About us

Founded in Brussels in 1983, CEPS (Centre for European Policy Studies) is a leading think tank and forum for debate on EU affairs, which has been consistently ranked among the top 10 of the world’s best think tanks. One of CEPS’ distinguishing features is its strong in-house research capacity and an extensive international network of partner institutes. CEPS’ funding comes from a variety of sources, mainly research grants, but also membership and conference fees, as well as income from the sales of publications.

The ‘Europe in the World’ unit of CEPS consists of a small but expanding research team which specialises in the relations between the EU and its geographical neighbours. The unit has recently been awarded with a handful of research contracts which it carries out in cooperation with universities and other think tanks. In each of these projects the CEPS team is responsible for EU-centred research on alia, the integrated approach to external crises and conflicts. It is this substantive focus which is central to the profile of

“RESEARCHER”

Main tasks

- You will become a member of CEPS’ staff and work in the ‘Europe in the world’ unit under the supervision of the head of unit
- You will conduct research activities on the integrated approach to external conflicts and crises
- You will participate in international research teams that carry out projects for the European Commission and other funding organisations
- You will give presentations on the above-mentioned issues at project meetings and external events
- You will write editorials and commentaries for CEPS and its affiliates
- You will assist in the reporting to donor organisations
- You will assist in the acquisition of new research projects

Your background and qualifications

- You are a researcher who is about to defend or has recently obtained a PhD in international relations or law with a focus on conflict prevention, crisis management and/or peacebuilding
- You have a good knowledge of the European integration process, EU foreign policy and European neighbourhood relations in particular
- You are able to critically read and comment on research reports and academic publications
- You have a proven record of writing and presentation skills
- You are willing and able to organise, moderate and contribute to events at CEPS and its partners
- You are willing to assist in writing funding proposals and in carrying out externally funded projects
- You are familiar with the rules and procedures for research projects financed by the European Commission under its Horizon 2020
- You have an excellent command of English, both orally and in writing. You have an excellent knowledge of at least 2 other EU official languages

Your profile

- You are eager to invest in building and maintaining a growing research network
- You are able to work in a research team involving junior and senior colleagues and can organise your own activities
- You have a good understanding of the need to be outgoing and to use all possibilities of knowledge dissemination as a means of profiling your own work and that of the organisation
- You are able to handle stress, respect deadlines and are able to juggle multiple tasks and changing priorities
- You enjoy teamwork and are open to giving and receiving feedback
- You have, or are willing to develop insights into ongoing legislative and policy debates in the field

What CEPS can offer

We offer full-time employment for 1 year, renewable up to 3 years. The salary will be in accordance with your previous experience as well as the collective labour agreement of CEPS. We would like the preferred candidate to start her/his activities on 1 July 2018 at the very latest.

Career development prospects

This position will give you the opportunity to progress on your career path and gain the valuable skills, training and experience that would potentially allow you to take on the role of Research Fellow or beyond.

More information

Further information about the position can be obtained from Steven Blockmans, Head of Unit, e-mail steven.blockmans@ceps.eu and Els Van den Broeck, Manager HRM, e-mail applications@ceps.eu, phone +32 (0)2 229 39 24

Application and deadline

Applications should include a one-page letter of motivation and a curriculum vitae which lists your publications and specifies your role in previous research projects. They should be e-mailed to the above-mentioned persons by 4 June 2018.