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 world’s best think tanks. CEPS’ distinguishing features include 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, public procurement, but also from membership and conference fees.

The Energy, Resources and Climate Change unit of CEPS consists of a research team specialised in today’s energy, circular economy, climate change, and geopolitical challenges. It provides a forum that stimulates discussions among both EU and non-EU stakeholders and decision-makers. The main activities of the unit consist of policy research and events, which it often carries out in cooperation with universities, research institutes and consultancies.

“INTERN – Energy, Resources and Climate Change”

Main tasks

You will become a member of the Energy, Resources and Climate Change team and contribute to the work and projects of the unit.

- You will participate in international teams that carry out research projects.
- You will monitor the regulatory framework for low-carbon transition, circular economy and/or energy in the EU and selected member states.
- You will do desk research on relevant topics.
- You will assist in data collection and summarise findings in written form.
- You will assist in identifying and acquiring new research projects.
- You will assist in organising seminars, workshops and other events and performing communication activities.
- Other related tasks as required.

Your background and qualifications

- You are enrolled as a student for the full duration of the internship, and about to complete a Master in economics, international relations, political/social sciences, or equivalent. A particular focus on sustainability, climate change, renewable energy, ecological/environmental economics, energy or equivalent would count as a plus.
You have a demonstrable interest in resources/circular economy, climate change and/or energy-related issues policy. If you have conducted research assignments on relevant topics, this will be considered as a plus.

You have experience with data gathering and a good command of Excel. Knowledge of other statistical programmes is a plus.

You have an excellent command of English, both orally and in writing.

You have experience in providing presentations and organising events.

Your profile

You are able to work in a research team comprising junior and senior colleagues and work under the supervision of a senior colleague.

You enjoy teamwork and are open to giving and receiving feedback.

You are flexible, organised and respect deadlines.

What CEPS can offer

We offer a full-time internship for between 4 to 6 months. The selected candidate will be eligible to receive expense reimbursement up to 500 EUR/month upon receipt of justifying documents during the internship. We would like the preferred candidate to start her/his activities in late June or early July 2021. Given the current circumstances, the internship can take place either in-person or remotely. This position will give you the opportunity to gain the valuable skills, training and experience that would potentially allow you to take on the role of Research Assistant or beyond.

More information

Further questions/enquiries regarding the position can be e-mailed to isabelle.tenaerts@ceps.eu.

Application and deadline

Applications should include: i) a one-page letter of motivation, ii) a CV and iii) two written examples of work in the fields relevant to this post (e.g., a project report, a university assignment etc. – if the paper has more than one author, please specify in the letter of motivation your contribution). All documents should be in English. For the CV, please use the Europass template (https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/). Please send your application in a single PDF file to isabelle.tenaerts@ceps.eu with “Intern June 2021 – Energy, Resources and Climate Change” in the subject line by 11 June 2021.