

Jobbnorge ID: 282817
Deadline: 9/1/2025
Website: <http://cicero.oslo.no>
Scope: Fulltime
Duration: Permanent

CICERO has a 4-year Ph.D. position available on the implementation of EU energy transition policies

About the position

CICERO Center for Climate Research is a globally leading center for interdisciplinary climate research, with a strong social science research environment focused on Norwegian and European energy policy. We have a vacant PhD position in political science on the topic of implementing EU policy for energy transition.

The position is for 4 years and consists of 75% work on the PhD project and 25% on other projects and activities at CICERO.

The PhD project will be affiliated with a doctoral program at a university. The candidate must be willing to engage in a variety of research activities, depending on CICERO's current projects. The PhD candidate will be affiliated with the Climate Policy research group.

Responsibilities

We are looking to hire a PhD candidate for the new research project "Europe's evolving market design towards 2040: Electricity Market Reform and decision-making during its implementation (EVOLVE)." The project studies the implementation of public policy for the transformation of the European power system, based on political science literature in the field. This means that implementation is not only seen as simply carrying out already adopted policies but can also involve a continuation of the decision-making process as actors make decisions on how to implement the policies. Since EU policies are implemented at the national level, this entails that the same EU policy may be implemented slightly differently across countries. The research project will examine how EU energy market policies are implemented in various European countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany, France, and the Netherlands). In 2024, the EU adopted a new energy package (Electricity Market Design Reform, "EMD reform") that regulates the electricity market and takes various measures to ensure more renewable energy and flexibility in the power system. EVOLVE will contribute to knowledge on how this energy package is followed up in different countries and how this affects the development of the European power system.

An important part of the research in EVOLVE is to study policy instruments to expand the production of renewable energy. The PhD candidate is expected to work within this part of the project and will design their own sub-project that examines how EU policies and other factors affect national support systems for renewable energy in different countries. The sub-project can be based on qualitative and/or quantitative methods.

Applicants must submit a project description of up to 3000 words specifying the research to be conducted, with a concretization of research questions, theory, method, and research design. The project description should also include a timeline for the PhD project. This project description should be linked to key themes in EVOLVE, but the student has considerable freedom to add or delve deeper into specific issues.

The person hired is expected to further refine the project description for the PhD project after possible employment, to develop it into a 10-page project proposal for admission to a doctoral program at a university.

Qualifications

The candidate must have a good understanding of relevant social science theoretical perspectives based in political science, public policy, and administration. Candidates must have skills in qualitative and/or quantitative research methods.

Formal Requirements

- A master's degree in the relevant field with strong academic performance, equivalent to a grade B or higher on the master's thesis, in terms of the Norwegian grading scale. The master's degree should be two years and include training in relevant research methods. The thesis should represent minimum 30 ECTS credits.
- Fluent written and spoken English

It is desirable to have expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Public policy and administration
- EU policy
- Energy Policy

We will also emphasize the following:

- Fluent written and spoken Norwegian and/or other Scandinavian language
- Ability to work independently and an interest in interdisciplinary issues
- Personal suitability with strong collaboration and communication skills

The candidate will be required to apply for admission as an externally funded PhD candidate at a university and will have one supervisor at CICERO in addition to a formal academic supervisor appointed by the university. The University of Oslo (Department of Political Science) is among the research partners in the EVOLVE project. You can read more about the admission for externally funded candidates here: <https://www.sv.uio.no/forskning/phd/soknad-opptak/ekstern-finansiering.html>

We offer:

- A pleasant academic environment with researchers at the forefront of international research
- Excellent opportunities for personal and professional development
- Salary based on qualifications within CICERO's salary system
- Membership in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund

Additional information:

- CICERO is an inclusive workplace organization and is committed to promoting diversity (so-called 'IA-bedrift' in the Norwegian system)
- CICERO has modern and well-equipped offices at Oslo Science Park
- Membership in the Norwegian Public Service Pension Fund (SPK)
- Salary as a PhD research fellow is kr. 532 200, - Salary and promotion following CICERO's guidelines
- Start date: As soon as possible

More information about CICERO: www.cicero.uio.no

Questions about the position:

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How to apply:

Please submit your application, CV, transcript/diplomas, and any relevant documents and a project proposal of up to 3,000 words electronically through the application system.

Application deadline: 1 September 2025

The applications will not be processed before the submission/application deadline.

About CICERO

CICERO was established in 1990 by the Norwegian government with a mandate to develop the knowledge base in national and international climate policy. Today, CICERO is an independent research foundation with approximately 100 employees and over 130 million NOK in annual turnover with offices in Oslo Science Park.

CICERO provides research, analysis, advice, and information on global environmental issues and international climate policy with a view to advancing the climate transition and support international climate cooperation.

CICERO is internationally recognized as one of the world's leading institutes for interdisciplinary climate research. We have a strong commitment to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and more than 25 of our scientists have contributed to the panel's reports since 1992. CICERO leads and participates in large EU and national research projects with over 90 social actors participating.

Additional information

Place of service:

Gaustadalléen 21 0349 Oslo (Oslo Municipality)