



## VACANCY NOTICE – 2025-JRC.D.2-IPR-FGIV-002351

### Project Officer – Scientific Research – Support to the EU Common Fisheries Policy

<b>Type of contract</b>	Member of the <a href="#">European Commission</a> 's contract staff, Function Group IV (article 3b of the <a href="#">Conditions of Employment of Other Servants</a> )
<b>Duration of contract</b>	36 months (renewable up to maximum 6 years)
<b>Area</b>	Fisheries, modelling, Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)
<b>Place of employment</b>	Ispra (IT)
<b>Indicative basic salary</b>	4.319,72 - 6.256,88 € (applicable as of 1 <sup>st</sup> of April 2025) For more detailed information please consult: <a href="#">Working Conditions</a>

#### **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 **Directorate for Sustainable Resources**. Its mission is to provide independent scientific evidence to support the development, implementation, evaluation and coherence of EU policies, mainly in the areas of agriculture and rural development, international development cooperation, environment and climate change, blue growth and fisheries, the bio-economy, industry and trade.

The vacancy is within **Unit Ocean and Water**. The Unit's mission is to support EU policies underpinning freshwater and marine governance with independent best available scientific and technical advice by carrying out multi-disciplinary research and socio-economic assessments linked to the European and global hydrosphere, and by providing innovative solutions to enable the sustainable and fair use of water and marine resources in the complex context of climate change, planetary health, a growing global population, sustainable food systems, urbanisation, pollution, over-exploitation and the loss of biodiversity.

The successful candidate will join the SuFiA – sustainable fisheries and aquaculture - project team to provide scientific support to the EU Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) by contributing to:

- Scientific advice to the Common Fisheries Policy in collaboration with the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF);
- Support to implementation of the European Union Scientific Fisheries Data Collection Framework;
- Support for the implementation and monitoring of the Common Fisheries Policy;
- Research on the conservation of fishery resources and the protection of marine ecosystems.

We expect the successful candidate to work well in a multi-disciplinary team and interact effectively and positively with a wide range of colleagues and stakeholders.



We offer:

An exciting job opportunity in Northern Italy to contribute to the efforts of the SuFiA team in strengthening the scientific basis of the Common Fisheries Policy. The selected candidate will be part of a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural team working closely with different policy services from the European Commission (EC) as well as with major international actors in the field of fisheries management.

Please see also [Working at the Commission – conditions and environment \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/euro-portal/working-at-the-commission)

## **WE PROPOSE**

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The jobholder will contribute to the JRC Fisheries and Aquaculture activities and particularly those linked to the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP). The CFP, a major EU policy framework, aims to ensure that fishing and aquaculture are environmentally, economically and socially sustainable and that they provide a source of healthy food for EU citizens. The CFP is also exceptional in that the provision of scientific advice is required by legislation. CFP scientific advice is underpinned by the EU Data Collection Framework (DCF). The JRC is strongly involved both in the DCF and the CFP scientific advice provision.

The jobholder will support the projects activities on:

- Providing support in fisheries data analyses and modelling;
- Fisheries modelling with an emphasis on fish stock assessments and related management advice;
- Supporting the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) and its various Expert Working Groups with a focus on the Mediterranean;
- Data processing and analysis under the remit of the EU Data Collection Framework;
- Contribute to the design and implementation of modelling and processing workflows to monitor the CFP's performance;
- Responding to ad hoc requests from Commission services (DG MARE) for support about fisheries data analyses;
- Supporting the coordination activities towards international organizations such as the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM) and the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas (ICES);
- Contributing to capacity building activities in areas such as on fisheries modelling;
- Conducting research in the above listed fields.

## **WE LOOK FOR**

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We are looking for a scientist /fisheries data analyst or researcher with strong quantitative background in areas of relevance for fisheries science and/or fisheries management with the following **essential requirements**:

- A strong quantitative background in fisheries, marine or related sciences.
- PhD degree in any of the fields listed above or, alternatively, at least 3 years of full time relevant research experience after the first University degree giving direct access to doctoral (PhD) studies.
- A sound knowledge of the statistical programming language R.
- Expertise in the processing and analysis of data, preferably in the area of fisheries science, fisheries modelling, and/or fish stock assessments.
- Experience authoring peer reviewed scientific publications on fisheries science, fisheries management, conservation, sustainability, marine science is required.
- A team-oriented approach to work



- A very good command of English (B2).

**Desirable requirements** include:

- A sound knowledge of the fisheries modelling toolbox FLR.
- Experience in statistical computation and programming.
- Knowledge about the Common Fisheries Policy and its international dimension, as well as familiarity with the work of bodies and institutions generating and providing quantitative scientific advice to fisheries management (e.g. STECF, ICES, GFCM, RFMOs).

Experience in the provision of scientific advice to fisheries policy and management as well as coordination and supervision of activities.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

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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 [JRC Recruitment Portal](#).

If not, before applying to this position, **you must register** for one of the two following databases:

- 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 [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.*