



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.

Employment details

Contract type Full-time 100% (30/30, 40 hours/week)

Length of contract 12 months. Start date: January 2025

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.

Salary indication and grade

Grade: ASTAC1b step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately EUR 2,970 Euro, plus allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available [here](#).

Place of work

Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Directors

Professor Leonardo Meeus and RSC Director Erik Jones

Project details

The [FSR Gas & Hydrogen Area](#) acts as a platform for debate and exchange of best practices between regulators, academics, representatives from EU institutions, industry, and other key market players. We develop **applied research, policy events, and training** on the most topical gas policy and regulatory issues.

Job description

The research assistant will report directly to the Research Team Leader in the Gas & Hydrogen Area at the FSR. The role involves contributing significantly to core activities within this area.

Main tasks include:

- Contributing to research on EU gas policy and regulation, with an emphasis on economic and/or engineering modeling;
- Providing practical support and advice for both online and residential initiatives under the FSR Gas & Hydrogen portfolio, including training, workshops, and back-office tasks;
- Collaborating with external stakeholders and partners on research projects;
- Contributing to both peer-reviewed and other publications (policy briefs, reports, online blogs, etc..) related to the fossil and renewable gas sectors;
- Monitoring and analyzing developments in EU energy policy and regulatory frameworks.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- Master's degree in Economics, Engineering (or equivalent as per EHEA standards);
- Proven knowledge of EU policy making and EU energy regulation, gas systems (fossil and renewables) and market dynamics;
- Demonstrated writing skills with a track record in research and policy analysis evidenced by publications;
- Proven knowledge of economic and/or engineering modeling acquired through previous experience;
- Proven experience in an international work environment.

Desirable:

- Proven experience in previous research projects and policy analysis supported by relevant publications, particularly in CC(U)S and /or renewable gas (e.g., biomethane, biogas);
- Proven experience in applying for public funding tenders;
- PhD in Economics, Engineering, or related field;
- Proven knowledge of economics and regulation of energy networks and their evolution due to decarbonization.

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 **26 August 2024** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

For more information contact **Ian Devine** (ian.devine@eui.eu)

How to apply

Fill in the [online application form](#) and upload the following documents:

1. Full CV in English (2 pages max)
2. Motivation letter in English (2 pages max)

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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