



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

## Research Assistant in the

# Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

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### Who we are

The **European University Institute** (EUI) at a glance:

- an **international organisation** set up in 1972;
- a research university focusing exclusively on **postgraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral studies**, and advanced research;
- located in the hills overlooking the city of Florence, Italy.

The Institute also hosts the Historical Archives of the European Union.

The **Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies (RSCAS)** is an inter-disciplinary research centre at the heart of the European University Institute (EUI). It was established in 1992 to complement the four EUI disciplinary departments (Economics, History and Civilization, Law, Political and Social Sciences) with the aim to be involved in both basic and policy research, collaborate with other centres of excellence in Europe, provide opportunities for young scholars and promote dialogue with the world of practice. The Centre's goal is to maintain an environment and support structure that fosters intellectual curiosity and excellent research. The research agenda of the Centre is currently guided by three major themes: Integration, Governance and Democracy; Regulating Markets and Governing Money; and 21st Century World Politics and Europe.

The **Florence School of Regulation (FSR)** is a center of excellence for independent discussion and knowledge exchange with the purpose of improving the quality of European regulation and policy. We deliver academic research, training and policy events in the areas of Energy & Climate, Communications & Media, Transport and Water.

The **[FSR Electricity Team](#)** serves as a hub for dialogue and the exchange of best practices among regulators, academics, EU institutions, industry, and other key players in the European energy sector. We focus on applied research, policy events, and training related to critical electricity policy and regulatory issues, bridging the gap between practical application and academic research.

### Employment details

**Contract type**

Part-time 70 % (21/30, 28 hours/week)

<b>Length of contract</b>	10 months. Start date: 1 November 2024.  This contract may be further renewed (several times and conditional to the availability of funds), leading to an extension of the period of service up to a total of 5 years, including the first contract period.
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: ASTAC1b step 1  The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2,060 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.  More information about conditions of employment is available <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Place of work</b>	To be agreed with Project Director (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)

## About the project

<b>Project Directors</b>	Professor Leonardo Meeus and Professor Lucila De Almeida
<b>Project details</b>	The U2Demo project is a three-year and a half Horizon Europe project that aims to advanced the field of peer-to-peer (P2P) trading and energy sharing by introducing innovative, user-centric management strategies that foster the widespread development of consumer participation in these mechanisms. The project will propose different strategies to engage consumers and provide services to the energy system. The strategies will be tested at different pilots in different EU Member states. Pilots will involve energy communities and the use of the blockchain technology. In the project, social, legal and regulatory considerations will be developed in addition to more technical aspects.
<b>Job description</b>	The research assistant will provide research assistance to the directors of the project. Main task shall include : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contributing to the mapping of the regulatory framework for active consumers in the EU and in a selection of EU Member states, based on the Harmonised Electricity Market Role Model (HEMRM), with a focus on the recent electricity market design reform and its transposition at the Member state level;</li> <li>• Assessing the implications and responsibilities that arise with the role of active consumers as an individual and/or as a group, with specific reference to topics such as consumer protection and the functioning of electricity markets and network regulation;</li> <li>• Participating in project meetings (online and in presence), interaction and coordination with project partners, provision of information and feedback to project partners;</li> <li>• Supporting the presentation of the results of the U2Demo research and drafting of the associated deliverable and/or other documents displaying the research output.</li> </ul>

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### Essential:

- Master's degree in law or economics;
- Evidence of general knowledge of EU energy policy and legislation;
- Demonstrated writing skills with a track record in research and policy analysis evidenced by publications;
- Proven ability to work effectively in a team and meet tight deadlines;
- Proven working experience in an international context.

### Desirable:

- Proven experience in previous research projects, demonstrated by published research output;
- Proven knowledge of energy regulation, with good understanding of how liberalised electricity markets are organised, in particular in Europe;
- PhD in Law or Economics, preferably with a thesis on a topic related to energy markets and regulation;

## Languages

Excellent knowledge of English, both spoken and written ([CEFR](#) level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages constitutes an advantage.

## How to apply

### Deadline

The closing date for applications is **18 September 2024** at midnight (Florence time)

### Contact details

For more information contact (Ian Devine, [ian.devine@eui.eu](mailto:ian.devine@eui.eu))

### How to apply

Fill in the [online application form](#) and upload documents as requested

## Data Protection

The purpose of processing the data submitted by candidates is to manage their application in view of a possible pre-selection and recruitment by the EUI. The information candidates provide in their application form is collected for the purpose of the selection procedure. The EUI will ensure that candidates' personal data are processed as required by its Data Protection Policy ([President's Decision No. 10/2019 of 18 February 2019 regarding Data Protection at the EUI](#)).

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