



The EUI has an open vacancy for a

## Project Assistant in the

# Florence School of Transnational Governance

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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 Transnational Governance](#) (STG), founded in 2017 at the European University Institute, is a global hub for teaching, training, and research in governance beyond national borders. In the cradle of the Renaissance, we provide a dynamic platform where leaders from policymaking, business, civil society, media, and academia connect. We welcome independent minds, thinkers, and doers, offering world-class expertise from leading scholars and policymakers. Committed to innovation and inclusivity, we equip future and current leaders with the tools to tackle today's most pressing global challenges. We believe public policy should bring out the best in people.

### Employment details

<b>Contract type</b>	Part-time (15/30, 20 hours/week)
<b>Length of contract</b>	3 years, start date: 1 February 2026  Pending the final budgetary approval by the European Research Council, 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.
<b>Salary indication and grade</b>	Grade: ASTAC1e step 1  The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately 1,050 Euro, plus

allowances if applicable.

More information about conditions of employment is available [here](#).

**Place of work**

Florence, Italy

## About the project

**Project Director**

Professor Michael W. Bauer

**Project details**

The European Research Council Advanced Grant project LIBRAD investigates how populist regional governments across the EU reshape executive governance to implement illiberal policy changes. By covertly manipulating the machinery of government, these actors erode pluralistic norms, reduce accountability, and politicize the civil service in service of their illiberal agendas. Focusing empirically on subnational governance in EU member states and analysing executive transformations in a selected subsample, LIBRAD examines the conditions under which bureaucrats comply with or resist illiberal demands. The project combines theory testing on the effects of populist rule with theory development, offering a novel interactionist explanation of bureaucratic behaviour.

**Job description**

The Project Assistant will provide organisational and logistic support to the Directors of the project. Main tasks include:

- Providing day-to-day logistical, planning, and organizational support to the Principal Investigator, assisting monitoring across work packages, tracking project deliverables and deadlines, and assisting in reporting;
- Coordinating the internal and external communication, drafting letters, formal requests, information materials, maintaining and updating the project website and social media feeds, serving as the central liaison of the LIBRAD project;
- Supporting the implementation of LIBRAD's two large-scale online surveys across 50 European regions, assisting in scheduling and preparing semi-structured interviews, coordinating transcription, data storage, anonymization, and GDPR compliance;
- Acting as a point of contact for academic and civil service partners in selected regions, requiring high diplomatic and intercultural competence.

## Qualifications and experience

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**Essential:**

- Bachelor's degree in public administration, political science, sociology, or a related field;
- Proven communication and drafting skills (e.g., official correspondence, information materials, documentation);
- Demonstrated ability to manage international networks or academic collaborations in a multi-country context.
- Strong diplomatic, intercultural, and organizational skills acquired through previous experience.

### Desirable:

- Proven experience coordinating empirical research projects, especially involving surveys or interviews;
- Demonstrated knowledge of EU governance structures and the public administration landscape.

### 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 September 2025** at midnight (Florence time)

### Contact details

For more information contact Peter Ivanov ([peter.ivanov@eui.eu](mailto:peter.ivanov@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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