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**Disinformation – causes and response**

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| <p><b>Position for:</b></p> <p>1 Trainee</p> | <p>As the science and knowledge service of the Commission, the mission of Joint Research Centre is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle.</p> <p>The JRC is located in 5 Member States (Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Spain). Further information is available at: <a href="http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu">http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu</a></p> <p><b><u>Short description of activity:</u></b></p> <p><b>Background:</b> The <i>Text and Data Mining Unit</i> (I3) of the European Commission's <i>Joint Research Centre</i> (JRC) in Ispra, Italy, is looking for a trainee to support the Unit's work on online misinformation.</p> <p>This work brings together expertise in monitoring online news and social media from the very successful Europe Media Monitor project with research into the importance of values, identity and emotion in communication. The main output so far has been tools, based on multilingual natural language processing and artificial intelligence, to support media analysts with the detection and handling of misinformation. The group is now strengthening its analysis and research capacity.</p> <p>We are looking for an enthusiastic and skilful trainee with a background in psychology, communications or journalism to perform ad hoc analyses on disinformation cases and to research into effective approaches to understand and to inform responses to disinformation, going beyond simple statements of fact and considering the values, identity and prejudices which may underlie the false claims.</p> <p>If applicable, the trainee will also have the opportunity to contribute to writing a scientific publication on the work carried out.</p> <p><b><u>Qualifications</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Essential:</u></b><br/><b>Required skills</b> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) a Master degree (or an almost completed degree) in psychology, communications, journalism or related areas;</li><li>(b) good analytical skills;</li><li>(c) good working knowledge of English (B2 level minimum)</li><li>(d) ability to work independently and as part of a team</li></ul> |
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|                                   | <p><b>Advantage:</b><br/> <b>Useful skills and experiences</b> any of following would be an asset:<br/> (e) research experience related to disinformation, hate speech or polarising communication<br/> (f) fluency in several languages.</p> <p>In your application, please provide clear information on your skill set, by elaborating on the above-mentioned list of requirements and by listing your level of languages and your computer / programming skills.</p> <p><b><u>For general eligibility requirements, please read the rules governing the traineeship scheme of the JRC:</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/jrc-trainees">https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/jrc-trainees</a></p> |
| <b>Directorate Unit</b>           | Directorate <i>Competences</i><br>I03 – <i>Text and Data Mining Unit</i>   |
| <b>Duration</b>                   | 5 months   |
| <b>JRC Site Country</b>           | Ispra<br>Italy   |
| <b><u>JRC contact details</u></b> | <p><b>For any technical problems with your application, please contact:</b><br/> <a href="mailto:HR-AMC8-RECRUITMENT-TOOLS-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu">HR-AMC8-RECRUITMENT-TOOLS-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu</a></p>  |