



| VACANCY NOTICE | |
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| Post | AR02 – PLATFORM MANAGER |
| Grade | A4 |
| Division | DDX Programme Division |
| Section | Technical Section |
| Management of Staff | 1 |
| Location | Rome, IT |
| Initial Contract Duration | 3 years |
| Closing Date for Applications | 15/06/2026 |
| Start Date | 01/10/2026 (Subject to the signature of the respective DDX Programme Decision) |
| Interview Date | Week commencing on 13/07/2026 |

1. Background

The DDX Programme intends to provide Development, Production, In-Service Support phases, of two new Destroyers for the Italian Navy.

2. Duties and Responsibilities

The Platform Manager is responsible for overseeing all platform-related matters within the programme and will report directly to the Programme Manager. This role encompasses full responsibility for the contractual activities related to platform design and systems, ensuring technical compliance and progress monitoring throughout the lifecycle of the contract.

2.1 Key responsibilities:

- Design Area:
 - Resistance and Power Prediction;
 - Strength and Stability;
 - Sea-keeping and Manoeuvrability;
 - General Arrangements.
- Systems:
 - Hull and structure;
 - Propulsion Plant:
 - Energy Generation System;
 - Propulsion Units;
 - Transmission and Propulsion Systems;
 - Propulsion Support Systems (including fuel and lube oil);
 - Special-Purpose Systems.
 - Electric Plant:
 - Electric Power Generation and conversion;
 - Power Distribution Systems;
 - Lighting System;
 - Power Generation Support Systems;
 - Special-Purpose Systems.
 - Command And Surveillance:
 - Command and Control Systems;
 - Ship Management Systems;

- Firefighting and Flooding control.
- Auxiliary Systems:
 - Climate Control;
 - Sea Water and Fresh Water Systems;
 - Air, Gas, and Miscellaneous Fluid Systems;
 - Ship Control Systems;
 - Replenishment Systems;
 - Mechanical Handling Systems;
 - Special-Purpose Systems.
- Outfit and Furnishings;
- Prevention of corrosion.

2.2 Transversal responsibilities:

- Monitoring Production Quality and Progress;
- Ensuring Platform physical and functional integration;
- Managing Passive survivability aspects (vulnerability and signatures: RCS, IR, acoustic, magnetic);
- Ensuring compliance with applicable standards.
- Coordinating ILS activities

2.3 Technical and Contractual Duties:

- Monitor development and production progress;
- Lead technical activities including requirements and configuration management;
- Manage to up-date technical and operational requirements, in liaison with the national stakeholders;
- Coordinate Technical Reviews (PDR and CDR);
- Oversee industry activities across all contractual phases (working groups, technical meetings, progress reviews, etc.);
- Coordinate and monitor acceptance of contractual deliverables, in collaboration with other sections and national experts;
- maintain the programme's technical compliance matrix;

- Collect and verify evidence of compliance with the Statements of Work (SoWs) and technical specifications;
- Support contract preparation and negotiation (technical and financial aspects);
- Monitor the Quality Assurance processes;
- Deliver technical briefings and presentations at PC meetings and formal meetings;
- Verify payment conditions related to Platform contract lots;
- Facilitate coordination between national stakeholders and Industry within the scope of platform responsibilities;
- Evaluate Engineering Change Proposals and relevant price assessment;
- Manage risks affecting the platform domain and the relevant mitigation plans.

2.4 Additional duties:

- Participate in transversal activities in coordination with relevant post-holders, where related to platform responsibilities;
- Undertake temporary tasks as assigned by the 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).

- CS 1** Executive management skills and the ability to manage complex negotiations as well as dealing with difficult situations such as conflicts proven through results attained in performing jobs in this field for other national/international organisations;
- CS 2** Excellent interpersonal, team working and leadership skills with the ability to interact sensitively, effectively and professionally with people from diverse cultural, educational and professional backgrounds;
- CS 3** Conceptual thinking with the ability to analyse complex and wide-ranging questions, issues and information, with a structured approach to the problem-solving process, including providing recommended solutions and a proposed way forward;
- CS 4** The ability to work in a changing, developing and demanding environment with the ability to orchestrate and implement clear, efficient and logical approaches to work, to manage time, assignments and objectives;
- CS 5** The ability to use Computer and Information Technology (ICT) tools, with a 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** Contract & Stakeholder Management: extensive experience in national and international contract management within naval platform programmes, including coordination with industry, international organizations, and governmental technical/operational experts, with at least 3 years at senior executive level.
- ES 2** Acceptance & Compliance Oversight: strong experience in managing and validating the acceptance of complex technical deliverables, ensuring full compliance with contractual specifications and technical requirements.
- ES 3** Configuration Management: comprehensive knowledge of configuration management processes, national policies, and practices, with a focus on managing technical requirements and maintaining configuration control throughout the programme lifecycle.
- ES 4** Naval Platform Systems Expertise: in-depth technical expertise in naval platform systems, with demonstrated ability to oversee and monitor industry activities related to design, production, and integration, ensuring compliance with contractual and technical requirements.
- ES 5** Professional experience as a Marine Engineer Officer aboard a navy vessel.

4.2 **Desirable:**

- DS 1** Knowledge of programme and project management principles, tools, and methodologies (e.g., PMI, PRINCE2, APM, or equivalent standards). Practical experience in applying these frameworks effectively within armament programmes and projects;
- DS 2** Previous experience working within an international defence-related organisation, demonstrating an understanding of multinational governance structures, collaborative frameworks, and defence programme dynamics;
- DS 3** Sound understanding of the fundamental principles of risk management, including risk identification, assessment, mitigation, and monitoring, particularly within complex technical or defence-related environments;
- DS 4** Proven experience related to ship design and/or shipbuilding activities, with demonstrated knowledge of naval engineering practices, shipyard operational processes, and platform integration.

5. Language Requirements

- ADVANCED level¹ of ENGLISH both oral and written.
- Additional knowledge of another OCCAR Member or Participating State's language will be considered as an asset.

6. Qualifications

A university degree in Naval and/or Mechanical Engineering² with several years of experience in the activities directly related to the prescribed tasks (mandatory).

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.

² A university degree with a total duration of five years of full-time study, amounting to 300 or 360 ECTS credits