



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)**, 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

Contract type	Full-time, (30/30, 40 hours/week)
Length of contract	12 months. Start date as soon as possible. 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 2,670 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here .
Place of work	To be agreed with Project Directors (salary net based on place of work Florence, Italy)

About the project

Project Director(s)	Erik Jones and Prof. Ignacio J. Pérez-Arriaga
Project details	The African School of Regulation (ASR)
Job description	<p>The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the project and contribute to the core activities of the African School of Regulation. Main tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assisting in the development of the programmed training activities – identifying and contacting instructors, helping in designing the programs, developing the educational resources – and conducting ongoing training of the team;• Engaging in the preparation and execution of the ongoing and new policy dialogues;• Designing and developing the knowledge base that will give support to other

activities;

- Working with the FSR Global team to develop research projects, including proposal development, conducting research, stakeholder engagement and publication of research; and
- Supporting the ASR Interim Director in their activities: identifying and contacting organisations, following-up with the contacts, inventory of educational resources, programmes design, interacting with the Parties to the ASR Agreement, that will be necessary during the initial phase.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- Master's degree in Economics, Engineering or similar;
- Basic understanding of energy regulation in Africa proven by research and/or working experience;
- Proven experience in working with emerging markets;
- Demonstrated ability to work in international teams.

Desirable

- Basic understanding of modelling tools.

Languages

Excellent knowledge of English is required (CEFR level: C1 or above).
Knowledge of French is an advantage (CEFR level: B2 or above).

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **23 September 2022** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

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How to apply

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