



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 [Loyola de Palacio \(LdP\) Chair on Energy](#) is the academic counterpart of the [Florence School of Regulation \(FSR\) – Energy](#). Founded in 2008, the Chair honours Loyola de Palacio, the former Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Energy and Transport (1999-2004). The Loyola de Palacio Chair focuses on the interconnected fields of energy economics, law and regulation as well as geo-politics. Our goal is to produce in-depth research of the highest quality relating to EU energy policy. The Chair's fields of expertise and close connections to both European and national energy policy communities allow us to contribute to current debates and to be a bridge between academia and practice in contemporary Europe. The current holder of the Chair is Professor Leonardo Meeus.

Employment details

Contract type	Full-time (30/30, 40 hours/week)
Length of contract	1 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: 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 RCAS director Erik Jones
Project details	The Loyola de Palacio (LdP) Chair on Energy focuses on the interconnected fields of energy economics, law and regulation as well as geo-politics. Our goal is to produce in-depth research of the highest quality relating to EU energy policy.
Job description	<p>The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the project.</p> <p>Main tasks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researching the ongoing reform of electricity markets in Europe;• Analysing the latest developments to modernise distribution networks to support the energy transition with regulatory challenges such as anticipatory investments, the assessment of flexibility needs, calculating of hosting capacity, and flexible connection agreements;• Following up on, and contributing to, the latest developments on DSO topics arising from the EU Electricity Market Design reform, EU Action Plan for Grids and the new Network Code on Demand Response;• Contributing to the development of an executive training course on distribution grids.

Qualifications and experience

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Desirable:

- MA in Economics, Engineering or related field;
- Proven experience in working on energy markets;
- Demonstrated knowledge of modelling tools.

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 ~~14 April 2025~~ **29 April 2025** at midnight (Florence time)

Contact details

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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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