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**Methodological standards for the MSFD
biodiversity Descriptors**

<p>Position for:</p> <p>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: http://www.jrc.ec.europa.eu</p> <p><u>Short description of activity:</u></p> <p>The Water and Marine Resources Unit, within Directorate D – Sustainable Resources, is based in Ispra, Italy. Our team supports the implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD) by providing scientific and technical advice to the Commission and EU Member States (MSs). A current priority is to contribute to the MSFD-Habitats and Birds Directives (HBD) harmonization and alignment by evaluating the HBD assessment tools and parameters, thresholds and assessment elements in relation to the MSFD requirements to support implementation of Commission Decision 2017/848/EU.</p> <p>The successful candidate will mainly contribute to i) a thorough review of the state of the art thresholds and assessment elements under the HBD, including national/regional assessments, to identify the level of compliance with MSFD descriptor 1 (Biodiversity) and ii) the preparation of a proposal for aligning methods HBD and MSFD. The analysis of relevant scientific literature would be essential for the completion of the objectives above.</p> <p>Tailored training on an insight to the EU Environmental policies, their implementation and relevant stakeholders will be provided to the successful candidate.</p>
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	<p><u>Qualifications</u></p> <p><u>Essential:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master's degree in Biology, Marine sciences, Environmental sciences or similar field. • Good knowledge of spoken and written English (B2 level). <p><u>Advantage:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proved knowledge in the fields of marine and environmental policies (Marine Strategy Framework Directive, Habitat and Birds Directive) • Proved knowledge of biodiversity assessment. • Proved strong analytical skills and contribution to peer-reviewed publications. <p><u>For general eligibility requirements, please read the rules governing the traineeship scheme of the JRC:</u></p> <p>https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/jrc-trainees</p>
Directorate Unit	<p>D - Sustainable Resources D.2 - Water & Marine Resources</p> <p>Further information: https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en</p>
Duration	5 months
Preferred starting date	As soon as possible
JRC Site	Ispra
Country	Italy
<u>JRC contact details</u>	<p>For any technical problems with your application, please contact: HR-AMC8-RECRUITMENT-TOOLS-SUPPORT@ec.europa.eu</p>