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 best think tanks in the world. 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 CEPS unit on Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and the Digital economy (GRID) explores, among other issues, policy and regulatory challenges in the areas of regulatory governance, industrial policy, digital technology, health policy and governance, and sustainable development. 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, DG SANTE, Secretariat General, etc.), the European Parliament, various EU agencies and also the World Bank, the OECD, the Inter-American Development Bank and many national governments. At the moment, GRID is busy with several long-term research projects in various fields and is looking to strengthen its team to further expand its remit and ambition as a leading interdisciplinary research team.

"Research Assistant / Researcher – Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and the Digital economy (GRID)"

The successful applicant will be engaged initially for 12 months. They will be working on a variety of issues within the issue areas of the GRID unit. The appointment will be made at the Research Assistant or Researcher level, depending on the qualification of the selected applicant.

Main tasks

- Contribute to the FlexiGroBots project, by researching ethical, legal and socio-economic consequences of autonomous robots systems and artificial intelligence in agriculture and other sectors; this work will include empirical research through interviews.

- Contribute to externally 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 the writing of policy reports and project deliverables.

- Carry out academic research, most often as part of a team.

- Assist in the presentation of research proposals.

- Give presentations at project meetings.

Your background and qualifications

Compulsory

- Master's degree in Public Policy, Economics, Political Science, Law and Economics, Computational Social Sciences, other Social Sciences or related topics.
- Fluency in English.

Desirable

- Previous research experience in technology policy, EU policy, or the agri-food sector.
- Very good drafting and oral presentation skills.
- Strong qualitative methods skills, for example experience with interviews.
- Strong quantitative methods skills, including good command of Excel. Knowledge of statistical packages and data science software tools (Python, R) is an asset.
- Excellent knowledge of another EU official language would be an asset. Working knowledge of an additional EU official language would be desirable.

For applicants to meet the requirements for the Researcher position, the additional requirements apply:

- *Having obtained or being close to obtaining a PhD in Public Policy, Regulatory Governance, Economics, Law and Economics or related topics, or having an equivalent professional or academic experience (at least three years).*

Your profile

- Able to work in a research team involving junior and senior colleagues.
- Able to organise their working hours and 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.

For applicants to meet the requirements for the Researcher position, the additional requirements apply:

- *Demonstrated ability to work independently, draft reports and present research outputs in public.*

What CEPS can offer

We initially offer full-time employment for 12 months. 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 in 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 or beyond 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 Andrea Renda, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the GRID unit at CEPS, e-mail andrea.renda@ceps.eu

Application and deadline

Applications should include a one-page letter of motivation, indicating your salary expectations and the place where you read our advert, and a curriculum vitae which lists your publications and specifies your role in previous research projects and names of at least two referees, both in English. For the CV, preferably use the Europass template (https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/). Both documents should be e-mailed to applications@ceps.eu by 15 August 2022 with "Vacancy - GRID Researcher 2022-2" in the subject line. Shortlisted candidates may be asked to produce one or two letters of recommendation.

We encourage applications from people of different cultural backgrounds, education, experience and disciplines.