



The Joint Research Center (JRC)

Unit B1 – Finance and Economy

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JRC Mission

As the science and knowledge service of the European Commission our mission is to support EU policies with independent evidence throughout the whole policy cycle.

JRC Role

- **Independent** of private, commercial or national interests
- **Policy neutral**: has no policy agenda of its own
- Works for more than **20 EC policy departments**

Keeping the pace with the development of research

- Fully **policy-relevant** and world class **knowledge production**
- Priorities driven **knowledge and competence management**
- One JRC – **anticipating** emerging issues, **understanding** complexities and **bridging** silos
- **Addressing challenges of research**
(information deluge, multidisciplinary, integrity, reproducibility)



JRC sites

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

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



JRC role: facts and figures



Policy neutral: has no policy agenda of its own



More than **50** large scale research facilities
More than **110** online databases



About **2 800** staff, nearly **70 %** of whom are **scientific/technical staff**



83 % of core **research staff with PhDs**



Over **1 400** scientific publications per year

JRC scientific excellence

- **40-50%** of JRC publications belong to the **top 25% most cited publications**
- Up to **23%** belong to the **top 10% most cited publications**
- Up to **3%** belong to the **top 1% most cited publications**



EC impact assessment and legislative proposals about crypto-assets



- The EC carried out during 2019-20 an impact assessment in response to the emergence of crypto assets, to assess how they fit the actual legislation and if new legislation is needed.[#]
 - The Commission has adopted a comprehensive package of legislative proposals in this area to increase investments and ensure consumer protection.^{*}
 - The EC in general recognizes the importance of legal certainty and a clear regulatory regime for crypto-assets.
- [#]See https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12089-Financial-services-EU-regulatory-framework-for-crypto-assets_en

^{*}See the complete set of proposals under «Shaping Europe's digital future» <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/regulatory-framework-blockchain>

The EC-JRC and the CAL Conference



- The JRC is partner of the CAL initiative. The conference is growing over time and attracts novel academic works from an international audience
- We closely follow the evolution of the literature in this topic, in order to understand and apply new estimation methods, exploit new datasets or simply examine the results of the empirical works.

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