



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 think tanks in the world. 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 and tenders, but also membership and conference fees, as well as income from the sales of publications.

The CEPS unit on Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and the Digital economy (GRID) explores, among other issues, policy and regulatory challenges in the areas of better regulation, and carries out evaluation of public policies, industrial policy and competitiveness-related reforms. Over the years, researchers at GRID have carried out a number of assignments for both the European Commission (DG GROW, DG TAXUD, DG RTD, DG ENER, Secretariat General, etc.) and the European Parliament, but also the World Bank, the OECD; the Inter-American Bank and many national governments. Experience includes (i) studies on the cost of EU regulation, (ii) supporting studies for the preparation of impact assessments of new policies and legislative measures, (iii) ex post and interim evaluations of policy initiatives and expenditure programs. Increasingly, GRID makes use of data science tools, ranging from spreadsheets, statistical software, data visualisation and software for text and data mining.

“RESEARCH ASSISTANT– CEPS GRID”

The successful applicant will be engaged initially for 6/12 months. He/she will be working on a variety of issues in the area of regulatory policy, encompassing inter alia better regulation, analysis of public policies, research and innovation policy, industrial policy and SME policy, etc. Particular emphasis will be on research related to cost-benefit analysis and policy evaluation.

Main tasks

- Contribute to external commissioned research projects on policy evaluation and analysis of EU policies; this work often entails a combination of both qualitative and quantitative research.
- Contribute to policy reports on issues related to regulatory policy and policy evaluation.
- Assist CEPS researchers from the GRID Unit in collecting and analysing data in support of research projects and publications.
- Assist in the organisation of conferences and seminars.
- Assist in the acquisition of new research projects
- Give presentations at project meetings.



Background and qualifications

- Master's degree in Economics, Management, Statistics, Social Science or related, relevant disciplines.
- Familiarity with topics related to policy evaluation and cost-benefit analysis.
- Fluency in English. Excellent knowledge of another EU official language would be an asset. Working knowledge of an additional EU official language would be desirable.
- Strong analytical skills, including excellent command of Excel and statistical packages (Stata, R). A desirable additional skill would be command of software for text and data mining.
- Very good drafting skills.

Profile

- Able to work in a research team involving junior and senior colleagues. Can organise your own activities.
- Able to handle stress, respect deadlines and juggle with multiple tasks and changing priorities.
- Ability to engage in teamwork and openness to giving and receiving feedback.
- Willingness to develop insights into ongoing legislative and policy debates in the field.

What CEPS can offer

We initially offer full-time employment for 6/12 months. The contract is renewable. The salary will be in accordance with previous experience as well as the CEPS salary scale. We also offer a benefits package (group & hospitalisation insurance, meal tickets, public transport reimbursement). We would like the preferred candidate to start her/his activities on 3 September 2018.

Career development prospects

This position will give the selected candidate the opportunity to progress on her/his career path and gain valuable skills, training and experience that would potentially allow her/him to take on the role of Researcher or beyond within a relatively short timeframe (2-3 years).

More information

Further information about the position can be obtained from Felice Simonelli, Head of Policy Evaluation, e-mail felice.simonelli@ceps.eu; and Els Van den Broeck, Manager HR, e-mail applications@ceps.eu.

Application and deadline

Applications should include a one-page cover letter, a detailed curriculum vitae (preferably in Europass format) and names of at least two referees. All documents should be drafted in English and should be sent by email to the above-mentioned contact persons with "Vacancy - GRID 2018" in the subject line by **6 July 2018**. Shortlisted candidates may be asked to produce one or two letters of recommendation.