



JOB OFFER

POSITION / Energy Researcher

CONTRACT TYPE / full time

CONTRACT OPTIONS / permanent contract

SALARY / salary commensurate with experience, starting from 25k net per year

START DATE / as soon as possible

WORK LOCATION / Milan or Rome, with remote work options

ORGANISATION

ECCO, Italy's first independent climate change think tank, is seeking an expert for its energy programme.

ECCO is a non-profit organisation, founded in early 2021 and registered as a Foundation. It is not tied to private interests and is financed exclusively by philanthropic or public resources.

ECCO has offices in Milan, Rome and Brussels. It brings together a team of around 40 professionals with extensive experience in institutions, academia, philanthropy, research centres, civil society and businesses to work in a multidisciplinary manner and turn renewal opportunities into reality.

ECCO's mission is to work in the public interest to accelerate climate action at national, European and global levels. **ECCO** operates in an innovative and collaborative way across finance, energy, industry, governance and geopolitics to develop fact-based and scientifically grounded analyses, solutions and transformative climate strategies, create new narratives and build political will for effective and timely climate action.

JOB DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

ECCO is looking for a researcher for its 'energy transition' work area with 1-5 years of experience and expertise in the transition of the electricity and gas markets. Candidates should have an understanding of policies for the transition of the electricity sector, with a particular focus on promoting renewables, storage and demand-response, as well as their integration into the energy market.

In particular, the person in this role will be expected to:

- ◇ Conduct qualitative and quantitative research and analysis on the decarbonisation of the electricity and gas sectors, and its implications for national and international scenarios, in collaboration with ECCO's various work areas.
- ◇ Understand the implications of the development of legislative and regulatory tools to help Italy support positions and adopt ambitious measures at the national, European and international level.
- ◇ Work with ECCO's different clusters to contribute to the development of strategies and policies for sectoral decarbonisation (energy), including in reference to Next Generation EU, the European Green Deal, RePowerEU, the revision of the National Energy and Climate Plan (NECP) and the reform of TIDE.
- ◇ Contribute to the development of engagement strategies with Italian institutions and other key stakeholders, assisting cluster leads in building a network of relationships to support the organisation's objectives.

- ◇ Engage with national and international experts from universities, think tanks, industry associations, trade unions, public bodies and civil society who are working on the same issues.

REQUIRED SKILLS

- ◇ Knowledge of technological solutions, relevant data sources and market mechanisms for decarbonising key industrial sectors in line with 1.5° climate scenarios.
- ◇ Understanding of industrial and energy transition scenarios, evolution trends and the main technological, market and geopolitical drivers.
- ◇ Ability to understand national, European and international policies and tools for decarbonisation.
- ◇ Oversee the reference framework on electricity regulation at the national and European level. In particular, on issues such as system charges, transport and distribution tariffs, incentive auctions for renewables and energy storage, capacity market and electricity market reform.
- ◇ Ability to conduct technical-economic analyses of evolving regulations and legislation, assessing their economic impacts in the medium to long-term, potential mitigations and opportunities.
- ◇ Identify potential areas of legislative/regulatory risk, propose solutions and advocacy strategies useful for supporting decarbonisation.

PERSONAL REQUIREMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

- ◇ A degree in a relevant field (preference for engineering and economics), with the possibility of considering different job profiles based on proven experience. Higher education qualifications are an advantage in the selection process.
- ◇ 0-3 years of work experience (for the junior position) and 3-5 years (for the senior position) in applied research and/or policy in the energy sectors in Italy and worldwide.
- ◇ Ability to translate research into reports for policymakers and other key stakeholders.
- ◇ Ability to work in a team.
- ◇ Excellent proficiency in Italian (ECCO's working language).
- ◇ Knowledge of English at B2 level. Additional languages are an advantage.
- ◇ Excellent knowledge of Excel. Additional knowledge in managing databases or scenario models is an advantage.
- ◇ Personal motivation, intellectual curiosity, positivity and flexibility to achieve results, along with enthusiasm for the urgency of accelerating climate action in Italy and worldwide.

APPLICATION

To apply, please send your application to jobs@eccoclimate.org with the subject "**Energy Researcher**" by **2nd April 2025**. The application must include a CV (maximum two pages) and a cover letter explaining how your professional and educational background meet the position's requirements and objectives, as well as your personal motivation for working at **ECCO**.

Only applications that meet the position's requirements and skills will be considered. Candidates whose profiles best match the vacancy will be contacted for an initial interview. We are unable to guarantee an interview to all applicants.