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**Research Assistant for the Regulatory Policy Unit**

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

**Required qualifications:**
- Master's degree in Economics, Management or related, relevant disciplines.
- Familiarity with topics related to policy evaluation and cost-benefit analysis.
- Proficiency in English (at least another EU official language would be desirable)
- Strong computer skills, including command of Excel and statistical packages (Stata, R). A desirable additional skill would be command of software for text and data mining.
- Good drafting skills in English.
- Ability to work independently and in a team.

**Main tasks:**
- Contribute to policy reports on issues related to regulatory policy.
- Contribute to external commissioned research projects on EU regulation; this work often entails a combination of both qualitative and quantitative research
- Assist CEPS researchers from the Regulatory Policy Unit in collecting and processing data in support of research projects and publications.
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**Application and Deadline**
Applications (cover letter, CV and names of at least two references) should be sent by email to Andrea Renda (andrea.renda@ceps.eu) with “Vacancy, RPU, 2017” in the subject line by **8 September 2017**. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to produce one or two letters of recommendation.