

The European Space Policy Institute, **the leading European think tank devoted to space policy**, is looking to employ a **Lead of the Centre of Excellence for Space and Sustainability (CESS)** at the premises of the Institute in Vienna (on-site), starting in **February 2025**.

### About the CESS

ESPI is creating a [Centre of Excellence for Space and Sustainability \(CESS\)](#) **to drive community engagement, create partnerships and growth and to leverage the research at ESPI**, with a dual focus:

- a) To support sustainable development on Earth;
- b) To respond to sustainability challenges in space;

including increased resilience of related space solutions.

In line with the ambition set forth in Austrian Space Strategy 2030+ and leveraging the support of Austria's Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology (BMK), the CESS is a community facing initiative, leveraging the [ESPI2040](#) and ESPI agenda in research, engagement and education to the benefit of a growing network of stakeholders in Europe and globally.

### About the role

As the Lead of CESS, you will:

- manage the engagement with the growing stakeholder community in sustainability within and beyond the space sector and contribute to the policy debate in Europe;
- identify and further develop community leaders who can contribute to the objectives of the CESS and its growth, facilitate collaborative efforts and take a pro-active role in partnership and network creation;
- leverage ESPI's research in Green & Sustainable Societies and Space as an Asset portfolios, including related security aspects;
- work in synergy with ESPI's communications and engagement team and educational activities, including on events and capacity-building efforts;
- identify and help shape relevant future ESPI research topics in response to the community needs;
- ensure the quality of the work and manage projects within budget and schedule.

In this position at ESPI you will be joining a fast-paced growth environment, in a team with varied backgrounds and strong appreciation of impact-driven objectives, paired with a commitment to rigour and continuous learning.

### Qualifications

- a Master's degree that relates to the Institute's work and mission (e.g. Political Science, Law, Engineering, Physics, Environmental Studies, Economics, Finance, Data Science, Technology & Innovation);
- at least 5 years of relevant work experience (Consultancy, NGO, Think Tank, Industry, Public Sector); with experience in green and sustainability-related matters considered as an asset;
- leadership skills to guide a community, proficiency in relationship building and management of partnerships and collaborations with diverse stakeholders;
- excellent organisational and representation skills, with inter-cultural and multistakeholder competence and a self-starting mindset;
- sound analytical thinking, attention to detail and ability to work in teams;
- project management experience, flexibility, and impact-oriented thinking;
- excellent command of English, written and oral.

### Application Process

We only accept applications by EU/EEA citizens or non-EU citizens holding residence and employment permits in Austria. To apply for this position, please send:

- a copy of your CV in .pdf format,
- a motivation letter in .pdf format,

to [vacancies@espi.or.at](mailto:vacancies@espi.or.at) with the subject: "ESPI CESS Lead" **before 6 December 2024, 23:59 CET**. Please do not submit educational records or certificates at this stage.

The position is full-time (40 hours/week) with flexible working conditions.

The advertised salary is €60,000-65,000 gross per year (paid 14 times a year). An additional bonus payment is subject to the Management's decision and the Institute's overall performance. Candidates with more demonstrated experience can qualify for higher salary bands subject to negotiation.