

**The European Forest Institute  
is now seeking a  
Head of Resilience Programme  
at EFI Bonn**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 29 member countries and around 120 associate and affiliate 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. 15 million Euros. Further information about the organisation is available at [www.efi.int](http://www.efi.int).

EFI is seeking a senior professional with strong leadership and international research experience to lead EFI's [Resilience Programme](#).

The programme addresses the need for new interdisciplinary knowledge as a basis for effective, integrated policies and land-use strategies. The following topics are a priority:

- The impacts of global change and related risks on forests, and the strategies to enhance and restore their capacity to adapt and provide forest ecosystem services and products.
- Strategies and management practices to enhance biodiversity in a rapidly changing environment, considering different regional and socio-economic settings.
- Strategies and management practices to enhance the role of forests and trees in increasing the resilience of rural areas to climate change, including a better understanding of agroforestry.
- The role of urban forestry, nature based solutions and wood construction in developing climate smart cities, better rural-urban interfaces and enhancing health and wellbeing in urban areas.

**Key responsibilities will include:**

- Leading EFI's Resilience Programme according to EFI strategy and plans.
- Fundraising and further developing an excellent interdisciplinary team of international researchers to address existing and emerging scientific and policy questions within the thematic area of resilience.
- Communicating with donors, stakeholders and media.
- Coordinating resilience related activities within EFI Units.
- Networking within EFI member organisations and other stakeholders.

**Qualifications:**

- PhD in a relevant discipline.
- Demonstrated capacity to work across different disciplines.
- At least 10 years of international experience in leading forest related research initiatives.
- Proven record in fundraising (e.g., EC/EU funded projects).
- Excellent coordination, managerial and networking skills.
- Excellent communications capacity and willingness to engage and work with media.
- Experience in the science-policy interface and policy support work.
- An excellent track record of publishing in international scientific journals.
- Excellent English skills, knowledge of other European languages is an asset.
- Capability to create an inspiring team work environment.

**Duty Station**

The employee will be based at EFI's Office in Bonn, Germany.

**Employment Conditions**

The employee will be an EFI staff member. A fixed term appointment of five years with the possibility for an extension. The successful candidate is expected to take up the position by Summer 2020.

This position offers a challenging opportunity to work within a stimulating international environment in one of the Institute's senior positions.

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 our [online](#) application form.

For more information about the post, please contact Robert Mavsar, Deputy Director: [robert.mavsar@efi.int](mailto:robert.mavsar@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.