



VACANCY NOTICE – 2023-SVQ-T1-FGIV-022996

Project Officer – Economics of Digital Innovation

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	Economics of Digital Innovation
Place of employment	Seville (ES)
Indicative basic salary	3877,47 - 5616,29 € (applicable as of 1 st of July 2022) For more detailed information please consult: Working Conditions

WE ARE

The [Joint Research Centre \(JRC\)](#) is the science and knowledge service of the European Commission: our mission is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle.

The current vacancy is in the **Digital Economy Unit** of the **Directorate for Digital Transformation and Data**. The unit studies the current and emerging facets of digital transformation, and its impacts on the European economy, society and environment, in support of EU digital policies. In particular, the unit provides techno-socio-economic research on the impacts and strategic role of digital technologies, data and digital platforms for the economy and society, as well as on digital skills and digital education, and the modernisation of the public sector.

A Europe fit for the digital age is among the key priorities of the current Commission. It promotes digitalisation of businesses as a way of increasing the competitiveness of the European economy and achieving its climate-neutrality targets. *Digital Europe Programme* is one of the key tools facilitating the twin transition by adoption of digital technologies, and bringing them to businesses, citizens and public administrations.

We are seeking a highly motivated scientist with a strong background in the economics of digital innovation. The successful candidate will analyse the patterns and impacts of digital technologies adoption, innovations they enable, and the ecosystems in which they are created. S/he will join a dynamic team of researchers and policy analysts who are dedicated to support the development of digital innovation policies at the European level.

We offer:

- A competitive salary and benefits package;
- An opportunity to work with a dynamic and multidisciplinary environment, with important societal impact in Europe and beyond;



- An opportunity to contribute to the analysis and development of the EU policies shaping the digital transformation;
- Access to cutting-edge research and policy networks;
- A family-friendly working environment, with online collaboration and occasional travel for conferences and cooperative work with colleagues in Brussels or other JRC sites.

WE PROPOSE

The successful candidate will analyse the digital weaknesses and opportunities of European businesses, in particular SMEs, and provide policy recommendation concerning a broad uptake of digital technologies necessary to increase the competitiveness, resilience and sustainability of the European economy.

In particular, the jobholder will:

- Conduct research on the economics of digital innovation and its impact on firms, industries, and economies;
- Perform impact assessments of policy interventions related to digital innovation and firm digitalisation at the EU level;
- Draft policy reports and scientific papers;
- Provide analytical support for the development of policies related to digital innovation and firm digitalisation;
- Collaborate with policy makers, academics, and industry experts to develop evidence-based policy recommendations;
- Present research findings to a variety of audiences;
- Develop and maintain databases related to digital innovation and firm digitalisation.



WE LOOK FOR

We are looking for a highly motivated and collaborative scientist with a keen interest in EU policies and a strong background in the economics of digital innovation and digitalisation, with the following skills/experience (essential):

- A university degree in economics, innovation studies or a related field and at least 3 years relevant research experience;
- Experience conducting research using quantitative methods, including econometric analysis and impact evaluations;
- A track record of publications in academic journals and/or policy reports;
- Ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team environment.

The following skills/experience are desirable:

- A PhD or equivalent degree in economics, innovation studies, or a related field;
- Knowledge of EU policies and regulations related to digital innovation;
- Excellent written and oral communication skills, with the ability to present research findings to a variety of audiences including to the private sector, policy, and researcher communities;
- Experience in policy-oriented research and engagement with policymakers and stakeholders.

The candidate should also have a very good level (C1) of English.



HOW TO APPLY

If you are **already on a valid CAST FGIV reserve list**, or you **have already applied to one of the calls below**, you can directly submit your application at <http://recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu/?type=AX>.

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

- the [specialised call for researchers](#) (JRC Call COM/1/2015/GFIV – Research), which is mainly used by the JRC and is the recommended call for researchers meeting the minimum eligibility requirements, or
- the [Call for Expressions of Interest | EU Careers \(europa.eu\)](#) (CAST Permanent FGIV), which is used by a wide range of organisations (institutions, bodies, offices and agencies of the European Union).

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.