



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 \(FSR\)](#) 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, Communications & Media, Transport and Water.

Employment details

Contract type

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

Length of contract

24 months. Start date: June 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: ASTAC1b step 1

The basic net monthly salary after taxes is approximately **2,980** 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 Molecules and Materials** 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 gas policy and regulatory issues. In this framework, EUI is also partner in Horizon Europe Project **Power Max**, that will address the challenge of developing a synergistic portfolio of Long-duration energy storage (LDES) by developing a detailed technological roadmap for LDES across varied European electricity grids via hands-on pilot sites, with strategies for global replication in the Americas.

Job description

The Research Assistant will join the Florence School of Regulation, **Molecules and Materials Team**, and will work under the direct supervision of the Research Team Leader of the Molecules and Materials team.

The Research Assistant will provide research support to the project director.

Main tasks include:

- Contributing to the Power Max project and providing support across a portfolio of projects within the Molecules and Materials Team;
- Contributing to collaborative research projects on renewable gases, hydrogen, biomethane, long-duration energy storage, and related energy system and policy questions;
- Supporting applied research in the field of gas and energy infrastructure regulation, market design, and European Union energy policy;
- Assisting with background research, data collection, literature reviews, policy mapping, and analytical inputs for academic and policy-oriented outputs;
- Supporting the preparation of written outputs, including policy briefs, reports, working papers, and academic publications;
- Contributing to the development of content and materials for executive training courses and capacity-building activities, including online and residential formats;
- Providing support to the organisation of research seminars, policy workshops, expert debates, and training activities organised by the Molecules and Materials team;
- Supporting the preparation of applications for external funding and

- research proposals, including Horizon Europe and other competitive funding programmes;
- Contributing to dissemination and communication activities linked to research and training outputs.

Qualifications and experience

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Essential:

- Master's degree in Economics, Engineering or Law;
- Proven general knowledge of European Union energy policy and regulatory frameworks;
- Demonstrated analytical and writing skills, with evidence of research or policy-oriented work;
- Previous proven experience in working in team in an international academic or institutional environment.

Desirable:

- Prior experience in energy-related research projects, demonstrated through research outputs or project involvement;
- Demonstrated knowledge of energy markets and regulation, with particular relevance for gas markets, renewable gases, or infrastructure regulation in Europe;
- Doctoral degree in Economics, Engineering, or Law, or active enrolment in a doctoral programme.

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 **24 March 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:

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](#)).

Equal opportunities

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