

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 is one of CEPS' largest teams. Its main expertise includes EU and international climate policy, renewable energy, resources and circular economy policy (including global value chains), the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS), energy-intensive industries and industrial transformation, energy security of supply and its interaction with climate change policies, the integration and liberalisation of the EU electricity and gas markets. The work of the Energy, Resources and Climate Change unit encompasses policy and project work, as well as the organisation of multi-stakeholder events to discuss policy developments or project work.

“Researcher Assistant/Researcher - Energy & Climate”

The appointment will be made at the Research Assistant or Researcher level, depending on the qualification of the selected applicant.

Main tasks

The selected candidate will:

- Become a member of CEPS' staff and work in the Energy, Resources and Climate Change unit.
- Conduct research activities in the fields of energy, climate and closely related activities.
- Contribute to the acquisition of new research projects in the above areas.
- Give presentations on the above-mentioned issues at project meetings and external events.
- Write policy and research papers and project reports.
- Organise seminars, workshops and other meetings.

Your background and qualifications

- You have a Master's degree or PhD in economics, energy, sustainability, political science, or climate policy etc. and have developed expertise in the field of energy and climate policy.
- You have proven record of outstanding writing and presentation skills.
- Knowledge of quantitative methods or advanced data analysis would be an asset.
- You are fully proficient in English, both orally and in writing. You have good knowledge of at least one other language.

Profile of the ideal candidate

- You have developed insights into ongoing legislative and policy debates in the fields of EU energy policy and markets, climate policy and/or sustainability.
- You have an excellent command of English, both writing and orally, demonstrated by previous publications.
- You have a network in the above fields which you wish to further grow.
- You have the ability to work independently but you also enjoy teamwork and are open to giving and receiving feedback.
- You have strong work ethics and a commitment to respecting colleagues and deadlines.

Desirable:

- You have a record of publications in the above fields.
- You have experience with data gathering and a good command of Excel. Knowledge of other statistical programmes is a plus.
- You have a record of designing and implementing research projects.

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

- Having obtained or being close to obtaining a PhD in Energy or Climate Policy, Economics, Political Science or related topics, or having an equivalent professional or academic experience (at least three years).

What CEPS can offer

We offer full-time employment, initially for 1 year. The contract is renewable. The salary will be in accordance with 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 October/November 2022 or shortly thereafter.

Career development prospects

Depending on qualifications, appointment will be at either Researcher Assistant or Researcher level, which will give the opportunity to progress on your career path and gain valuable skills, training and experience. CEPS offers a Learning and Development Programme for all staff to develop the necessary skills for their position.

More information

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

Application and deadline

CEPS strongly values and actively pursues diversity. We encourage applications especially from female, LGBTQ+ candidates and candidates belonging to ethnic groups that are under-represented at CEPS.

Applications should include: i) a one-page letter of motivation, indicating your salary expectations, ii) a curriculum vitae which lists your publications, specifies your role in previous research projects and the names of two referees iii) two written examples of work in the fields relevant to this post (e.g., a policy or project report or an academic article. If the paper has more than one author, please specify in the letter of motivation your contribution. For longer than 30 pages reports please only submit the most relevant chapter/chapters). All documents including the written examples of work should be in English. All the above documents should be integrated in one pdf document. For the CV, preferably use the Europass template (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>). Shortlisted candidates may be asked to produce one or two letters of recommendation.

The pdf document should be e-mailed to monica.alesi@ceps.eu by **23 September 2022**. Please specify **“Research Assistant - Researcher - Energy & Climate”** in the subject line of your email.