

The EUI has an open vacancy for a

Project 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 Project Assistant will be based at the <u>Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom (CMPF)</u> which is part of the-Schuman Centre. It conducts advanced research and monitoring on media pluralism across Europe to support democracy, accountability, and fundamental rights. The CMPF is also 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

Contract type Full-time 100% (30/30, 40 hours/week)

Length of contract 12 months, Start date: as soon as possible

Salary indication and

grade

Grade: ASTAC1e step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 2,150 Euro, plus

allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available here.

Place of work

Florence, Italy

About the project

Project Directors

Prof. Pier Luigi Parcu and Prof. Erik Jones

Project details

The "Voices - European Festival of Journalism and Media Freedom" project is a 27-months EU-funded project aiming at reinforcing dialogue and cooperation among journalists, media organisations, media literacy professionals, civil society, policy-makers and academia. The central objectives are to create an inclusive spaces for dialogue on journalism, media freedom, and democratic resilience; support awareness and implementation of the European Media Freedom Act among key stakeholders; provide a knowledge hub for media professionals, policymakers, and civil society to exchange expertise and improve media and digital policy; and to bridge the European and local perspectives in promoting media freedom, journalism, and information integrity. The project has three main streams of activities:

- Organising three editions of the Voices Festival.
- Producing and disseminating festival reports and recommendations and systematising existing knowledge.
- Engaging with local municipalities, universities, especially journalism schools, other relevant communities, and encouraging the organisation of side events.

The EUI/CMPF is the leader of the Voices consortium composed of 8 organisations representing a strong EU-wide networks of journalists, public service media, media literacy experts and teachers, and media academic researchers.

Job description

The Project Assistant will provide assistance to the Directors of the project and will report directly to the Project Coordinator, Giovanni Melogli.

Main tasks include:

- Supporting the coordination of the project and different stakeholders both internally and externally to the consortium;
- Monitoring outstanding tasks, deadlines and requests and ensuring timely delivery of project outputs;
- Maintaining and updating the internal project repository including decisions by the Steering Committee;
- Attending meetings with internal and external stakeholders;
- Contributing to coordinating project deliverables, dissemination and community building.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

 BA in Political or Social Sciences, Communications, Public Affairs, Economics;

- Demonstrated experience in project management and stakeholder coordination;
- Proven communication skills acquired through previous work experience;
- Proven experience in working effectively with people from diverse cultural and academic backgrounds.

Desirable:

- Proven experience in event management acquired through previous work experience;
- Previous proven experience or knowledge in news media, journalism, media literacy area.

Languages

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

How to apply	
Deadline	The closing date for applications is 01 September 2025 at midnight (Florence time)
Contact details	For more information contact Elisabetta Airaghi (elisabetta.airaghi@eui.eu)
How to apply	Fill in the online application form and upload documents as requested

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