



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

# Senior Research Fellow in the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

Florence, 19 July 2022

Reference: [V/RF/RSC/27/2022](#)

## 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)**, established in 2004, provides a framework 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 **African School of Regulation (ASR)** is being created by six ASR Partners - European University Institute (EUI), the University of Cape Town (UCT), the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (PAUWES), the Enel Foundation, RMI, and the Energy Nexus Network (TENN). It aspires to become a centre of excellence for independent discussion and knowledge exchange with the purpose of improving the quality of African energy regulation and policy. Africans will shape the sustainable energy transition, enhancing or creating the institutions needed to build and operate their required infrastructure.

The objective of the ASR is to build skills, knowledge, and sustainable jobs, thereby creating additional value in Africa in the field of energy regulation. This can only be achieved with excellence and intellectual integrity, which

require highly capable professionals (both local and global) and independence. The institutional design, organisation, and funding of the ASR must make sure that both requirements are met.

The ASR will draw on specialist global knowledge and expertise on how to regulate the power sector effectively. It needs an appreciation and understanding of the rapid global energy transition, and it needs to apply this knowledge and experience to the challenges of the African context, including the imperative of universal access to electricity. Building new capabilities in Africa requires local institutions with specialist knowledge and expertise backed by partners who are at the frontiers of international experience.

The ASR shall strive to support the achievement of reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy supply for all, and the protection of the customers, which indirectly also requires the protection of the companies in charge of the entire supply chain. To deliver on this goal and better represent energy customers, the ASR also commits to building an inclusive environment for female regulators and policymakers in a historically male-dominated field.

## Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	From a minimum of 50% (15/30, 20 hrs/week) up to a maximum of 100% (30/30, 40 hrs/week).
<b>Length of contract</b>	12 months. Start date as soon as possible.  This contract may be 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: CDR6 , step 1  The basic net monthly salary after taxes goes from approximately 2350 Euro for 50 % working time to approximately 4700 Euro for 100% working time, plus allowances if applicable (salary net calculated based on place of work Florence, Italy).  More information about conditions of employment is available <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>Place of work</b>	To be agreed with Project Directors

## About the project

<b>Project Directors</b>	Prof. Ignacio Pérez-Arriaga, Prof. Jean-Michel Glachant and Prof. Erik Jones
<b>Project details</b>	The African School of Regulation (ASR)
<b>Job description</b>	The Senior Research Fellow, reporting directly to the ASR Interim Director, will contribute to the core activities of the African School of Regulation by carrying out research work in an independent manner and collaborating on the research work of the project. Main tasks include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Organizing and coordinating the day-to-day operation of the ASR;</li><li>- Collaborating with the interim Director in the relations with institutions, both on academic and fundraising matters;</li></ul>

- Cooperating to establish contacts with relevant institutions, organise fundraising with the support of the ASR Parties, identify potential hosting academic establishments and assess their potential;
- Recruiting and coordinating the ASR team;
- Identifying coordinators for the training activities, instructors for the training courses, and researchers for the project.

## Qualifications and experience

### Qualifications and Experience

#### Essential:

- PhD in Economics, Engineering, Law or similar;
- Lecturer or professor at university level, preferably on topics related to energy economics and regulation;
- Proven work experience with regulatory authorities, energy ministries, regulatory departments of energy utilities or consultancy firms;
- Demonstrated ample international experience, preferably in Africa, and contacts and experience in dealing with international development institutions, ministries and energy companies in the African space;
- Proven ability as organizer and team leader.

#### Desirable

- Familiarity with online training.

### Languages

Excellent knowledge of English (CEFR level: C1 or above). Working knowledge of French and any other language widely spoken in Africa constitutes an advantage.

## How to apply

### Deadline

The closing date for applications is **21 August 2022** 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