



VACANCY NOTICE	
Post	AD06 QUALIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OFFICER AND OPERATIONAL COORDINATOR
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

As far as the **Qualification and Acceptance** activities are concerned, they will:

- Coordinate, to ensure an overall consistent Q&A process, the relationship between LSS PD and 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;
- Ensure that new requirements and approved changes by the customer are verified in the relevant Q&A procedures or non-regression test;
- Contribute to the definition of programme trials, participate to the system qualification and monitoring the system integration activities;
- Evaluate the Q&A trial procedures and reports, receiving technical feedback from PTF, C/S and ILS branches, and manage Q&A meetings and reviews;
- Ensure that Q&A industrial deliverables prepared by Industry comply with the contractual procedures, requirements and clauses;
- Support the technical officers (PTF, C/S and ILS) in testing activities, in respect of Q&A processes;
- Define sea goings programmes and schedules;
- Coordinate, with the Nation and GFX Officer, the delivery of GFX 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.

As far as the **Programme Operational** activities are concerned, the post holder will ensure an overall consistency with regard to Operational matters; in particular ensure smooth coordination among all stakeholders, issuing and updating protocols and procedures and providing adequate visibility and participation to relevant trials.

Within the PD, the post holder will act as a focal point for the possible national developments that are sensitive.

The post holder will perform any related duties as directed.

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).

- 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 “Duties and Responsibilities”, with specific focus on Platform and/or Combat System equipment of a Military Ship and Requirements Management;
- ES 2** Broad experience in trials/testing and evaluation and acceptance of technically complex deliverables and former experiences in the National Naval Armament Directorate/Navy general Staff or equivalent Navy Offices with duties related to Q&A processes;
- ES 3** Excellent knowledge of the National and International standards for Quality Assurance and experience in Audit Activities;
- ES 4** Competencies, knowledge and former 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 on board military Ships as a Technical Officer of Platform or Combat System Department.

4.2 Desirable:

- DS 1** Previous experience in International Programmes, co-operation activities and intercultural relationships;

- DS 2** Awareness of other defence related structures and organisations;
- DS 3** A former experience in the area of ship's design and/or shipbuilding and/or Combat System integration of naval systems is highly desirable;
- DS 4** Knowledge in applying all programme management disciplines in a Through Life Management approach;
- DS 5** Experience of working with the customer governmental technical and operational experts.

5. Language Requirements

- ADVANCED level¹ of ENGLISH and ITALIAN both oral and written.
- Adequate knowledge of any other OCCAR language would be an asset.

6. Qualifications

A university degree of Science in Engineering (Electronic/Telecommunication or Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering) and extensive experience in the activities directly related to the prescribed tasks is 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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¹ The language levels can be found on the OCCAR website, www.occar.int Careers / Applying.