



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



Central European Regional Affairs Advisory Project

This project seeks a Virtual Fellow to serve with the Office of Central European Affairs, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.

Fellow Location: The Fellow will serve virtually. Relocation is not required.

Project Name: Central European Regional Affairs Advisory Project.

Position Title: Consultant/Outside Expert/Advisor.

Project Description: EUR/CE is looking for an outside expert to conduct research on energy, environmental, and other issues affecting Central Europe and EUR/Department of State priorities where we lack expertise or sufficient staff coverage.

Potential Fellow Taskings:

- The Virtual Fellow could help advance our priorities through examining means to strengthen energy security in the region and enhance U.S. cooperation with Central European partners on environmental and other regional issues.
- Ideally the expert could produce short (1-3 pages) briefing papers on a range of issues as needed, which could also be used to demonstrate his/her contributions to our work. Possible topics might include: (1) Anticipated on shore infrastructure requirements in Northern/Central Europe should the Nord Stream II (NSII) gas pipeline be built; (2) Review press on NSII in Germany, Austria and Ukraine; (3) Analyze the cost of renovating Ukraine's gas transit infrastructure; and (4) Review anticipated positions of Central European states (Austria, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland) on Paris Agreement compliance

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:

- The candidate should have an interest in the region and possess the intellectual curiosity, research/writing skills, and policy sensitivity to utilize open source information to address real policy challenges.
- Academic experience with economic issues, as well as familiarity with Europe and the State Department, is strongly preferred.
- Given that this is a Virtual Fellowship, the ability to operate effectively with limited face-to-face supervisor interaction is imperative.

Other: The Fellow **must be a U.S. citizen.**

Suitability Determination/Security Clearance: None required. The Virtual Fellow will not require access to OpenNet. The duties associated with this project will be performed using only widely available open source materials, information, and technologies.

Remuneration: The Virtual Fellow will serve pursuant to a Gratuitous Services Agreement. The Department assumes no responsibility for providing any salary or benefits to the Fellow in connection with participation in the Virtual Fellows Program.