



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 centre 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 100 % (30/30, 40 hours/week)

Length of contract 12 months, start date: 1 September 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 step1

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 Electricity Team](#) acts as a platform for debate and exchange of best practices between regulators, academics, representatives from EU institutions, industry, and other key market players in the European energy sector. The area develops applied research, policy events, and training on the most topical electricity policy and regulatory issues. By performing those activities, it aims to be at the interface between the world of practice and traditional academic research.

Job description

The research assistant will provide research assistance to the Directors of the project.

Main tasks include:

- Supporting the design and delivery of FSR training activities, including residential and online courses on energy sector regulation and related topics. This entails contributing to the preparation of training materials (e.g. technical briefs, summaries, video lectures, podcasts), organising thematic workshops, delivering classes, and providing general teaching assistance;
- Supporting the organisation and coordination of FSR research and academic activities, including research meetings, workshops, and the short-term visiting programme;
- Supporting the management of FSR academic and funding programmes, including the working paper series and scholarship programmes (notably application assessment and related administrative processes);
- Contributing to research projects in the field of energy and climate regulation and policy, including conducting research and drafting policy briefs and policy papers;
- Supporting the development and dissemination of FSR content, including contributions to the FSR website and editorial initiatives such as “Cover the Basics”.

Qualifications and experience

Qualifications and Experience**Essential:**

- Master's degree in Economics or Engineering;
- Demonstrated analytical and writing skills, with evidence of research or policy-oriented work;

- Proven experience in an international academic, policy, or institutional environment, with a demonstrated ability to work effectively in collaborative, team-based research settings;
- Proven knowledge of European Union energy and climate policy and the related regulatory frameworks.

Desirable:

- Prior demonstrated experience in energy-related research projects, as evidenced by relevant research outputs and/or active involvement in project activities;
- PhD in Economics or Engineering, possibly with a thesis on energy or climate-related topics;
- Previous demonstrated research experience in applying econometric techniques.

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 May 2026** 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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