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**Doctorate Research Fellow - Nexus  
Dialogue Platform: Policy Makers**

**Position for:**

GRANTHOLDER  
CATEGORY 20

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) is the European Commission's in-house science service. The Joint Research Centre's mission is to provide EU policies with independent, evidence-based scientific and technical support throughout the whole policy cycle. Working in close cooperation with policy Directorates-General, the JRC addresses key societal challenges while stimulating innovation through developing new methods, tools and standards, and sharing its know-how with the Member States, the scientific community and international partners.

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<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en>.

The current vacancy is in the Deputy Director General/Econometrics and Applied Statistics Unit.

The mission of the Econometrics and Applied Statistics Unit is to provide policy monitoring and impact evaluation in areas relevant to progress and stability of the European society. The unit's research on statistical indicators, applied econometrics and sensitivity auditing is used in key policy areas such as growth, competitiveness, lifelong learning, employment, innovation, the internal market and other social dimensions.

We propose a job within the Science and Technology Studies (STS) project.

Scientific knowledge production and technological innovation are among the central pillars of contemporary societies. Techno-science pervades and shapes our daily lives in multiple ways, from the ways we communicate and interact to the ways we understand and act on our bodies and selves. Also the European Commission relies on science, technology and innovation in its policy activities that aim at governing and shaping both our present and our futures. The Science and Technology Studies (STS) project of the JRC Ispra is consolidating a strong competence on STS across the JRC and for doing so the group aims to reflexively engage with the multiple sites in which science, technology and society co-emerge and to - adhering to the JRC's commitment to multiplying and deepening the interfaces between science and society - to explore, develop and experiment with spaces and formats in the ongoing science-policy interface.

The JRC seeks to fill the position of a Grantholder in a project that studies and scrutinises narratives underpinning EU policy in the climate - water - food - energy nexus.

Existing policy narratives will be critically explored with a special focus on how societal challenges are framed together with particular expectations and imaginaries.

The project will integrate insights of heterogeneous social actors to the nexus. To this end dialogue spaces will be

	<p>created - in particular what we designate as the 'Nexus Dialogue Space'. Novel dissemination strategies will be enacted and mixed qualitative-quantitative tools will be developed in the context of a community building exercise taking full advantage of the rich spectrum of actors and institutions active in the Nexus.</p> <p>The candidate will be especially involved in the engagement of policy makers in the disruption of existing and collaborative imagination of new narratives through various physical and virtual venues, such as purposefully built Internet portals or the infrastructure created under the project, designated as 'Knowledge Hub'. The candidate needs to be able to produce multi-media materials for the virtual platform, as well as to moderate it.</p> <p>Qualifications:</p> <p>The candidate shall have a university degree giving access to doctoral studies and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Previous academic or work experience in social sciences and/or Science and Technology Studies (STS) preferably with a focus on issues of energy and sustainability.</li> <li>2. Interest for both academic- and policy-oriented applied research and willingness to engage in the intersection of research and policy.</li> <li>3. Experience with citizen engagement and or participatory research.</li> <li>4. Experience with multi-media productions and web design.</li> <li>5. A very good knowledge (level C1) of English both written and oral.</li> </ol> <p>Personal abilities: self-motivation; team working capacity; ability to be proactive and work independently or under minimal supervision.</p>
<p><b>Directorate Unit</b> <b>Project/Task force</b></p>	<p>Deputy Director-General Econometrics and Applied Statistics</p> <p>Further information: Science and Technologies Studies (STS) <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/science-and-technology-studies">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/research-topic/science-and-technology-studies</a></p>
<p><b>Indicative duration</b></p>	<p>36 months</p>
<p><b>Preferred starting date</b></p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><b>JRC Site</b></p>	<p>Ispra</p>
<p><b>Country</b></p>	<p>Italy</p>
<p><b>Rules</b></p>	<p>Grantholders: <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/sites/default/files/jrc_granholder_rules.pdf">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/sites/default/files/jrc_granholder_rules.pdf</a></p>