier for citizens and businesses to make available their data for the benefit of society, defending and promoting European values and rights in the digital world. A unique opportunity to carry out impactful research in the framework of the European strategy for data by identifying, documenting and supporting the development of inclusive data governance models that can contribute to the establishment of fairer and more sustainable data ecosystems.



We offer:

- a job in a **dynamic, multidisciplinary environment**, with important societal impact in Europe and beyond;
- a unique opportunity to **carry out impactful research in the framework of the European strategy for data to help pursue a human-centric, sustainable vision for digital society defending and promoting European values and rights**;
- 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 (especially Ispra, Italy).

WE PROPOSE

The jobholder will join an **interdisciplinary and multicultural team** of researchers and contribute to the JRC's research portfolio on Monitoring and Shaping the Digital Transition. S/he will work at the intersection between scientific research and policymaking, to support the development and implementation of the Data Act, Data Governance Act and other data-related policies.

S/he will investigate **innovative and emerging data practices, data governance models** and related concepts, which are at the forefront of European policymaking in the field of data and AI. S/he will join the team working on inclusive data governance, researching issues such as **data intermediaries, data sharing for public interest and human-centric local data ecosystems**.

Specifically, the work may involve:

- **designing research** tasks to provide evidence in support of policies related to data sharing and innovation;
- conducting literature reviews and **empirical research** about data intermediaries, data altruism, and inclusive data governance approaches;
- contributing to the **organisation of workshops** to collect evidence from practitioners in the field of data sharing and data governance;
- drafting **in-depth analysis reports** in the framework of the EU data strategy, with a focus on the Data Governance Act and the Data Act proposal;
- drafting succinct **policy briefs** translating the analytical results into policy recommendations;
- contributing to **briefings** and delivering input on short-term requests from key partners (under the supervision of responsible team leader);
- Strengthening **networks of international researchers and research centres**;
- drafting **scientific publications** and reports for a variety of audiences (experts/scientists, policy makers, the general public);
- defining and following up **external studies or service contracts**.

The candidate should be able to **work independently** within the framework of the team and be open to **collaborate** with other teams in the research portfolio. S/he should also have a **creative capacity** for exploratory initiatives and be ready to propose and test new data, methods and indicators aiming to make more data available for use in the economy and for public interest while keeping companies and individuals who generate the data in control. Finally, the candidate should show an **interest in EU policies** as well as the flexibility to address new policy questions, adapting to constraints imposed by the policy agenda.



S/he will work in close collaboration with a **wide range of partners**, including policy experts in the European Commission, e.g. in DG CONNECT, external researchers and scientists, and other various stakeholders in EU Member States and civil society organisations.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a **researcher** with a strong background in **analysing ways to improve the availability of data for the economy and society, in line with European aims and values**. Highly motivated outstanding candidates with a keen interest in supporting EU digital policies should have the **following experience/skills (essential)**:

- A university degree in the social sciences, such as sociology, economics, political science or another field relevant to the position and at least 3 years relevant research experience with a particular emphasis on applied work in the area of information society, governance and innovation, technology diffusion and adoption, and/or the social implications of big data and information communication technologies;
- Familiarity with the regulatory framework in the EU related to data, with a focus on the European Strategy for data;
- Very good (C1) knowledge of English.

Any of the following skills and experience would be **desirable**:

- A research track record in the area of information society, governance and innovation, technology diffusion and adoption, and/or the social implications of big data and information and communication technologies supported by high-quality scientific publications;
- Experience in project management;
- Experience in stakeholder engagement;
- Experience in research design, qualitative analysis, such as comparative case studies, discourse and thematic analysis, and innovative research methods, for the study of emerging data practices and their socio-economic dimensions;
- Experience in writing and communicating to scientific, policy, and business audiences, as well as to the general public.

HOW TO APPLY

If you are **already on a valid CAST FGIV 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 calls:

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

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.