



### Job Description on Euraxess

Title: **PhD position “Enforcing sustainability and social requirements in contract performance” (ESR 7) in the EU funded project H2020-MSCA-ITN SAPIENS (GA n. 956696)**

ORGANISATION/COMPANY	University of Turin
RESEARCH FIELD	Law
RESEARCHER PROFILE	Early Stage Researcher (ESR)
APPLICATION DEADLINE	<del>16/04/2021</del> <u>Extended to 07/05/2021</u>
LOCATION	Turin
TYPE OF CONTRACT	Temporary (36-months fixed duration)
JOB STATUS	Full-time
HOURS PER WEEK	40
OFFER STARTING DATE	01/09/2021
EU RESEARCH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME	H2020 - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions – Innovative Training Network
MARIE CURIE GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER	956696

### OFFER DESCRIPTION

The University of Turin (Italy), Department of Law, is seeking a highly motivated and mobile candidate with a strong academic record holding at least a two years Master's Degree in Law, fluency in English and some subject knowledge of public procurement law, policy and sustainability.

The ESR will work within the Law department at the University of Turin on the PhD research project **“Enforcing sustainability and social requirements in contract performance”**.

The ESR will work under the supervision of Prof. Roberto Caranta and will be offered an international, interdisciplinary and intersectoral training and will include a structured mobility to up 10 months in the Universities and Partner Organisations of the Consortium for the entire project duration that will include:



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- University of Greenwich (UK) - 3 months of resident work with co-supervisor Prof. Olga Martin Ortega;
- ONAC (Romania) – 2 months hands on training in a national CPB working on contract performance monitoring specifically from the SPP perspective);
- Agency for Public Management and eGovernment (DiFi, Norway) – 2 months hands on research on contract performance monitoring tools and virtuous practices.

The selected candidate will pursue a PhD as Early Stage Researcher – ESR within the EU-funded H2020-MSCA-ITN Project “Sustainability And Procurement in International, European, and National Systems” (acronym SAPIENS – GA n. 956696).

The project’s objective is to foster interdisciplinary research into the evolving use of public procurement (PP) to address the social and environmental challenges of the 21st century with a view to create a significantly increased European knowledge base and research capacity on the law, the economics and the business sciences of Sustainable Public Procurement. The ESR will contribute to ambitious and carefully planned research, outreach, impact, and dissemination activities benefiting from the expertise of world-leading senior academics.

**The offered positions are available with a fixed starting date in September 2021 for a maximum duration of 36 months with a full-time commitment to work exclusively under the action.**

### **Benefits**

The ESR will be part of a community of ESRs based in 10 SAPIENS partner universities and will benefit from an international and interdisciplinary training programme featuring local, ITN-wide, and external activities with an exposure to intersectoral and international working environments. Training will take place through Advanced Training Courses, a Summer School, and a topical conference organised by ITN partners across Europe (Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Denmark, Poland, Romania, Hungary, UK).

Candidates will get a very attractive salary plus an allowances package in accordance with the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA) rules and the personal circumstances of the applicant.

**The gross salary will be approximately 3.413,88 €/month, plus a mobility allowance of 600 €/ month and, if due, a family allowance of 500 €/ month.**

### **Eligibility criteria**

To be eligible, the candidate:

- must hold a two years **Master’s Degree or** equivalent qualifications (candidates with pending Master’s degrees will be considered, but the award will be conditioned on them being awarded the title by end of July). Candidates should ideally possess a Master’s degree in Law or a different Law degree provided that that allows them to enlist in a PhD (applications



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from candidates who already possess a doctoral degree cannot be considered);

- must be **in the first four years of her/his research career**;
- must **not have resided or carried out their main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Italy for more than 12 months** in the 3 years immediately before the recruitment date;
- must be willing to live in Italy during the 3 years appointment and travel to the other Universities and Partner Organisations of the network for training activities and secondments (according to the details provided in each job post);
- must not hold a PhD;
- must have solid written and oral communication skills in English.

The ideal candidate should have

- Master's degree in Law
- Basic understanding of public procurement law and policy
- Basic understanding of sustainability
- High level analytical ability
- Ability to communicate complex information clearly
- Ability to work as part of a team and work independently using own initiative
- Fluency in English

Moreover, the following will be appreciated:

- Thorough understanding and direct relevant experience of research methods
- Advanced understanding of public procurement law and policy
- Advanced understanding of sustainability issues
- Mastery of additional languages

## Application

Candidates should submit by the set deadlines the following documents:

- a cover letter;
- a full CV (with the relevant details for checking the eligibility criteria AND highlighting the required and desirable competencies);
- a copy of Master's and Bachelor's Degree diploma with the transcript of records and final marks (with the diploma supplement or declaration of value)
- a copy of passport;
- draft research project on "Enforcing sustainability and social requirements in contract performance". The research project must be written in English (max 3000 words, footnotes included, bibliography excluded). The research project must include: a) Title of Research Project. b) Abstract of the project. c) State of the art providing a brief account of the existing literature, specifically focusing on the yet unanswered questions the research project will answer. d) Methodology and research design (the latter will have to take into account the secondments already foreseen by the program). e) timeline for each phase of



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the project. f) Expected results. g) Innovative elements and critical points. h) Bibliography (should contain between 10 and 20 references);

- publications.

Only documents in English can be accepted (publications may however be in different languages).

Applicants should submit the above documentation at the following link:  
[https://www.dg.unito.it/do/forms.pl/FillOut?\\_id=z3ce](https://www.dg.unito.it/do/forms.pl/FillOut?_id=z3ce)

**The deadline for application is 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

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### **Selection process**

The evaluation and selection procedure is organized in 3 steps:

#### **STEP 1: ELIGIBILITY CHECK**

**STEP 2: EVALUATION OF THE FILE** (for those possessing the eligibility check). The following will be evaluated:

- CV highlighting the required and desirable competencies
- Draft research project
- Publications.

Candidates will be evaluated according to the following criteria for the scientific evaluation:

- Required and desirable competencies as indicated in the CV;
- Scientific quality of the draft project;
- Language level of the draft project;
- Previous research experiences in the subject areas relevant to the SAPIENS research programme.

#### **STEP 3: INTERVIEW** (for those being shortlisted) - online

The candidate will receive clarification about SAPIENS ITN - GA n. 956696 if needed, discuss his/her motivation, and defend her/his research project.

Candidates will be evaluated according to the following criteria for the scientific evaluation:

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- Scientific quality of the discussion of the Draft project
- English proficiency; mastery of other languages will be appreciated.

The eligibility and evaluation of the file will take place in May 2021.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a web interview that will take place in late May/June 2021.

All candidates will be individually informed by email by the decisions concerning them.

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**Website and contacts for additional job details**

<http://www.sapiensnetwork.eu/>

<http://www.law.unito.it/do/home.pl>

Contact of the Network coordinator and supervisor: [roberto.caranta@unito.it](mailto:roberto.caranta@unito.it)



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