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To the Members and member organisations of EFI

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Dear Colleagues,

I hope that you and your families are doing well despite the extraordinary times we are living in as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Since we all need to take precautionary measures and contribute to mitigating the consequences of the pandemic, from 18 March onwards and until further notice all EFI staff members in all locations have been requested to work from home. Despite the obvious exceptional circumstances, at EFI we are committed to continuing to deliver our work and interact with our network as much as is possible. To do so we will need to be creative, and adapt to new working modalities and formats in order to continue to have an impact.

For example, this week we were supposed to organise a ThinkForest event on the role of forests, forestry and forest policy in the context of the new EU Green Deal, which we have now postponed to 30 June. In the meantime, we decided together with the ThinkForest President, Janez Potocnik, to prepare an article on [Bioeconomy: the missing link to connect the dots in the EU Green Deal](#) so that we can still contribute to the ongoing discussions from a forest and bioeconomy perspective. Especially when this week is the International Day of Forests (21 March).

As the current uncertainty continues, please check [our website](#) for up-to-date information about the events mentioned in my last Director's letter. For example, our Circular Bioeconomy Investment Forum will now be postponed until later in the year.

Finally, since many of you might have more time to read than usual, I would like to recommend to you a book that I recently read: *Think like a tree* by the French scientist, Jacques Tassin. A book to reflect and wonder while looking at the forests, if you can....

With my warmest regards,
Marc