



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 EUI's **Robert Schuman Centre for Advances Studies** (RSCAS) carries out research on the major issues facing Europe, bridging the world of academia and practice through interdisciplinary and applied research.

The Research Assistant will be based at the [Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom \(CMPF\)](#) which is part of the RSCAS. The **CMPF** is a research and training centre that aims to develop innovative and relevant lines of research on media freedom and pluralism in Europe and beyond, and to provide knowledge support to the international, European and national policy and rulemaking processes.

### Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	Full-time 30/30, 40 hours/week
<b>Length of contract</b>	Start date 16 February 2023 or as soon as possible after this date, until 31 December 2023. 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: ASTAC1e, step 1 The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2,000 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available <a href="#">here</a> .

Place of work

Florence, Italy

## About the project

Project Director

Prof. Pier Luigi Parcu and RSCAS Director Erik Jones

Project details

### Supporting local and regional news media in face of emerging news Deserts

The overall objective of this pilot project co-funded by the European Commission is to revive the local media landscape in the European Union (EU) with measures to build resilience, independence, and sustainability by improving their capacity in innovation, business strategies, and audience engagement. Ultimately, it will help contribute to building an enabling environment where a pluralistic and independent media landscape in the EU can exist.

Within the project, the CMPF will be responsible for the mapping research on news deserts in the EU with direct research targets from local, regional and community news media or initiatives and those (journalists, editors and managers) working for these media on EU 27 Member States. The expected results will help define and identify existing and future news deserts, challenges and good practices, as well as policy recommendations targeting media stakeholders and national and European policy-makers to address these challenges.

Job description

The Research Assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the Project. Main tasks include:

- Elaborating a methodology for studying local, regional and community media in the European Union mapping potential news deserts;
- Engaging in research activities with the CMPF and the Consortium's partners and network;
- Assisting in coordination activities in the framework of the Project.

## Qualifications and experience

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### Essential:

- BA in Law, Social Sciences or Economics;
- Demonstrated experience in research and report writing for academic and/or international projects;
- Proven expertise in studies on media freedom and freedom of expression, media policy, media economics and/or journalism;
- Excellent organisational skills, propensity to team working, ability to work under pressure and tight deadlines, developed through previous experience.

### Desirable:

- MA in Law, Social Sciences, and Economics;

- Demonstrated experience in data analysis and qualitative and quantitative research methodologies;
- Proven expertise on media freedom and freedom of expression in local contexts, local and regional media policy, minority and community media, local and community journalism.

#### Languages

Excellent knowledge of English, both spoken and written is essential (CEFR level: C1 or above). Knowledge of other languages is a plus.

## How to apply

#### Deadline

The closing date for applications is **16 January 2023** at midnight (Florence time)

#### Contact details

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#### How to apply

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