



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 Climate (FSR Climate)** aims to provide a reliable source of information, analysis, and evaluation of EU climate policies ex-post and a forum for discussion for research carried out in the area. Its main research interests are the EU Emissions Trading System, the renewable energy promotion, the distributional impact of climate policy, energy efficiency policies and environmental and energy taxation. Its events (workshops, conferences, online events, and others) and training courses (both residential and online) involve researchers and the policy and business communities for the purposes of developing and discussing research that evaluates EU climate policies.

Employment details

Contract type

Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)

Length of contract	12 months, start date October 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.
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	To be agreed with Project Director (salary simulation based on place of work Florence, Italy)

About the project

Project Director(s)	Professor Simone Borghesi and RSCAS Director Erik Jones
Project details	<p>SPES (Sustainability Performances, Evidence and Scenarios) is a project funded under the European Union's Horizon Europe framework, running from February 2023 to January 2026. It involves 11 partner institutions and universities across Europe and is coordinated by the University of Florence. The aim of the project is to generate new knowledge and evidence about the nexus between economic growth, human flourishing and sustainability, contributing to the creation and uptake of a novel integrated framework fostering the transition towards the sustainable human development in European countries and regions. The SPES project focuses its attention, both theoretically and empirically, on the four pillars of the sustainable human development: a) Productivity; b) Equality for all; c) Sustainability; and d) Participation and empowerment.</p> <p>SPES will combine diverse methods, including econometric analysis, codesign workshops, scenario analysis and case-study analysis.</p> <p>EUI's role in the project consists in leading a work package on the efficiency and fairness of EU climate policies to reach carbon neutrality and sustainability transition, and in supporting the lead in the work package on impact and stakeholder engagement.</p>
Job description	<p>The research assistant will provide research assistance to Project Director(s) of the project. The main tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting/assisting research activities on EU climate policies and drafting publications; • Participating in the implementation of the project by producing deliverables and organising events; • Playing an active part in the dissemination, stakeholder engagement and exploitation activities of the project;

- Contributing to any other activities of FSR Climate, including research, policy analysis, projects, fundraising, dissemination and capacity building.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- BA degree in environmental economics, political sciences or related fields;
- Demonstrated knowledge of economic principles;
- Proven research experience and interest in environmental issues;
- Proven strong analytical, research and writing skills;
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team, acquired through previous experience;

Desirable:

- MA in economics or climate-related disciplines;
- Demonstrated knowledge of theoretical/empirical methods to deal with the research in the aforementioned areas acquired through previous experience;
- Proven experience in European and international projects
- Demonstrated ability to take initiative and work autonomously;
- Willingness in engage in a broad range of activities.

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. Please include:

- CV (max. 2 pages)
- Letter of motivation
- Contact details of two references

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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