



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Open call for expressions of interest Researchers FG IV**

### **1. What is the deadline for the submission of applications?**

This is a continuous open call for researchers, thus, there is no deadline. When positions become vacant, JRC's scientific units perform a search in the database for suitable profiles.

### **2. This open call reminds me of CAST Research 2013, what is the function of this call?**

This call for expressions of interest aims at creating a database of candidates from which to recruit contract staff in function group IV to provide additional capacity in the research field. As it is a continuous call, there is no deadline or validity and candidates have the possibility to update their data when needed. The call for expressions of interest has been designed to be similar to CAST Research 2013 and, in fact, the successful candidates of CAST Research 2013 have the possibility to update and retrieve their data without the need to pass the competency test again if invited for an interview.

### **3. I cannot retrieve my data from CAST Research 2013, what is the problem?**

Data from CAST Research 2013 application can be retrieved only if the candidate has passed the competition, that is, if the candidate is in the database of successful applicants.

If you have passed CAST Research 2013 competition and still are not able to retrieve your data, please save the following information and send an e-mail to [JRC-ESRA@ec.europa.eu](mailto:JRC-ESRA@ec.europa.eu) :

Browser used and version:
Operating system:
Problem description:
Error message (if available)
Screenshot (if possible)
Candidate number
URL or page of the error

### **4. If I am in the process of obtaining the citizenship of an EU Member State, am I eligible to apply?**

The general conditions of eligibility state that on the date of the filing the application, the candidate must be a citizen of one of the Member States of the European Union or one of the countries associated with the Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme. As this is a continuous call, you should wait for the citizenship and then apply.

### **5. Can I have more details on the multiple choice competency test?**

The multiple choice competency test will consist of a set of scientific questions relevant to the chosen profile. The test will follow the format of EPSO's test: [http://europa.eu/epso/apply/sample\\_test/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/epso/apply/sample_test/index_en.htm).

### **6. What documents are needed to proof the professional experience required?**

Professional experience can be demonstrated with different kinds of documents, such as work certificates, contracts of employment, salary slips or annual declarations of income.

### **7. What is a contract agent? What are the salary conditions?**

Detailed information on the contractual conditions and salary can be found at: <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/working-with-us/jobs/temporary-positions/contract-staff-members>

Also EPSO's web site offers plenty of information:

[http://europa.eu/epso/discover/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/epso/discover/index_en.htm)