



VACANCY NOTICE – 2023-GEE-F5-FGIV-023116

FG IV – Project Officer – Scientific Nucleic Acids Analysis Laboratories (NAAL)

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	Bioanalysis and Genetically Modified Organisms
Place of employment	Geel (BE)
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 with the Food and Feed Compliance Unit (JRC.F.5), part of the Directorate for Health and Food (Dir F).

The mission of the Unit is to support the policy cycle of the food and feed safety legislation through the provision of reliable measurement solutions and standards for evidence-based decision-making; to support EU policy makers for food and feed market authorisations and controls as well as to setup technological platforms for the reliable surveillance of pathogens.

Further information can be found on these web pages: https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/laboratories-and-facilities/food-safety-compliance-laboratory_en.

https://joint-research-centre.ec.europa.eu/scientific-activities-z/gmos_en

We offer:

A job opportunity within the Bioanalysis Team of the Unit. It hosts the European Union Reference Laboratory for Genetically Modified Food and Feed (EURL GMFF), manages the European Network of GMO Laboratories, performs CRMs appropriateness assessments and is involved in emerging pathogens surveillance activities, all constituting a unique opportunity to support EU policies and offering great collaboration with National Member States possibilities.



WE PROPOSE

The jobholder will operate within the quality system of the unit and organise proficiency test schemes to assess the performance of national reference and official control laboratories for GMO analysis in the EU.

The main tasks include the:

- organisation of method validations/evaluations and international intercomparisons;
- designing, carrying out and supervising scientific research, laboratory experiments and material productions;
- evaluation of laboratory results including statistical analysis;
- the dissemination of the research outcome in scientific technical reports and peer-reviewed publications.

WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a candidate with:

- a background in molecular biology or biotechnology;
- at least 3 years of experience in laboratory techniques related to nucleic acid identification and quantification and analytical measurements (e.g. qPCR);
- a good knowledge of methods for statistical data evaluation as well as experience in scientific reporting and publishing;
- an open mind and positive attitude, with the ability to work in a multicultural environment and to interact in an international context with Commission services, Agencies, Member State authorities and scientific experts;
- an ability to lead expert discussions and meetings, who is self-motivated, a team player;
- experience in efficient project management (respecting deadlines) would be of advantage;

A very good level (C1) of written and spoken English is required.

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 Calls:

- 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.