

Career Opportunities at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC)

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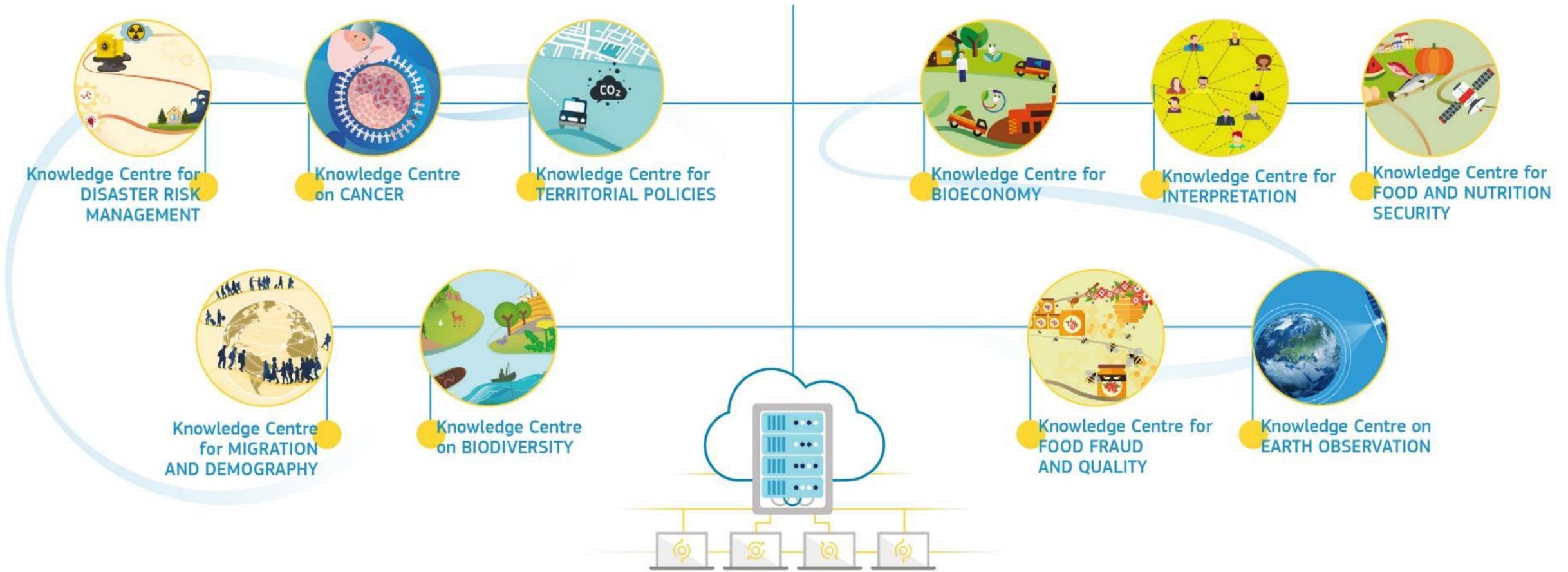
JRC sites

Headquarters in **Brussels** and research facilities located in **5 Member States**:

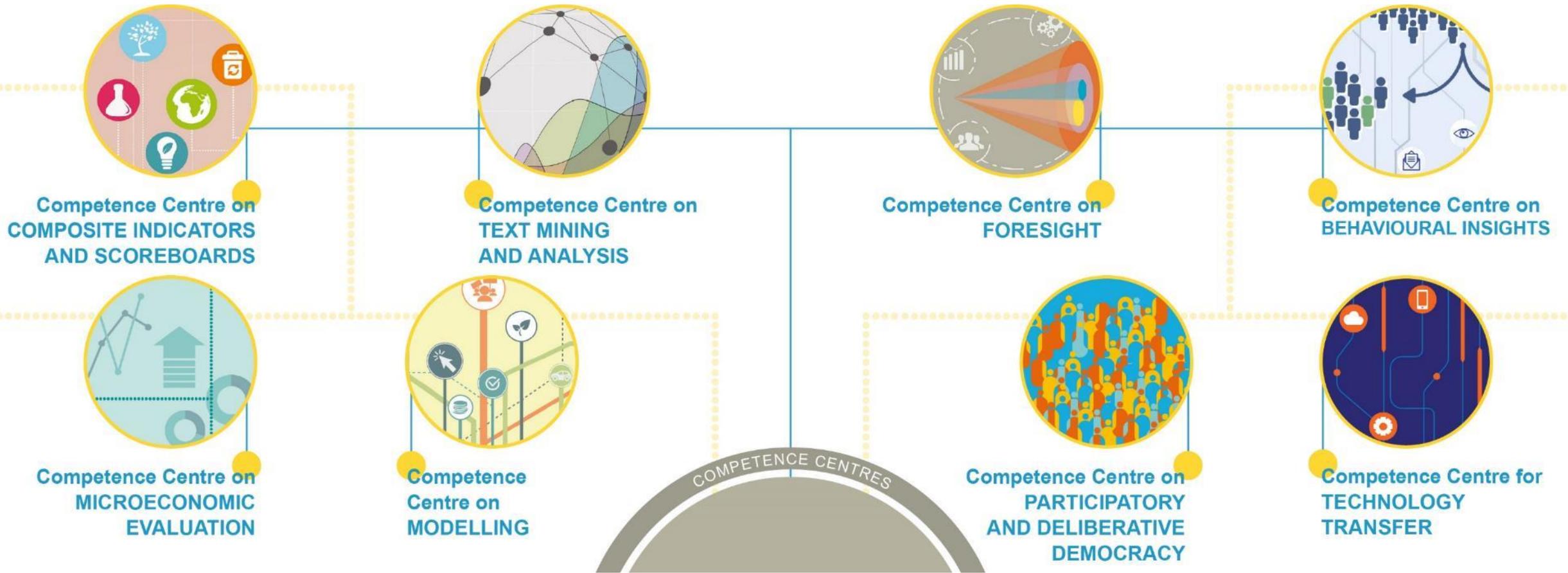
- Belgium (Geel)
- Germany (Karlsruhe)
- Italy (Ispra)
- The Netherlands (Petten)
- Spain (Seville)



Knowledge Centres



Competence Centres



Scientific excellence

One in four
Joint Research Centre
articles rank in the
top 10% most cited
worldwide.



International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis – AUSTRIA

Joint Research Centre – EUROPEAN UNION

University of Cambridge – UNITED KINGDOM

Max Planck Society – GERMANY

University of Oxford – UNITED KINGDOM

National Institute of Standards and Technology – USA

Chinese Academy of Sciences – CHINA

What are the career opportunities?

Want to do research for policy?

as a Researcher

Up to 6 years of contract
as contract staff FGIV*

as a Research assistant or Lab technician

Up to 6 years of contract
as contract staff FG III*

as a Grantholder / PhD student

Check out our [Collaborative Doctoral Partnership Programme \(CDP\)](#)

as a Seconded National Expert (SNEs)

up to 4 years of contract

Want to build an EU career as Civil Servant of the European Union?

To become a permanent civil servant for the JRC and the European Commission, apply for open competitions organised by the European Personnel Selection Office

Want a taste of working for EU institutions?

as a JRC Scientific trainee

Where? Geel, Karlsruhe, Ispra, or Petten

3-5 months contract

Apply in May to start in October | Apply in October to start in March**

as a European Commission Bluebook Trainee

Where? Brussels and Seville

3-5 months contract

Apply in January to start in October | Apply in July-August to start in March**

** (This time frame is indicative, please check on the specific call you are applying for)

Not a researcher? We have other opportunities!

as Administrator / Assistant

in fields such as finance / budget, communication, security, safety, legal affairs, ICT and more

up to 6 years of contract
as contract staff FGII-IV

Traineeships

JRC Scientific Trainee

- Trainees contribute to **cutting-edge scientific research** projects that inform EU policies and regulations
- Trainees work **on one of the JRC sites**
- Open to recent university graduates who have completed at least a standard 3-year higher education degree (180 ECTS credits)
- For nationals of an EU Member State or of the countries associated to the Research Framework Programmes

There are two sessions each year, usually with start in October and March

Calls released on [our recruitment portal](#)

Registration for the March 2025 session opened on October 8, deadline: 4 November 2024

Blue Book Trainee

- Trainees gain hands-on experience for five months in the workings of the European Union
- JRC Blue Book Trainees work in **Brussels or Seville**
- For people who have completed a standard 3-year higher education degree, have no prior work experience in any EU institution, body or agency, and a good knowledge of languages

There are two sessions each year, starting in October and March.

Applications can be submitted to the [Commission webpage](#)

Registration for the October 2025 session will open early 2025



Doing Science for policy as a Researcher

Find out
more about
the JRC sites!



Conditions for Contract Staff Function Group IV

- Most vacancies are for this Function Group
- Indicative basic salary € 3877,47 – 5616,29
- Duration of contract: 36 months (renewable up to maximum 6 years)

Who can apply?

- Researchers from an EU Member State or from Associated Countries
- with at least 3 years of completed university studies
- and at least 5 years of professional experience or a doctoral diploma (PhD) in relevant field

Where and how to apply?

- New opportunities published regularly on our website for all six sites across Europe
- Sign up for the JRC Open Call for Researchers and apply here: [JRC Recruitment Portal \(europa.eu\)](https://european-commission.europa.eu/jrc-recruitment-portal)

Permanent civil servant – Official

To become a permanent civil servant for the JRC and the European Commission → apply for open competitions organised by the European Personnel Selection Office (**EPSO**)

Three main categories of permanent officials:

- ADs or Administrators
- ASTs or Assistants
- AST/SCs or Assistants/Secretaries or Clerks

Upcoming and open competitions are on the [EPSO webpage](#)



Upcoming selection procedure for Scientific research administrators (AD7)

Fields:

- Behavioral science, economics, and education
- Data analysis, research, and applications for evidence-based decision-making
- Environmental and climate sciences, engineering, and economics
- Energy science and sustainability
- Health and consumer protection
- ICT and (cyber)security
- Research and applications in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and complex systems
- Social, economic, and political sciences
- Space applications and geo-information technologies
- Transport science and sustainable mobility

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Other opportunities for scientists at the JRC

- Secondment of civil servants of EU Member States: **Seconded National Experts (SNEs)**, for periods up to 4 years. SNEs bring their expertise to the Commission, and in return go back to the Member states with a deepened relationship and understanding of the European Institutions. Applications via the Permanent Representation to the EU.
- JRC also have a [Collaborative Doctoral Partnership programme](#) where **Doctoral students** can carry out part of their doctoral studies at the JRC.
- [Open Access to JRC Research Infrastructures](#) to external researchers.
- **Visiting scientist's scheme:** gives external researchers the opportunity to spend up to a year in the JRC following an agreement with the sending institution.
- [JRC Scientific training](#) : We offer some regular courses that take place at our laboratories and facilities across the EU.

Discover our working locations

Have a look at our online guides

[“Soon in...”](#)

to get useful information on our working sites

[\(Brussels, Geel, Ispra, Karlsruhe, Petten, Seville\)](#).

Questions



We are hiring



Check our vacancies
recruitment.jrc.ec.europa.eu