



VACANCY NOTICE – 2023-IPR-F1-FGIV-023096

Scientific Project Officer - Epidemiologist with oncological background

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	Public Health
Place of employment	Ispra (IT)
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 JRC is located in 5 Member States (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain).

The current vacancy is with Disease Prevention Unit of the Directorate for Health and Food, supporting EU policies in public health for promoting excellence and equality of health-care in all Member States. The Unit addresses the following areas: health information on cancer and rare diseases, healthcare quality, and health promotion and prevention of non-communicable diseases.

The position is for the Cancer Information team, managing the European Cancer Information System (ECIS, <https://ecis.jrc.ec.europa.eu/>) and working in close collaboration with the European Network of Cancer Registries (ENCR, <https://www.encl.eu/>).

We offer:

- A dynamic, multidisciplinary and multicultural environment, with online collaboration and occasional travel for conferences, workshops and/or cooperative work;
- A unique opportunity to contribute to analyse and shape EU policy towards strengthening the European Health Union, working at the interface between science and policy;
- Family-friendly working conditions, located in a beautiful area of Italy with good international access.

WE PROPOSE



A position for an epidemiologist with oncological background, to provide scientific and technical support to the European Cancer Information System (ECIS). Interfacing and collaborating with the European Network of Cancer Registries' (ENCR) experts is part of the working modalities, aimed at improving the quality, reliability and comparability of cancer data. Up-to-date assessments (and projections) of the cancer burden across European areas is used to steer public health policy making, providing an evidence base for understanding the effectiveness of cancer policies.

The jobholder will contribute to the harmonisation of cancer-registry data at EU level, in order to streamline the data-collection process for the timely provision of cancer burden indicators in ECIS and contributing to maintenance and further improvements of software tools. S/he will focus on data validation and on analysis/interpretation of cancer registry data. S/he will contribute to the activities in support of the ENCR, of which the JRC hosts its Secretariat.

The tasks assigned to the successful candidate will include:

- Contributing to organise the data collection and management of European-wide cancer registries' data, for proper managing from protocol definition up to back-office processing.
- Coordinating consensus mechanisms for European-wide harmonising procedures/protocols in order to improve quality and use of cancer registry data, including set-up and coordination of working groups to address critical issues.
- Support to validation, analysis and assessment of the quality of collected cancer-registry data, and contribution to reporting on the current cancer pattern in Europe.
- Support to the coordination of the ENCR network through organisation and management of its secretariat duties.
- Contributing to initiating and maintaining collaborations and partnership with individual cancer registries, representatives of international organisations, scientific networks in the cancer data domain, helping them to contribute to the European Cancer Information System.
- Contribute to the dissemination of information/analyses on cancer burden and trends.
- Contribute to drafting of European-guidelines for cancer data registration and reporting on data harmonisation activities/results.
- Translating research activities' results into significant deliverables for the scientific community, such as papers in peer-reviewed journals, presentations in scientific conferences, reports, etc.
- Providing high quality presentations to international audiences at key events, in line with the EC/JRC rules.
- Supporting the organization of, and participation in, events related to the abovementioned topics.
- Initiate and maintain collaborations, partnerships, and scientific networks related to the interest domain of the Cancer Information group's activities.
- Build-up and keep good working relationships with representatives from partner DGs, Member States, and international organisations.
- Help steering the future directions of the European cancer registries data collection process.



WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for an epidemiologist with oncological background.

The ideal candidate should have the following qualifications:

Essential:

- Academic degree in medicine, epidemiology or public health related areas;
- Post-graduate title in Oncology or other Public Health areas (including epidemiology, biostatistics, medicine, management of health services or equivalent);
- Knowledge/expertise in cancer surveillance methods and research areas;
- Knowledge/expertise of cancer registries;
- Experience in Statistics and statistical software;
- The working language will be English. A good knowledge of oral and written English (B2 level), as well as good communication and presentation skills are necessary.

Advantages:

- Experience in medical oncology data coding;
- Experience in Information Technology and/or Computer Science;
- Experience in handling and managing population-based datasets;
- Experience in data collection and validation, and data analysis;
- Experience in linking different datasets and related issues;
- Knowledge of data visualisation tools;
- Familiarity with working in an international environment;
- Experience in regulatory science / support to EU Health policies.

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 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.