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Vacancy Notice for Interim Agent position in the area Chemistry and Materials Science

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- **Assisting the coordination of the evaluation process of research proposals.**
- **Carrying out the scientific monitoring of the progress of funded research projects.**

in the areas mentioned above.

Candidates need to have a:

- **Strong research background (PhD or equivalent research experience) in a relevant area of Physical Sciences and Engineering**
- **Good understanding of the research funding system in Europe**
- **Valid permit to work in Belgium at the time of application**

If you are interested, please send your CV and motivation letter to ERC-HR-INTERIM@ec.europa.eu by **Wednesday, 22 April 2026, 12:00** (noon) Brussels time.