



VACANCY NOTICE – 2026-JRC.D.2-IPR-FGIV-002736

Project Officer - Science for Policy Researcher - Analytical Economist to support the implementation of the Sustainable Blue Economy

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	Blue Economy
Place of employment	Ispra (IT)
Indicative basic salary	4.449,31 - 6.444,59 € (applicable as of 1 st of July 2025) 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 **Unit Ocean and Water** of the **Directorate for Sustainable Resources**.

The Directorate's science, positioned at the crossroads of the environment, economy and society, coupled with scientific networks across the EU and beyond, informs policies to ensure that present and future generations enjoy a sustainable planet.

The Ocean and Water Unit's cross-disciplinary science provides independent evidence to support EU policies that underpin freshwater and ocean governance, aligned with the European Water Resilience Strategy and European Ocean Pact. We develop innovative solutions and support Member States in enabling a sustainable and competitive future for water and marine resources in the context of the triple crises of climate change, pollution and biodiversity decline.

We are looking for a scientific project officer with a strong economic background to join our team and contribute to shaping EU policies that promote a sustainable, innovative, and resilient Blue Economy while fostering a more competitive EU. The successful candidate will play a key role in bridging research and policy, translating economic insights into tangible impacts in marine and maritime sectors.

We offer:

- A job in a dynamic, and inclusive working environment as part of a multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural team, collaborating with policy services from the European Commission (EC) and international actors in the Blue Economy.



- A dynamic working environment with online collaboration and occasional travel for expert working group meetings and conferences.
- Family-friendly working conditions, located in a beautiful area of Italy with good international access.

Please see also [Working at the Commission – conditions and environment \(europa.eu\)](#)

WE PROPOSE

An exciting position and unique opportunity for an economist to play a key role in shaping the future of the Sustainable Blue Economy.

The successful candidate will contribute to high-impact research, policy analysis, and stakeholder engagement to enhance the **European Union Blue Economy Observatory** and the **JRC Blue Economy analysis**, while also contributing to the strengthening of the Ocean Pact, Water Resilience, and Common Fisheries Policy.

As a member of a dynamic team, you will contribute to a multidisciplinary environment that combines scientific research, policy support, and strategic dissemination. In this position, you will apply your economic expertise to real-world problems, informing evidence-based policymaking and driving meaningful impact. You will have opportunities for professional growth and development, including:

- Training and initial job shadowing to ensure a smooth transition.
- Participation in international conferences and workshops to stay up-to-date with the latest research and trends.
- Collaborations with stakeholders from various backgrounds, including EU institutions, research teams, industry representatives, and NGOs.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Conduct **socio-economic analyses of Blue Economy sectors**, assessing trends, sustainability challenges, and policy impacts.
- Support the **EU Blue Economy Observatory**, contributing to data collection, developing indicators, monitoring and reporting.
- **Collaborate** with internal and external stakeholders, including **EU institutions, research teams, industry representatives, and NGOs**.
- **Organise and facilitate** expert meetings, workshops, and **stakeholder consultations** to inform policy development.
- Assist in **policy analysis and impact assessments**, providing evidence-based recommendations.
- **Develop high-quality outputs**, including:
 - **Technical reports and scientific publications.**
 - **Policy briefs and communication materials.**
 - **Presentations** for diverse audiences (policymakers, researchers, industry).



WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a motivated and analytical **Economist** to support the implementation of the **Sustainable Blue Economy**, the **Ocean Pact**, and related EU policies. The successful candidate will contribute to high-impact research, policy analysis, and stakeholder engagement while enhancing the **European Union Blue Economy Observatory** and the **JRC Blue Economy analysis**.

This role requires a **proactive, well-organised, and collaborative** professional with strong communication skills and the ability to work across disciplines. The position combines **scientific research, policy support, and strategic dissemination**, making it ideal for an economist passionate about sustainability, maritime sectors, and evidence-based policymaking.

Essential qualifications:

- A PhD in Economics (or a closely related field) OR a university degree in Economics with at least five years of relevant post-graduate experience.
- Proven expertise in Blue Economy analysis, including sectoral trends, sustainability challenges, and policy frameworks.
- Strong analytical skills, with experience in quantitative and qualitative research methods.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills (minimum CEFR B2 in English).
- A track record of publications, reports, or policy briefs in relevant fields.

Desirable qualifications:

- Experience in project management, including coordination of multi-stakeholder initiatives.
- Proficiency in modern communication tools and dissemination strategies.
- Advanced computer skills, including statistical software.
- Familiarity with EU policies related to the Blue Economy, maritime affairs, or sustainability.

Personal Attributes:

- Commitment to sustainable development and evidence-based policymaking.
- Dynamic and adaptable, with a willingness to explore emerging fields and interdisciplinary approaches.
- Strong interpersonal skills, able to engage effectively with diverse stakeholders.
- Self-motivated, with the ability to work both independently and collaboratively in a fast-paced environment.

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 [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 \(europa.eu\)](https://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.