



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 a Digital Society \(CDS\)](#) which is part of the RSCAS. The CDS is an academic hub gathering scholars, public enforcers, practitioners, and representatives of the industry and civil society to debate the challenges of digital transformation and its impact on markets and democracy. The Centre builds upon the experience gained during the past decade by the Florence School of Regulation – Communications and Media Area (FSR C&M) and by the Florence Competition Programme (FCP). With the establishment of the CDS, the two projects merge into a unique programme, broadening their focus beyond the regulation of the media sector and competition policy. Within the Robert Schuman Centre, the CDS sets the ground for close collaboration with the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
Length of contract	One year. 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 .

About the project

Project Directors Prof. Pier Luigi Parcu and RSCAS Director Erik Jones

Project details With its research, policy debate and training programme, the [Centre for a Digital Society \(CDS\)](#) aims at advising policy makers on how to cope with the challenges that digitalisation poses to markets and democracy. To do so, it adopts an interdisciplinary approach relying on in-house expertise in law, economics and political sciences. For a better understanding of the technical aspects of digitalisation, the Centre actively cooperates with computer scientists and engineers from partner institutions.

The Centre engages in the public debate on digitalisation by focusing on the following core areas:

- Innovation: this area deals with General Purpose Technologies, standardisation, and the evolution of IP rights in the digital context;
- Competition, with a strong focus on competition policy in digital markets;
- Regulation, to address the evolution of sectoral regulation in electronic communications, media and postal markets, as well as the emerging regulatory framework for digital platforms;
- Democracy: this area assesses the role of digitalisation in the evolution of civic participation, good governance and fundamental rights.

Job description The Research Assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the project, focusing on the changing legal environment related to data in the European Union and on the opportunities and challenges of the data economy for markets, consumers and citizens. Main tasks include:

- Contributing to the development, design and research activities in the field of data and technology regulation and policy;
- Participating in the publication of high quality research articles in academic publishing;
- Attending international conferences and seminars as required;
- Supporting the dissemination of the project's results through the organisation of trainings, seminars, workshops, roundtables and conferences.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- MA in Law or related field (or equivalent according to EHEA);
- Strong communication skills evidenced by previous experience;

- Attention to details, strong organisational skills and commitment to finalise tasks assigned respecting given deadlines, gathered through previous experience;
- Proven ability to work effectively with people from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds.

Desirable:

- PhD in Law, focused on data and technology regulation and policy, or related area of expertise;
- Track record of relevant research and/or publications as well as demonstrable analytical skills.

Languages

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

How to apply

Deadline

The closing date for applications is **13 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