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To Members and member organisations of EFI

Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to announce that our exciting new initiative, the **EFI Network Fund**, has already kicked into action, promoting pan-European research collaboration within our EFI Associate and Affiliate Members. **The first call is open 18 October - 15 December 2017!** The Fund aims at supporting networking activities like joint research initiatives, knowledge networking and capacity building, focusing on EFI's three strategic themes: bioeconomy, resilience and governance. Funding will cover coordination, travel, events, short visits and dissemination. [More info](#).

The establishing of the EFI Network Fund was endorsed at our **2017 Annual Conference in Oslo**. Once again, I would like to thank those of you who participated, for the valuable discussions and feedback. We have put a solid basis for working together towards **creating, sharing and connecting knowledge to action**.

For those of you that were unable to attend the Conference, I would like to share also some other important developments and decisions:

EFI will substantially increase its investments to support young scientists by offering two types of mobility instruments: European-level short **scientific visits** as well as **transcontinental grants** through a Young Scientists Initiative established together IUFRO. See more [here](#).

Since raising awareness of the importance of forests is a main strategy goal for EFI, next year we plan to build ambitious **science-media partnerships**, including opportunities for our member organisations and journalists to interact with each other.

I encourage all of you to check out the list of EFI membership [benefits](#) and share them within your organisations, as well as with potential new members for EFI. In my view, it is all of our duty together to develop our unique and diverse network.

Lastly, I would like to highlight that EFI will host the **EUFORGEN secretariat** from 2018 onwards in our new Office in Bonn, where also the EFI Resilience Programme is located.

With our best wishes,

Marc Palahí, Director and Knut Øistad, Chair of the EFI Board