



About CEPS

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About the EU Independent Fiscal institutions

The Network is a voluntary and inclusive institution, open to all independent fiscal oversight bodies operating in the EU. It provides a platform to exchange views, expertise and pool resources in areas of common concern. It was formally established on the 11th of September 2015 and today gathers 30 Independent Fiscal Institutions covering all EU countries but two. The Network supports the efforts to review and reinforce the EU fiscal framework, seeking to better exploit the synergies between rules and institutions, as well as between different levels of administration whilst respecting the principle of subsidiarity and enhancing local ownership and accountability.

“Researcher on Public Finance and Taxation & Permanent Secretary to the Network of the EU Independent Fiscal Institutions”

Main tasks

This position combines two sets of tasks which reflect the collaboration relationship between CEPS and the EU IFIs. This collaboration is based on the principles of exchange of knowledge and common research interests.

- You will become a member of CEPS' staff and work in the Financial Markets and Institutions unit.
- You will become the Permanent Secretary to the IFI Network and will work in close cooperation with the President of the IFIs Network and the Deputy Chair. You will provide strategic advice, analytical support and policy research output, among other activities, as Permanent Secretary.
- You will conduct research activities on public finance, fiscal surveillance and taxation in EU member States, and their linkages with the EU Fiscal Governance.
- You will participate in international research teams that carry out projects for European and other funding organisations.
- You will give presentations on the above-mentioned issues at meetings and external events.
- You will write position documents and policy proposals on the EU fiscal framework for the IFI network.
- You will assist in the writing of project reports.
- 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 Economics or Finance, with a focus on public finances.
- You are familiar with quantitative methods and data analysis.
- You have a good knowledge of the European integration process and EU governance.
- You are able to critically read and comment on research reports and academic publications.
- You have a proven record of writing.
- You have an excellent command of English, both orally and in writing.

Your profile

- You are eager to invest in building and maintaining a constructive relation with the members of the IFIs network.
- You are able to work in a research team involving junior and senior colleagues.
- 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 affinity with policy issues and interest in EU economics and finance issues.
- You have, or are willing to develop, insights into ongoing legislative and policy debates.

What CEPS can offer

We offer full-time employment for 1 year. The contract is renewable. The salary will be in accordance with your previous experience as well as the CEPS salary scale. We also offer a benefits package (group & hospitalisation insurance, meal tickets, public transport reimbursement, 20 days legal holiday entitlement per year plus additional days when CEPS is closed during the Christmas-New Year period). We would like the preferred candidate to start her/his activities on 1 November 2019 at the very latest.

Career development prospects

CEPS offers a Learning and Development Programme for all staff to develop the necessary skills for their position.

More information

Further information about the position can be obtained from Cinzia Alcidi, Head of Economic Policy Unit, cinzia.alcidi@ceps.eu.



Application and deadline

Applications should include a one-page letter of motivation, indicating your salary expectations, and a curriculum vitae which lists your publications and specifies your role in previous research projects, both in English. For the CV, please use the Europass template (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>). They should be e-mailed to applications@ceps.eu by 15 September 2019 with the job title and unit name in the subject line (“Researcher on Public Finance and Taxation & Permanent Secretary to the Network of the EU Independent Fiscal Institutions”).