



The Joint Research Centre at a glance

Established in 1957 under the Euratom Treaty, the Joint Research Centre's (JRC) focus has expanded significantly over time.

In addition to its longstanding expertise in the nuclear field, the JRC now offers scientific expertise and competences from a wide range of disciplines to support almost all EU policy areas.



Our purpose



The JRC provides independent, evidence-based knowledge and science, supporting European Union policies to positively impact society.

Our scientific evidence

3 000 +
open data sets

~60
top-class physical
research infrastructures

100 +

models used, for instance, for impact assessments, monitoring policy implementation, detecting fraud in trade and providing early warnings of natural disaster risks.

Our values

TRUST



We trust each other and are a reliable scientific partner for policymakers.

COLLABORATION



We embrace new partnerships through our portfolios, inside and outside the JRC.

TRANSPARENCY



We share our journey with each other and our science with the world.

Our strengths



ANTICIPATION focuses on what is coming at us and on being able to provide the scientific underpinning for future policy initiatives.



INTEGRATION means building links between the different scientific and policy areas in the Commission and beyond, to address complex challenges no single science area could face on its own.



Last but not least, **IMPACT** is about assisting policymakers to track and assess the impact of their policies.

Scientific excellence & integrity



◀ Discover our portfolios

The JRC prides itself on its scientific excellence and integrity. We deliver our science through cross-cutting portfolios, which enable us to integrate work across scientific and policy domains. The portfolios are the core of our work programme, in which we support the Commission's political priorities, putting science into many of the Commission's work programme initiatives. In 2020 we adopted a framework for scientific integrity and research ethics.

5%

JRC publications among top 1% world most-cited

~30%

JRC publications among top 10% world most-cited

Our people



◀ Check out our JRC vacancies

The JRC aims to recruit, train, motivate and retain highly qualified staff to ensure its effective and efficient operation, as well as the promotion of equal opportunities and diversity.

~2700 employees

70% staff engaged in research

Our partners

The JRC is part of a vibrant ecosystem of partnerships, including:

- European Commission services and EU Agencies
- Member States
- academia
- Horizon Europe participant countries
- leading national research organisations, e.g. in USA, Japan, South Africa
- international organisations, e.g. OECD, UNEP, FAO, WHO.

Our budget

~EUR 600 million

~EUR 130 million in contracts for third parties

The JRC receives funding from three EU programmes:

- **Horizon Europe** framework for research and innovation
- **Euratom** research and training
- **Decommissioning** and waste management

The JRC generates revenues through support to the Commission services and contract work for third parties, such as industry or regional authorities.