

Marc Palahí

Director of the European Forest Institute

Marc Palahí is a leading expert on forests and global change, with a new vision of the transformational role forests can play in fighting climate change and developing a circular bioeconomy.

He has been Director of the European Forest Institute since 2015, driving its development as a pan-European science-policy platform, and working to connect knowledge to action at the interface of science, policy and business. Marc has a PhD in forestry and economics and his work, which has featured in Nature and other high-level scientific journals, focuses on the development of a sustainable circular bioeconomy that prospers in harmony with Nature. Marc leads the [Circular Bioeconomy Alliance](#) established by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

2015 – present	Director European Forest Institute
2014	Interim Director European Forest Institute
2013 – 2014	Deputy Director European Forest Institute
2011 – 2013	Assistant Director in Policy Support European Forest Institute
2007 – 2011	Head of the Mediterranean Regional Office European Forest Institute
2002 – 2007	Programme Manager Forest Technology Centre of Catalonia

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2000 – 2002	Doctor of Forest Science, University of Joensuu, Finland
1998 – 2000	Master's Degree in Forestry, University of Joensuu, Finland
1996 – 1998	Forestry Engineer, University of Lleida, Spain
1992 – 1996	Agriculture Engineer, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain

PROFESSIONAL DISTINCTIONS

- Chair of the Circular Bioeconomy Alliance established by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales
- Medal of Honor from the Spanish foresters association "Colegio Oficial de Ingenieros de Montes"
- Honorary member of the International Forestry Students' Association (IFSA)
- Honorary Member of the Italian Academy of Forest Sciences
- Tim Peck award for the most prominent young forest scientist in Europe
- Editor-In-Chief of EFI series: What Science Can Tell Us

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

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Circular Bioeconomy Alliance

The Alliance established by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales in 2020 provides knowledge-informed support as well as a learning and networking platform to connect the dots between investors, companies, governmental and non-governmental organizations and local communities to advance the circular bioeconomy while restoring biodiversity globally.
More information: <https://circularbioeconomyalliance.org/>

ThinkForest Forum

European high-level science-policy forum on the future of forests. Chaired by former Swedish Prime Minister Göran Persson 2012–2019 and by former EU Commissioner Janez Potočnik 2019 – present.
More information: <https://efi.int/policysupport/thinkforest>

ERA-Net FORESTERRA

Enhancing forest research in the Mediterranean region. EU Research framework. 2012-2015.

AGORA

Advancing Mediterranean forest research capacities. EU Research Framework. 2010-2012.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish, Catalan	Mother tongue
English	Proficient user
French	Independent user
Russian	Basic user