



“INTERN – Energy, Resources and Climate Change”

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 world’s top 10 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 CEPS Energy, Resources and Climate Change (ERCC) unit 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.

Main tasks

You will become a member of the ERCC team and contribute to the unit’s work and projects.

- You will participate in international teams that carry out research projects.
- You will monitor the regulatory framework for low-carbon transition, circular economy, energy and climate change in the EU and selected Member States.
- You will do desk research on relevant topics.
- You will assist in data collection.
- You will summarise findings from interviews and meetings in written form.
- You will assist in identifying and acquiring new research projects.
- 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. You have conducted research assignments on one (or more) of these topics.
- You have experience with data gathering and a good command of Excel. Knowledge of other statistical programmes is a plus.
- You have an excellent knowledge of English, both orally and in writing.
- Experience in providing presentations and organising events will be considered as a plus.



Your profile

- You are able to work in a research team comprising junior and senior colleagues and work under the supervision of a CEPS researcher.
- You enjoy teamwork and are open to giving and receiving feedback.
- You are flexible, organised and respect deadlines.
- You have absolute respect for diversity and an inclusion-oriented mindset.

What CEPS can offer

We offer a full-time internship for 4 to 6 months. The selected candidate will be eligible to receive expense reimbursement up to 750 EUR/month upon receipt of justifying documents during the internship. We would like the preferred candidate to start their activities in early to mid-November 2024. The internship can take place either in-person or remotely (for parts of the internship). 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 at CEPS.

More information

Further questions/enquiries regarding the position can be e-mailed to Monica Alessi, Programme Manager at the Energy, Resources and Climate Change unit, monica.alessi@ceps.eu.

Application and deadline

Applications should include: i) a one-page letter of motivation (you would need to specify in the letter that you are enrolled as a student for the full 4–6-month duration of the internship), 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 written example has more than one author, please specify in the letter of motivation which parts you have written. For reports longer than 30 pages please only submit a chapter of no longer than 10 pages instead of the whole paper. All documents, including the written examples of your work, should be in English. All the above documents should be integrated in one pdf document.

For the CV, please use the Europass template (<https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/>).

Please send your application in a single PDF file to monica.alessi@ceps.eu with “Intern November 2024 - Energy, Resources and Climate Change” in the subject line by 25 October 2024.

CEPS strongly values and actively pursues diversity and inclusion. We encourage applications especially from female, LGBTQ+ candidates and candidates with diverse ethnic/national origins that are underrepresented at CEPS.