



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 centre 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, Transport and Water & Waste.

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: ASTAC1e, step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2,110 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 RSCAS Director Erik Jones

Project details

The Florence School of Regulation (FSR) Gas 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 in the European energy sector. The area develops applied research, policy events, and training on the most topical electricity policy and regulatory issues. By performing these activities, it aims to be at the interface between the world of practice and traditional academic research.

Job description

The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the project. Main tasks include:

- Supporting contributions to collaborative research projects on topics related to natural gas, hydrogen and other renewable and low-carbon gases;
- Supporting applied research in the field of gas networks and markets regulation and policy;
- Supporting contributions to the production of content and materials for training courses, such as those on the EU Gas Network Codes, Specialised Training on the Regulation of gas markets, Clean molecules for the energy transition and to their implementation;
- Providing practical support to the online and residential activities organised by the gas team, such as research seminars, policy workshops and debates, online publications, etc.;
- Supporting applications for external funding opportunities for the activities of the gas team.

Qualifications and experience

Qualifications and Experience**Essential:**

- BA in Economics or Engineering. Other degrees might be considered if coupled with relevant additional experiences and skills;
- Proven knowledge of EU policymaking and of EU energy policy and regulation;
- Proven understanding of the basic features of gas systems and markets;

- Ability to work in team and follow multiple projects in parallel proven by previous experience;
- Demonstrated interest in the economics and regulation of energy networks and their evolution due to digitalisation, decarbonisation and decentralisation.

Desirable:

- Proven experience in previous research projects and policy analysis supported by relevant publications (preferably related to electricity);
- MA or other qualifications in a relevant discipline.

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 **09 April 2023** 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 documents as requested

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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