

ESPI vacancy notice

Remote Research activity – Legal & Latin America

The European Space Policy Institute (ESPI) is looking to employ a Research Intern for a minimum of 3 to 6 months, starting beginning of 2020, to support a research activity on the topic of **‘Regional space agency for Latin America’**.

The European Space Policy Institute

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Research project

This report aims to analyse the concept of a “regional space agency” in the context of Latin America, which is an idea that has been proposed for some time. There have been many discussions about this for a while, and there even was an agreement by the South American Nations Union (UNASUR) to create such space agency. Europe and its model of a regional space agency can serve as an example in support of such an analysis. Therefore, it is of great interest to analyse the actors, stakeholders, and their tasks in Europe and Latin America in order to find starting points and to elaborate what a regional approach could look like in Latin America to advance the space efforts in the region.

Duties

Duties and responsibilities envisioned for the work performance include:

- Support ESPI Research Team in the frame of this research project:
 - Background research: Literature review, information and data collection and compilation, stakeholders consultation through dedicated interviews or surveys;
 - Comprehensive and thorough analysis of the research thematic
 - Synthesis of results and recommendations;
 - Report writing and editing
- The acceptant candidate will work remotely.

Qualifications and competencies

For this work performance ESPI is looking for applicants with an educational background (at least 3 years degree) in legal, political science or international relations.

The following competencies would be considered an asset:

- Acquaintance with the research topic or a related field;
- Previous experience in policy research, consulting or advisory;
- General knowledge and understanding of space institutions (especially ESA) of their programmes and strategy and of the main political trends affecting the European and Latin American space sector.
- Good knowledge of Spanish and/or Portuguese

Applicants should demonstrate good interpersonal skills and the capacity to work both independently and as part of a team. Good knowledge of MS Office is required.

The working language of ESPI is English. Excellent command of the English language, written and oral, is imperative. A track record of articles, papers, thesis or reports written in English will be appreciated.

Application process

To apply for this work contract, please send to Annette.Froehlich@espi.or.at a copy of your CV, a cover letter and – if applicable – sample documentation supporting your qualifications (e.g. a previously published article, thesis extracts, etc.), with subject: Latin America.

For this post there is no formal deadline; rather, it will be filled as soon as an appropriate candidate has been identified. Therefore, qualified applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Please do not submit educational records or certificates at this stage.