

**The European Forest Institute
is now seeking a
Principal Scientist on Forest Bioeconomy Markets**

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 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.

EFI is seeking a senior professional to join its [Bioeconomy Programme](#) to develop and lead its Forest Bioeconomy Markets Team.

The global and European forest bioeconomy is in a period of profound structural changes due to a number of socio-economic, environmental, technological and policy developments. In this context, central questions are: What is the outlook for the European forest bioeconomy in the coming decades? What are the economic prospects and impacts for demand, competitive advantages, employment and forest biomass utilization?

Key responsibilities will include:

- Lead forest bioeconomy markets research and research team within EFI, to include:
 - Market outlook studies for forest bioeconomy markets in Europe, taken into account global interrelations with important global actors such as, but not only, China and Russia.
 - Analysing economic development and policies impacting the future of forest bioeconomy markets.
 - Assessing the potential economic, social and environmental impacts in Europe of the emerging international forest bioeconomy markets.
 - Developing and applying methods that are suitable for assessing new forest bioeconomy products for which there does not yet exist solid empirical data, or are not included e.g. in the currently available forest sector models.
- Fundraising and leading new international research and policy support projects.
- Proactively communicating with donors, stakeholders and media.
- Networking within EFI member organisations and other stakeholders.

Qualifications:

- PhD degree in relevant field of economics, markets, forest science, or related discipline.
- At least 10 years of international research experience.
- Proven track record in fundraising and coordinating research projects.
- Established track-record of publishing in peer-reviewed scientific journals.
- Excellent research co-ordination, communication and managerial skills.
- Ability to create an inspiring team environment.
- Experience in science-policy support.
- Proficiency in English, both spoken and written, is required. Other languages are an asset.

Duty Station

The employee will be based at EFI's Headquarters in Joensuu, Finland, but with flexible working arrangements available. EFI HQ is located in a University Campus area with multi-disciplinary critical mass and co-operation possibilities.

Employment Conditions

The employee will be an EFI staff member. A fixed term appointment of four years with the possibility for an extension. Ideally, the successful candidate will take up the position early 2021.

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

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas and full publication list with a motivation letter by 30th November 2020, using our [online](#) application form.

For more information about the post, please contact to prof. Pekka Leskinen, Head of Bioeconomy Programme: pekka.leskinen@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.