

## 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. CEPS' distinguishing features include its independence, its strong in-house, multi-disciplinary research capacity, and its 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 successful applicant will be engaged for 1 year. S/he will be working on connectivity issues, in particular as they pertain to relations between the EU and Asia. The appointment will be made at the Research Assistant level.

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, strategic partners and rivals.

## “Research Assistant – Connectivity”

### Main tasks

- Contribute to the organisation of the Global Gateway Forum in winter 2022, by providing research and logistical assistance;
- Contribute to the mapping of EU connectivity initiatives;
- Contribute to drafting commentaries and policy reports on issues related to connectivity and EU-Asia relations;
- Assist in the preparation of events;
- Assist in the preparation of research proposals;
- Assist in CEPS' foreign policy unit's internal coordination.

### Your background and qualifications

#### *Compulsory*

- Master's degree in International Relations, Economics, Public Policy, Law or related topics;
- Fluency in English. Excellent knowledge of another EU official language would be an asset.

#### *Desirable*

- Previous research experience in EU foreign policy, on Asia and/or connectivity;
- Strong analytical skills;
- Very good drafting and oral presentation skills.

## Your profile

- You are able to work in a research team involving junior and senior colleagues.
- You are able to organise its working hours and activities.
- You are 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 policy debates in the field.

## What CEPS can offer

We offer a full-time position for 1 year. 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 September 2022.

## Career development prospects

This position will give the selected candidate the opportunity to progress on her/his career path and gain the valuable skills, training and experience that would potentially allow her/him to take on the role of Researcher within a relatively short timeframe (2-3 years). 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 Stefania Benaglia, Associate Researcher at CEPS, e-mail [stefania.benaglia@ceps.eu](mailto:stefania.benaglia@ceps.eu)

## Application and deadline

Applications should include: a one-page cover letter, indicating your salary expectations and the place where you read our advert, and a detailed curriculum vitae which lists your publications and specifies your role in previous research projects and names of at least two referees. For the CV, please use the Europass template (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>). Both documents should be drafted in English and e-mailed to [applications@ceps.eu](mailto:applications@ceps.eu) by 15 July 2022 with “Vacancy – Connectivity Research Assistant 2022” in the subject line. Shortlisted candidates may be asked to produce one or two letters of recommendation.

We welcome and encourage applications from people of different cultural backgrounds, education, experience and disciplines. Female applicants are particularly encouraged to apply.