



**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE
VIRTUAL FELLOWS PROGRAM
PROJECT DESCRIPTION – EUR/WE**



This project seeks a Virtual Fellow to serve with the **Office of Western Europe, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (EUR/WE)** as an **Energy Analyst**.

Fellow Location: The Fellow will serve virtually and will not be physically located at the Department of State.

Project Name: Fueling the Future – a Study of European Energy Security

Project Description: Recently, the Ukraine crisis catapulted energy security to the foreign policy forefront. In May, G-7 leaders met in Rome to discuss the future of Europe’s energy on the heels of Russian statements regarding cutting off its gas supplies to Ukraine and potentially elsewhere in Europe. The European Commission said Europe must diversify energy supplier countries and routes by maintaining and building relationships with reliable partners. It also suggested increasing indigenous energy production, including renewables and sustainable production of fossil fuels, likely shale gas, which could compensate for declining conventional gas production, if public and environmental concerns can be overcome. The Fellow would investigate whether the European Commission’s plan is the best way forward for European energy security and would prepare recommendations as to who would be the most “reliable partners.”

Potential Fellow Taskings:

- 10-page research paper on European energy security;
- One-page reliable partners options memo;
- Data analysis demonstrating how Fellow came to the above conclusions.

Program Requirements: The precepts of the Virtual Fellows Program call for Fellows to have a high degree of administrative, professional, or technical knowledge/experience and a minimum of five years of professional experience that is directly applicable to the assigned task.

Project-specific Knowledge, Skills, or Abilities:

- Academic or professional experience in Political Science, Economics, Sustainable Development;
- Research background (database and search skills) strongly preferred;
- Working knowledge of the Ukraine crisis;
- Concrete understanding of the European Commission's plan on energy diversification.

Clearance: The Fellow must be a U.S. citizen and must receive a Public Trust determination prior to starting his/her service. The Virtual Fellows Program staff will work with the accepted candidate to obtain the Public Trust determination. (Note: A candidate is NOT required to have a Public Trust determination prior to applying for this project.)

Remuneration: The Virtual Fellow will be appointed to the federal civil service as an intermittent, unpaid consultant. The Department assumes no responsibility for providing any salary or benefits to the Fellow in connection with his/her participation in the Program.