

Call for Applications:
Research Consultancy on European Climate and Energy Policy
With the European Chair for Sustainable Development
and Climate Transition, Sciences Po

Location: Remote (must be based in Europe)
Contract Type: Short-term consultancy (deliverables-based)
Duration: June to December 2025
Application Deadline: 6 June 2025

About the Chair

The European Chair for Sustainable Development and Climate Transition (the Chair) was launched in November 2020 and is co-hosted by the School of Public Affairs and the Paris School of International Affairs at Sciences Po. Our mission is to study implementation pathways for sustainable policies and the climate transition in Europe and globally, and to support the EU's ambitious objectives, such as the European Green Deal and Clean Industrial Deal. The Chair is committed to establishing a broad network of actors who will contribute to research, education, and discussions on important topics such as just transition, climate mitigation and adaptation, energy transition, and green finance. The Chair is funded by Hermès International, HSBC, and the European Investment Bank (EIB). Further information on the Chair can be found [here](#).

Context

To support its research agenda on European energy and climate transition, the Chair is seeking proposals from an independent researcher — ideally a PhD graduate or in the final stages of their PhD programme — to contribute to publications carried out under the auspices of the Chair, in line with the scope of the mission outlined below.

Please note that this is a short-term, deliverables-based consultancy and not a salaried position. The consultant will be expected to operate as an independent contractor, issuing invoices for their work and managing any applicable taxes or social contributions.

Scope of the mission

The Research Consultant will be engaged for two key deliverables under this consultancy:

1. Research outputs

The Research Consultant will produce a minimum of three authored or co-authored publications (peer-reviewed articles or working papers) on topics related to European climate and energy policy. These will be based on desk research, including qualitative and quantitative analysis, and may include stakeholder interviews. The Research Consultant should demonstrate a strong knowledge of the European Green Deal and the current shift to the Clean Industrial Deal.

2. Preparation of a special edition handbook

The Research Consultant will develop a style guide and coordinate the editorial process of an upcoming special edition handbook focused on the Clean Transition in Europe.

The precise topics, formats, and timelines of deliverables will be agreed upon collaboratively at the start of the contract, based on the consultant's expertise and the Chair's current priorities.

Documents to provide

Should you be interested in this opportunity, please send the following documents to sdctchair.info@sciencespo.fr:

- A brief proposal (1–2 pages) outlining:
 - The research topics you would propose for the papers under Deliverable 1
 - An anticipated timeline for completing the papers under Deliverable 1 and tasks required for Deliverable 2 between June and December 2025
 - A quotation indicating your total proposed compensation for the entire consultancy period (not to exceed €30,000)
- Your CV outlining relevant academic background and research experience
- One to two writing samples of previous academic or research-based work

Selection criteria

The selection of the Research Consultant will be based on the following criteria:

- **Relevance of expertise** to the Chair's focus areas, particularly European energy and climate transition policy
- **Quality of writing samples**, including clarity of analysis and originality of thought
- **Feasibility and relevance of the proposed research plan and timeline** for the June–December 2025 period
- **Demonstrated ability to work independently**, manage deadlines, and produce high-quality research deliverables
- **Appropriateness of the proposed quotation** relative to the proposed deliverables and timeline

Use and ownership of work

All deliverables produced under this consultancy will be considered 'work-for-hire' and will be assigned the intellectual property of Sciences Po. The consultant agrees not to publish or disseminate the work independently without prior written permission.