



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 Florence School of Regulation (FSR) Water and Waste Area is a unique environment gathering regulators, operators and academics with the goal of providing innovative thought, analysis, and discussion of EU regulatory policies and governance in the fields of water and municipal waste. Its core research focuses on economic regulation and governance in the water and waste sectors including pricing policies and benchmarking.

Employment details

Contract type	Flexible working time. From part-time (15/30, 20 hours/week) to full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week).
Length of contract	18 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 2110 Euro, plus allowances if applicable. More information about conditions of employment is available here .

Place of work

To be agreed with Project Director (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)

About the project

Project Director(s)

Professor Maria Salvetti and RSCAS Director Erik Jones

Project details

The FSR Water area is part of a Horizon Europe financed project called InnWater (Promoting social INNnovation to renew multi-level and cross sector WATER governance). The main objective is to provide a set of digital tools and services (that will be gathered in InnWater Governance Platform) to support tailored multi-level and cross-sector water governance, associated with economic and financial mechanisms to support EU green deal transition while ensuring water systems sustainability. The project will deliver a governance assessment matrix; a citizen (trust) engagement framework; economic and resources allocation simulation including household water tariff and environmental costs; a self-sustaining governance community composed of 5 pilot sites addressing different water challenges; a set of raising awareness and training tools; regulation and economic recommendations to support EU policy implementation and new orientations.

Job description

The research assistant will provide research assistance to Project Director(s) of the project. The main tasks include:

- Supporting the development of an enhanced methodology for an expanded and improved application of OECD Water Governance Assessment Framework;
- Supporting Pilot Sites in the implementation of this enhanced methodology of Water Governance Assessment;
- Contributing to the production of data collection instruments and techniques to improve the efficiency of the assessment;
- Contributing to the Communication and Dissemination Strategy of the project;
- contributing to the regular management and supporting the coordination of InnWater project;
- Supporting FSR Water & Waste collaborative research projects, training and activities.

Qualifications and experience

Qualifications and Experience**Essential:**

- BA degree in a subject relevant to the post, ideally economics or public policy, or related discipline;
- Proven knowledge of public policy analysis in the water sector;
- Demonstrated knowledge of OECD principles on water governance and of water sector in Europe;
- Proven strong writing skills acquired through previous work experience or training;

- Ability to work in team and follow multiple projects in parallel acquired through previous experience;
- Demonstrated experience in producing high quality evidence-based analysis and recommendations for improved water governance.

Desirable:

- MA degree or other qualifications in a relevant discipline;
- Proven experience to engage with multiple stakeholders in local, national or international policy developments and to summarise complex material in a clear manner for specialists and non-specialists.

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 **30 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

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