

JOB ADVERTISEMENT: RESEARCH FELLOW, JUST TRANSITIONS



ISFC is looking to hire a Research Fellow to work on Just Transition financing. For the first months of the position, it will be work from home due to COVID-19 restrictions. Once possible, working from office will also be available.

We are a small but growing team, which values integrity and accountability. The Centre started its operations in September 2020 and is thus in at early stages of its development.

This means that we are looking for a team member who is happy to have some agency, is able to work independently and is willing to actively help build a brand new work stream. ISFC is a research and learning think tank, and in order to create and maintain its reputation, ISFC is strictly apolitical and focused on providing evidence-based solutions and recommendations.

ISFC's overarching aim is to inform national and regional debate on sustainable finance and low carbon growth, and to inspire and support stakeholders to create new initiatives. The Centre will undertake rigorous research and publish targeted solutions outlining how Central Europe can best take advantage of the EU's Green Deal and its post-COVID-19 recovery packages to finance its transition to low-carbon economic growth. At a time when countries will be working to tackle COVID-19 fallout, ISFC wants to ensure that sustainability remains on the policy agenda and in public debate. The Centre will strive to bring some of the world's cutting-edge thinking and thought leadership on sustainable finance to the region.

Interview dates: Ongoing

Start date: To be agreed

Remuneration: Competitive (monthly payments)



RESPONSIBILITIES

As a small, impact-driven organisation whose aim is to build regional expertise and capacity on sustainable finance topics, our people are our greatest asset. The ISFC places great importance on integrity and accountability. The Research Fellow's responsibilities will include the following:

- To help with the research on Just Transition financing in the EU and in Central European countries in particular;
- To analyse data and financial instruments;
- To find and evaluate relevant documents and regulations;
- To carry out assigned research tasks and to scrutinise financing mechanisms and their efficiency;
- To engage with a wide variety of stakeholders as part of consultation processes and research interviews;
- To help design and prepare online and in-person events on Just Transition topics;
- To write short analysis briefs and contribute to a larger report, while meeting set deadlines;
- To help with a major project on the topic;
- To work as a member of a tight-knit & friendly team.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Masters Degree or PhD (can be a degree in progress) in Economics/Econometrics/Finance/ Banking, or related.
- A Bachelors degree or work experience in a relevant discipline.
- Any additional qualifications welcome (including experience with data analysis tools).

PERSON SPECIFICATION



- Fluency in English **AND** one of the region's languages: Slovak, Polish, Hungarian or Czech (proficiency in more than one of these languages will be considered an advantage).
- Skills: analytical & problem-solving mindset, interpersonal communication, resource and time management.
- Previous research experience is seen as essential, with at least some published output.

WHAT WE OFFER

- Flexible working arrangements and career progression opportunities.
- Ongoing professional support, including career mentoring.
- Access to a wide range of events and networking opportunities, including an opportunity to build one's own professional profile and network.
- An international and open-minded team & working environment.
- Involvement in some of the most important EU and region-wide debates on sustainable finance, sustainability and green growth, with the opportunity to develop a public profile.

HOW TO APPLY



To apply, please email jobs@isfc.org with a **CV and a one page cover letter**, putting "ISFC - JT Research Fellow application" in the email subject line and addressing the email to Ms Zeilina, the current CEO of ISFC.

Please answer the two short questions in your cover letter:

- Why is just transition important, and what role should finance play in it?
- What is your superpower?

We accept ongoing applications.

We will strive to respond to all applications. In case of a large quantity of applications, we will not be able to provide individual feedback.

The ISFC is committed to equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from all sections of the community and background.