

## 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. One of CEPS' distinguishing features is 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 and service contracts, 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.

## “INTERN – Energy Programme”

### Main tasks

You will become a member of the Energy, Resources and Climate Change (ERCC) team and work under the supervision of the Head of Energy Programme. In this role, you will contribute to the activities of the Energy Programme:

- You will primarily contribute to research projects on **methane emissions in the energy sector within the scope of the EU Methane Regulation (EU/2024/1787)**. You will also work on topics including **hydrogen, biomethane, and natural gas**.
- You will conduct desk research on relevant topics, assist with data collection and daily research support, support the preparation and conduct of interviews, and summarise findings from interviews and meetings in written form.
- You will perform other related tasks as required, including administrative and organisational support for the activities of the Energy Programme.

### Your background and qualifications

- You are about to complete a Master in economics, international relations, political/social sciences, or equivalent and must be enrolled as a student for the full duration of the internship. For recent graduates, the option of the [CIP \(Convention d'Immersion Professionnelle\) scheme](#) may be considered, subject to the candidate's eligibility.
- You have a demonstrable interest in **methane emissions in the energy sector, i.a. methane leakages, monitoring, and regulation, and have been also engaged in research on hydrogen, biomethane, and natural gas**. You have conducted research assignments or projects in one or more of these areas during your studies or previous internships.
- You have an excellent command of English, both orally and in writing.

## Your profile

- You are able to work in a research team comprising junior and senior colleagues.
- 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.
- You are enthusiastic to contribute towards the success of the whole of CEPS as an organisation.

## What CEPS can offer

We offer a full-time internship for the period of six months, starting from **May/June 2026**. The selected candidate will be eligible to receive expense reimbursement up to 850 EUR/month upon receipt of justifying documents during the internship. If the selected candidate is a recent graduate on the CIP scheme, they will receive the [legal CIP reimbursement](#). The internship is based in Brussels and will take place in-person, but some teleworking might be possible for a limited period.

## Application and deadline

Please send your application to [internship.erc@ceps.eu](mailto:internship.erc@ceps.eu) with “Intern Energy Programme March 2026” in the subject line **by 26 March 2026, 23:59 CET**.

Interviews will be held online during April 2026. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

**Applications should include the following documents, all in English, compiled into a single PDF document:**

- a one-page letter of motivation**
  - Please explain your interest in working on methane emissions in the energy sector and your potential contribution to this topic.
  - Please confirm in your letter that you are available to start the full-time internship in May/June 2026 and to relocate to Brussels for the majority of its duration.
- your CV**
- two written examples of work in the fields relevant to this post** (e.g. a journal publication, 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.

**Applications not submitted as a single PDF file, or missing one or more required documents, will not be considered.**

## More information

Further questions/enquiries regarding the position can be e-mailed to [internship.erc@ceps.eu](mailto:internship.erc@ceps.eu).