



VACANCY NOTICE	
Post	AD02 PLATFORM SYSTEM AND PRODUCT QUALITY OFFICER
Grade	A3*
Division	LSS Programme Division
Section	Technical section
Management of Staff	0
Location	Castellammare di Stabia, IT
Initial Contract Duration	3 years
Closing Date for Applications	21/05/2026
Start Date	01/09/2026
Interview Date	Week commencing on 22/06/2026

1. Background

The Logistic Support Ships (LSS) Programme is a collaborative Programme being managed by OCCAR-EA on behalf of the IT and FR Participating States (PS). The scope of the work covers the definition, development, production and initial in-service support of LSS for FR and IT.

The management of this programme aims to maximise the commonalities of the LSS fleet for both PS FR and IT, and to prepare a future in-service support for the benefit of the two PS.

The LSS Programme Division (PD) is located in the Paris area with two Satellite offices, one in Saint-Nazaire (FR) and one in Castellammare di Stabia (IT).

2. Duties and Responsibilities

The post holder shall be responsible for all the Platform System and Product Quality matters and will report directly to the DPM.

The post holder will be responsible for all Platform contractual activities in the following areas/equipment/systems:

- Design Areas:
 - Resistance and Power Prediction;
 - Hull and Structure;
 - Sea-keeping and Manoeuvrability;
 - Trim and Stability;
 - Damaged Stability;
 - General Arrangements.
- Systems:
 - Hull Structure;
 - Propulsion Plant;
 - energy generating system;
 - propulsion units;
 - transmission and propulsion systems;
 - propulsion support systems;
 - propulsion support systems (fuel and lube oil);
 - special purpose systems.
- Electric Plant;
 - electric power;
 - power distribution systems;
 - lighting system;

- power generation support systems;
- special purpose systems.
- Command And Surveillance;
 - Command and Control Systems;
 - Ship Management System;
 - Firefighting, CBRN and Flooding control.
- Auxiliary Systems;
 - Heat, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) systems;
 - sea water systems;
 - fresh water systems;
 - air, gas, and miscellaneous fluid systems;
 - ship control systems;
 - replenishment systems;
 - mechanical handling systems;
 - special purpose systems.
- Outfit and Furnishings;

Furthermore, they shall manage also the following transversal aspect and contractual activities.

- Platform physical and functional integration;
- Vulnerability and signatures (RCS, IR, acoustic, magnetic);
- Standards definition and compliance;
- Production Progress;
- Reporting;
- Prepare reports to Board of Managers meetings, Programme Committee, Programme Board and Nation;
- Draft minutes of Programme Working Group Meetings;
- Monitor the actions between LSS PD and Industry related to their function;
- Concur in drafting of PMP and other relevant documents.

As far as **Platform System** is concerned, they will:

- Monitor the development and production progress;
- Monitor the Industry activities throughout the contract (Working Groups, Technical meetings, Progress meetings, Contractual reviews...);
- Manage, co-ordinate and monitor the acceptance for all contractual deliveries, in liaison with other staff members and technical experts from the Nation;
- Establish and maintain the technical compliance matrix for the programme;
- Monitor and collect evidence of technical compliance with the technical specification as defined in the contract;
- Take part in the preparation and negotiation of any new contract/amendment for technical issues related to Platform and financial aspects;
- Manage the up-date of technical and operational requirements, in liaison with the PS;
- Give technical briefings and presentations during PC meetings or other formal meetings;
- Verify the conditions for payments related to Platform lots of the contract;
- Be responsible for the coordination of Nation/Industry for what concerns their field of work;
- Evaluate the Engineering Change Proposals requested by the Nation and provided by Industry;
- Support the Risk Officer in the management of risks related to their activities;
- Support the transversal activities related to the C/S Physical integration;
- Support the qualification/acceptance process.

As far as **Product Quality** is concerned, they will:

- Define, monitor and control the Quality Assurance Systems applicable to LSS Programme;
- Approve and control the specific Quality Plans to be applied within the LSS systems and subsystems;
- Coordinate the relationship between LSS PD and other structures of the Nation, responsible for Quality Assurance;
- Organize and chair meetings concerning Quality Assurance process;
- Contribute to all activities resulting from the application of Quality Systems as defined by relevant contracts;

- Contribute to all activities to define and maintain the contractual requirements;
- Validate the deliveries and/or the performances concerning the quality management;
- Contribute to In Service Support activities interfacing with relevant GQA representatives;
- Issue/update of the RGQA;
- Monitor RGQA implementation;
- Incorporation of RGQA information within reporting and Q&A activities.

As far as the **Qualification and Acceptance** of Platform activities are concerned, the post holder (in support of the Q&A Officer) will:

- Coordinate, to ensure an overall consistent Q&A process, the relationship between LSS PD, the other bodies involved from the Nation and Industry;
- Monitor the correct application by industry of the Q&A requirements defined in the LSS Contract for the systems and sub-systems;
- Contribute to the definition/update of programme trials and participate to the system qualification/acceptance tests and monitoring the system integration activities;
- Ensure that Qualification Files and Acceptance Files are prepared by industry in relation with the LSS, systems and sub-systems;
- Coordinate with the Nation the delivery of GFS for tests and trials and maintain a relevant corresponding database;
- Monitor that the industrial Q&A database (if any) is updated recording relevant data related to progress, results and history of the tests and verifications performed in order to support the Q&A decisions.

The post holder will perform any related duties as directed by the Deputy Programme Manager.

3. Key competences and skills required for the grade

(You must provide evidence of meeting these key competences and skills in your Application, Section 12).

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| CS 1 | The ability to establish and maintain excellent working relationships at all levels in a multicultural context and with respect for diversity; |
| CS 2 | Excellent interpersonal and team working skills with the ability to interact and communicate at all levels within OCCAR as well as with Nations; |
| CS 3 | The ability to work in a changing, developing and demanding environment; |
| CS 4 | The ability to implement clear, efficient and logical approaches to work, to manage assignments, objectives and time; |

- CS 5** The ability to use Computer and Information Technology (ICT) facilities and be able to demonstrate a good working knowledge of MS Office software.

4. Specialist knowledge and experience required for the post

(You must provide evidence of meeting these specialist requirements in your Application, Sections 10 and 11).

4.1 Essential:

- ES 1** Technical competencies and deep knowledge of all what is listed in the area of their duties and responsibilities, with specific focus on Platform System/equipment of a Military Ship;
- ES 2** Broad experience in trials/testing and acceptance of technically complex deliverables;
- ES 3** Excellent knowledge of the National and International standards for quality assurance;
- ES 4** Competencies, knowledge and previous experiences in contract management, with at least three years of experience in the field of Procurement of Armament Programmes in a National or International organization;
- ES 5** Proven experience in the field of Platform Systems gained on board of military Ships (no less than 5 years).

4.2 Desirable:

- DS 1** Experience in International Programmes, co-operation activities and intercultural relationships;
- DS 2** Awareness of other defence related structures and organisations;
- DS 3** A previous appointment as Chief Engineer Officer of a naval vessel and/or a former significant experience in the area of ship's design and/or shipbuilding is highly desirable and will be considered as an advantage;
- DS 4** Knowledge in applying all programme management disciplines in a true Through Life Management approach;
- DS 5** Experience of internal and external quality audits.

5. Language Requirements

- **ADVANCED level¹ of ENGLISH and ITALIAN both oral and written.**

¹ The language levels can be found on the OCCAR website, www.occar.int Careers / Applying.

- Adequate knowledge of any other OCCAR language would be an asset.

6. Qualifications

A university degree in Engineering (Master of Science in Naval Engineering) and extensive experience in the activities directly related to the prescribed tasks are essential.

Due to the nature of this role, it is absolutely essential you have the “ability to embark” in order to participate in trials at sea, with demonstrable prior experience of having operated in this capacity. You must have no known reasons that you would not be able to achieve this when applying for the post.

7. Security Clearance

Security clearance at OCCAR Secret level is required for this post.

8. Applications and Points of Contact

For further information regarding this Post, please contact:

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