

## **Monetary Policy Economist (w/m/d) at Dezernat Zukunft – Institute for Macrofinance (32-39h/week, Berlin)**

Initially a one-year contract, with a view towards conversion into a permanent position

The world is changing. Our values — dignity, prosperity and democracy — are not. Help us improve European monetary policy so it better realises those values.

We are looking for people who share our values as well as our commitment to quality; who believe that the production of knowledge can support positive change; and who want to analyse monetary policy (quantitatively and qualitatively) and make proposals for improving it.

We offer you an environment in which you and your ideas can develop into the best version of themselves. Dezernat Zukunft will help you improve your skills and grow your public profile, bring your ideas and analyses into public debates, whether through [German](#) or [English](#) daily or [weekly](#) newspapers, publications in [magazines for experts and civil servants](#), [podcasts](#), [interviews](#) or on [TV](#).

### **Your role**

You will be part of a research institute that wants to make the world a better place. As a Monetary Policy Economist (f/m/d, 32-39 hours per week) you will have the following tasks and responsibilities:

- You will **conduct research** on inflation, private and public investment, banks and financial markets, the intersection of monetary and climate policy and other topics of relevance to monetary policy. Through desk research, interviews, data gathering and other methods, you will produce economic analyses, scan policy- and scientific debates and develop policy proposals. Together with our leadership team, you will help us decide which projects to tackle and which proposals to develop.
- You will **develop robust, useful models and data sets** to better understand inflation, investment, growth, the development of specific industries or other financial and economic phenomena. In this work, you will be supported and guided by our experts.  
These analyses are the core of your role. Our policy proposals are based on them. As the stakes are generally high in monetary policy decision-making, a robust and precise analytical foundation is essential.
- You **own your projects**. You work independently and thoroughly, have an inherent interest in monetary policy, finance, macroeconomics and their politics. You are determined to get to the bottom of things, even if that requires going the extra mile. The team will support you when necessary or helpful; initiative and responsibility lie with you.
- You want to **learn something new every day**. Monetary policy is difficult. No one has all the skills, let alone all the wisdom (us neither!). We expect you to bring a certain amount of knowledge and to have some policy views. More importantly, however, we expect you to grow your knowledge and change your views. We support this by challenging, encouraging and educating each other daily.
- You are confident and skilled in interacting with **representatives of central banks, governments, academia and the media**, or willing and able to grow in this direction. Our work depends on a close and productive exchange with these and other stakeholders. As a Monetary Policy Economist, you will learn what makes these actors tick and how to take this into account in our work.

## What we expect

- **Ethical compass:** you share our [aims and values](#).
- **Pragmatism and passion:** you want to make a real difference.
- **Curiosity, consistency and analytical firepower:** you seek deep understanding and have very good quantitative and/or qualitative analytical skills.
- **Entry-level knowledge and experience:** You have relevant knowledge and 1-2 years of professional experience in at least one of the areas of monetary policy, financial markets, banking, financial planning or inflation analysis.
- **Diligence and conscientiousness:** You have experience in developing reliable analyses (quantitatively and textually). You have substantial experience with modelling in Excel or in at least one of the main statistical tools or programming languages. You are aware that our analyses and proposals are subject to intensive public scrutiny, grounding a need for diligent and conscientious analysis.
- **Team spirit:** You are willing to work in a team, listen, support and challenge your colleagues.

## What we offer

- Active **support** for your professional development, including your skills, knowledge, networks and public profile, including financial support for trainings and qualifications.
- A **strong network** in politics, media, academia and public administration.
- Good **data access** via professional data providers
- We **pay** according to the collective agreement of the public service pay grade 13. The exact classification depends on your tasks and your experience.
- A flexible **home office** arrangement and an **attractive office** in central Berlin. Note: your contract will be under German law, and we expect you to be in the Berlin office on a regular basis.
- Last but not least: a **fantastic team** and **work that makes a difference**.

## Application process

If you are interested in this position:

- Send your **CV** and a **cover letter** demonstrating why you meet the expectations outlined above, together with a **text you have written** on a relevant topic (in German or English, up to 2000 words, preferably an existing text) to [info@dezernatzukunft.org](mailto:info@dezernatzukunft.org).
- The application deadline is 11 August 2024.
- The planned starting date is **October 2024**. The precise date can be negotiated.

You are interested in the role, but uncertain whether you have the right qualifications or whether you would fit well into our team?

- **We value diversity and want to increase the diversity of our team.** We welcome all applications, regardless of gender, nationality, ethnicity, cultural and social background, religion, age, sexual orientation and -identity.
- We suspect that there are excellent candidates who do not meet every single requirement that we have listed above. If you believe this applies to you, perhaps because you are unusually strong in some of those skills or because you bring other skills that we have not thought about, do apply and let us know why you are nonetheless the right person for the job.
- If you are still unsure: **talk to us!** You can contact Max Krahe via direct message on Twitter/X ([www.x.com/maxkrahe](https://www.x.com/maxkrahe)) or via e-mail ([max.krahe@dezernatzukunft.org](mailto:max.krahe@dezernatzukunft.org)).