

The European Forest Institute

is now seeking a

Scientific support to EUFORGEN Coordination

at EFI Barcelona

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 29 member countries and around 120 associate member organisations. EFI undertakes forest research and policy support at pan-European and global level, with headquarters located in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has its other main offices in Barcelona, Bonn, Bordeaux and Brussels. The Institute has app. 120 staff members and has an annual turnover of app. 14 million Euros. Further information about the organisation is available at www.efi.int

The European Forest Genetic Resources Programme (EUFORGEN) is an international cooperative programme promoting the conservation and sustainable use of forest genetic resources in Europe. EUFORGEN was established in 1994 as an implementation mechanism of the FOREST EUROPE process. EUFORGEN is financed by its member countries and coordinated by EFI. The Programme brings together experts from the member countries to exchange information and experiences, analyse relevant policies and practices, and develop science-based strategies, tools and methods for better management of forest genetic resources in Europe. Further information about the programme is available at www.euforgen.org.

The incumbent, under the supervision of the EUFORGEN Coordinator, will be responsible for providing scientific and technical support to the EUFORGEN Programme and associated projects on forest genetic resources.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Support the activities of the EUFORGEN Secretariat, Steering Committee and Working Groups;
- Plan, organize, facilitate and participate in EUFORGEN meetings and workshops, providing scientific and technical support;
- Prepare analyses and synthesis of relevant scientific and policy material;
- Contribute to the preparation of meeting reports and annual technical and financial reports;
- Contribute to the development of technical/scientific publications resulting from the EUFORGEN activities;
- Contribute to the dissemination of the EUFORGEN results and raise awareness of the importance of conservation and use of forest genetic resources;
- Represent the EUFORGEN programme at meetings, conferences and events;
- Contribute to the development of project proposals for additional funding and to the management of resulting grants;
- Contribute to relevant work of international processes and organizations in Europe (e.g. FOREST EUROPE, European Commission and FAO) as needed;
- Contribute to EFI's other activities on forest genetic resources when required.

Qualifications:

- PhD in Forest Genetics or closely related discipline (already obtained or expected within the next 12 months);
- At least 3 years' experience in contributing to research projects related to forest genetic resources;
- Good understanding of the principles of, and main issues related to, the conservation and use of forest genetic resources;
- Very good command of both written and spoken English;
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills;
- Strong team player and goal-oriented person;
- Capacity to perform and deliver under pressure;
- Proven understanding of forest genetic resources-related informatics and geo-informatics;
- Familiarity with R or other statistical software is required.

Duty Station

The employee will be based at EFI's Office in Barcelona, Spain.

Employment Conditions

The employee will be an EFI staff member. A fixed term appointment of 3 years, with the possibility for extension and subject to a 6-month probationary period. The position can start from 1st February 2020.

This position offers a challenging opportunity to work within a stimulating international environment.

This position will require frequent travels within Europe and occasional trips outside Europe.

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas with a motivation letter by 6th January 2020, using the <u>online</u> application form.

For more information about the post, please contact Michele Bozzano, EUFORGEN Coordinator (michele.bozzano@efi.int).

EFI is an equal opportunity employer. All applications will be treated confidentially.

Please note that only candidates that have been shortlisted for interview will be contacted.