JRC launches a new call for the Collaborative Doctoral Partnership Program

The importance of science-based evidence for policy-making is increasingly recognised by decision makers and finds resonance in academia. To enhance the science-policy interface, the JRC has launched the Collaborative Doctoral Partnership (CDP) program to establish collaborations with Higher Education Institutions (HEI) and universities from EU Member States and countries associated to the EU Research Programme Horizon 2020. The partnership will offer opportunities to a new generation of doctoral students, with particular focus on research for policy-making.

Through the CDP the JRC seeks to establish strategic collaborations with universities with excellent research and international reputation in science and technology. Participation in the scheme will allow a new generation of students to understand research needs at different stages of the policy cycle, and acquire new skills in science communication.

In practical terms, it means shared development of research programmes, and hosting and supervising doctoral studies between HEI/universities and the JRC.

The partnership should also lead to strengthened collaboration between the JRC and HEI/universities by promoting mutual enhancement of related skills and competences, combining knowledge, capacities, and networking in key scientific areas.

The JRC launched on 3 February 2020 a second call for expressions of interest in thirteen thematic fields:

- Digital Governance (PDF)
- Smart, connected and clean mobility (PDF)
- EU Energy Transition (PDF)
- Development of methods to monitor progresses, design transformations and identify solutions to achieve SDGs (PDF)
- Secure and sustainable supply of raw materials for strategic value chains (PDF)
- Artificial intelligence for earth observation (PDF)
- Graphic causal models for hybrid threats (PDF)
- Resilience of built infrastructure to natural and man-made hazards (PDF)
- Health promotion and prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) (PDF)
- Non-power nuclear and radiological technologies to achieve the SDGs 2030 Agenda (PDF)
- Synergies of qualitative and quantitative methods for anticipation activities (PDF)
- Behavioural insights applied to policy-making (PDF)
- Robustness in complex data analysis and statistical modelling (PDF)

Further information on application details is available at the JRC Science Hub. Deadline for application is **3 May 2020**.