



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 Civilisation, 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 \(FSR\)](#) is a center of excellence for independent discussion and knowledge exchange with the purpose of improving the quality of European regulation and policy. We deliver academic research, training and policy events in the areas of Energy, Climate, Transport, Agriculture and Water & Waste.

Employment details

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

Length of contract 5 months. Start date May 2026

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 EUR 2,240 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 RSCAS Director Erik Jones

Project details

The FSR electricity area acts as a platform for debate and exchange of best practices between regulators, academics, representatives from EU institutions, industry, and other key market players. We develop **applied research**, **policy events**, and **training** on the most topical electricity policy and regulatory issues.

Job description

The research assistant will provide assistant to the Project Directors.

Main tasks include:

- Conducting academic research on long-term support schemes in the electricity sector and developing regulatory recommendations.
- Identifying coordination of procurement for multiple system needs, using conceptual frameworks and a stylised model, linked to relevant literature.
- Producing an academic publication co-authored with Prof. Leonardo Meeus and PhD candidate Emma Menegatti.
- Contributing to FSR electricity team activities, including developing and organising executive training, events, workshops, and other research projects.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- Bachelor's degree in Engineering;
- Proven coursework or research experience in the field of Energy economics;
- Demonstrated experience with energy systems or energy markets modelling.

Desirable:

- Master's degree in Engineering or attending the last year;
- Demonstrated knowledge or experience related to electricity markets and regulation.

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 13 February 2026 at midnight (Florence time)
Contact details	For more information contact Olimpia Orlandoni (Olimpia.Orlandoni@eui.eu)
How to apply	Fill in the online application form and upload the following documents: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Full CV in English (2 pages max)2. Motivation letter in English (2 pages max)

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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