

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is looking to employ a Research Fellow tasked with a **Lead role** in ESPI's work on **Green & Climate** to continuously develop and implement the Institute's activities related to Green & Climate developments, notably on the role and uptake of space in the Green Transition. The position is located at the premises of the Institute in Vienna, starting on 15 June 2023.

The European Space Policy Institute

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) was founded in 2003 at the initiative of the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG) and it is supported by members including national space agencies, the European Commission, and leading European industry.

The purpose of ESPI is to promote European space policy on global level, by providing a forum for analysis and discussion of European needs, capabilities and long-term prospects in space activities; to facilitate the required research and the definition of long-term European orientations; to network and promote exchange between researchers and experts; with the objective to develop approaches to European space policy and address proposals and recommendations to European decision makers and institutions.

ESPI fulfils its objectives through multidisciplinary research activities giving way to a variety of publications, while also organizing conferences, workshops and public events including the annual ESPI Autumn Conference. The Institute has privileged relations with key stakeholders in the European space sector, while also engaging with the local policymaking, industrial and diplomatic community in Vienna and with a network of researchers and experts in Europe and across the globe.

More information on ESPI is available on our website: www.espi.or.at

Fields of activities and duties

The Lead on Green & Climate will support the development of the Institute through the **ideation, conceptualisation, drafting and implementation of research, networking and education activities in ESPI's activity domain of Green & Climate.**

The Green & Climate portfolio is identified as an area of growth for the Institute and builds upon a number of projects already performed / currently under development by the Institute. Notably, this includes ESPI's Space for Climate Report (2021), the joint EPO-ESA-ESPI report on Green applications of space-borne sensing on the rise (2022), and ongoing work for ESA's Space for Green Future Accelerator.

As a member of ESPI's Team of portfolio leads and in direct interaction with ESPI Management, the Lead on Green & Climate will be expected, with own initiative and a high degree of autonomy, to bring forward and implement the portfolio, and oversee project team members consisting of ESPI Research Fellows and Interns.

Duties and responsibilities envisioned for the position include:

i. Driving and implementing:

- Development & Delivery of ESPI's positions on Space for Green & Climate;
- Formulation of policy advice and programmatic recommendations on the role of space in the Green Transition and the European Green Deal;
- Network development including a community of decision-makers, regulators, practitioners and experts in the Green Transition;
- Development of an ESPI impact platform to expose ESPI policy advice and recommendations to stakeholders and decision-makers within and beyond the space eco-system (e.g. champions in green industries, financial institutions, key ministries (environment, digital, transport, energy, ...) supporting market-pull (i.e. Deep Verticalization)
- Conceptualisation & Setup of an ESPI-hosted European Centre for Space Sustainability and the implementation of its activities;
- Delivery of ESPI Reports offering in-depth analysis on the role of space in the Green Transition and Climate monitoring, adaptation and mitigation, including analysis on Global, European and national levels;

- Development & Maintenance of a comprehensive Green Transition Policy Database alongside the development of KPIs addressing the existing and achievable prominence of space in the Green Transition & direct and induced impact of space through said policies;
- Development & Maintenance of a comprehensive database of space use cases in the Green Transition;
- Development of new ESPI Products & recurrent Publications in the Green & Climate domain;
- Coordination of ESPI's participation to consortia in bids related to the Green & Climate portfolio;
- Input on the role of space in the Green Transition to media outlets & journalists upon request;
- Participation in Conferences, Workshops and Meetings, representing the Institute.

ii. **Supporting:**

- The Institute's relations with European and international partners and stakeholders;
- Elaboration and implementation of ESPI's transversal activities beyond the Green & Climate portfolio;
- Development and implementation of ESPI's long-term vision in line with the Institute's envisaged growth and increased responsibilities;
- Recruitment of profiles relevant for the Green & Climate portfolio (Research Fellows, Research Interns);

Qualifications and competencies

For this position, ESPI is looking for applicants holding at least a 5 year degree with an educational background in either Sustainability, Political science, Climate Science, Economy, Science, Engineering, International Relations or Law, with at least 5 years¹ of related professional experience and the capability to develop and autonomously drive the work of an activity stream within an organization. **Good knowledge and understanding of the role of space services & solutions in the Green Transition are considered a prerequisite.**

The working language of ESPI is English. **Excellent command of English, written and oral, is mandatory.**

The following competencies and skills are required for the position:

- Self-starter with a strong motivation to grow and create;
- Excellent analytical and synthesis skills;
- Excellent organizational skills based on an objective-driven mindset;
- Experience in policy analysis & project management, including in the frame of a contractual relationship, from proposal to delivery;
- Curiosity, Interest in continuous learning, and Willingness to go the extra mile;
- Inter-personal relationship management fostering cooperation;
- Capacity to build relationships and networks beyond the space sector;
- Capacity to work both independently and as part of a team.

Application process

ESPI can only accept applications by EU citizens or non-EU citizens holding residence and employment permits in Austria.

To apply for this position, please send:

- A copy of your CV,
- A cover letter,
- A letter of motivation outlining your vision for ESPI's development in the Green and Climate domain and the main driving forces behind the evolution in a 2030 timeframe.

to vacancies@espi.or.at with the subject: "ESPI Green & Climate Lead Application" **before 9 April 2023, 23:59 CET**. Please do not submit educational records or certificates at this stage.

The position is planned to be full-time (40 hours/week). The advertised salary for this position is € 3,750 gross per month on a full-time basis (paid 14 times a year). The actual salary depends on your qualifications and experience.

¹ The 5-year condition may be reduced based on the Candidate's proposed vision and prior exposure to the portfolio.