



UNIVERSITÉ DE PAU ET DES PAYS DE L'ADOUR - UPPA

Post-doctoral contract - CERNA, PSGAR CERENA project - 18 months

Place of work : Anglet or Pau - Nouvelle Aquitaine - France

Main scientific field : Law, political science, geopolitics

Keywords : public law , energy

Application deadline : 31/03/2025

Function : Teaching and research

CDD 18 MONTHS > 25 and < 35 K€ gross per year

Employer

The Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour (UPPA) is a multi-disciplinary, non-healthcare university (sciences and technology, literature, languages, humanities, law, economics, management) with multiple sites (Pau, Anglet, Bayonne, Mont de Marsan, Tarbes). It is one of only 17 universities out of 54 in France to have been awarded the IDEX or I-SITE (Initiative Science-Innovation-Territoires-Economie) label of excellence by the French government. It has also been awarded other future investment programs: MARSS - equipment of excellence (Equipex label), SPACE - personalized student support program (NCU label), GREEN - university research school (SFRI label), and IREKIA - project to double the number of students on the Basque coast (ExcellenceS label). In 2022, it has also been awarded the "Science with and for Society" label.

UMR 6031 TREE, set up on January 1, 2021 under the auspices of UPPA and CNRS, is designed as a "problem-oriented interdisciplinary unit". It addresses energy and environmental transitions by bringing together researchers from the fields of geography, sociology, law and economics. The unit's general objective is to analyze the challenges, obstacles and levers for implementing energy and environmental transitions, working on technological innovations, economic or fiscal incentives, and territorial initiatives in favor of transitions.

Supported by the Université de Pau et des Pays de l'Adour, the Programme Scientifique de Grande Ambition Régionale (PSGAR) CERENA aims to enable the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region to contribute to France's energy transition through high-level scientific resources rooted in the region. By 2050, this energy transition will involve substituting non-carbon energies for oil and gas, and reducing overall energy consumption through greater energy sobriety and efficiency. A significant proportion of the renewable energies required for this transformation will be produced or recovered locally, thereby multiplying the number of energy injection points in the networks. The massive use of locally-based renewable energies means that local authorities will be at the heart of this transformation. The program brings together 19 academic laboratories from 5 university sites in the Nouvelle Aquitaine region, 7 of which are SHS, 3 transfer centers, 6 private partners, 4 conurbations and 1 CCSTI. The project, worth a total of 6.6 million euros, is being subsidized by the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region to the tune of nearly 2.2 million euros over a 54-month period. It is divided into four parts: 1-Territorial coverage and appropriation, 2-Energy communities, 3-Storage and 4-Governance.

In this context, the CERNA project (Energy Communities and Just Energy Transition in the Nouvelle Aquitaine Region: comparative legal analyses of regional approaches in the E.U.) aims to work on the implementation of the legal framework for energy communities on the scale of the Nouvelle Aquitaine region in an interdisciplinary approach.

Job and mission

The postdoctoral fellow will be responsible for :

- Conduct interviews with stakeholders and analyze existing regional projects in order to understand and identify the models in place, in particular the project led by SEM Enerlandes,
- Carry out a comparative analysis with European regions where the development of energy communities is significant (Germany and the Netherlands),
- Build a critical reading grid for energy community projects and carry out an analysis based on the theory of energy justice on a regional scale,
- Draft recommendations for public decision-makers, support structures and project developers to facilitate the deployment of energy communities on a regional scale,
- Present the results of the study to the departments of the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region and to the PSGAR CERENA partners,
- Write the progress and final reports of the CERNA project,
- Participate in the drafting of two publications in national and international scientific journals,
- Participate in the writing of a collective work scientifically directed by Louis de Fontenelle on regional approaches to energy communities in the EU.

Geographical mobility :

European

Telecommuting :

Occasional

Start date :

01/06/2025

Profile

Qualifications and skills expected

- Doctorate in law (or doctoral student whose thesis is due to be defended before the start of the contract),
- Motivation, dynamism, initiative, autonomy, organizational skills and rigorous work planning,
- Ability to work as part of a team, including remotely, good interpersonal skills and ability to help the group progress to optimize the quality of results,
- Proven writing and communication skills in French and English.

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