

**The European Forest Institute
is seeking a
Junior Forest Governance Expert
based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 29 member countries and around 120 member organisations. EFI's headquarters are in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has several offices across Europe and a project office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia which supports FLEGT and REDD processes in the Asia Region.

For over ten years, EFI has supported the European Commission, EU Delegations, EU Member States and partner countries in the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan, in particular the FLEGT Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) processes. Further information about our work is available at <http://www.euflegt.efi.int/>.

To reinforce EFI's FLEGT Asia team, we are seeking a Junior Forest Governance Expert to join us in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Tasks and responsibilities

The Junior Expert will assist EFI's FLEGT experts and consultants in their support to FLEGT processes in South East Asia. She/he will work closely with stakeholders in FLEGT VPA partner countries including governments, forest operators, industry and civil society. As part of a team, she/he will:

- Support FLEGT VPA experts in Indonesia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam in the different aspects of FLEGT VPA negotiation and implementation processes, in particular assistance to timber legality assurance system design and implementation, and support to stakeholder processes;
- Assist VPA partner countries to increase accountability and legality along the timber supply chains through development and implementation of timber legality assurance systems;
- Support bilateral dialogues between the EU and the VPA partner countries;
- Carry out analysis of forest governance challenges informing strategic thinking to support FLEGT processes;
- Contribute to briefings, lessons learnt, and communications to inform FLEGT actors.

Qualifications

- Minimum of **3 years** relevant working experience, part of which in timber producing countries related to forestry and/or natural resource management, governance, or related fields. FLEGT experience is an asset.
- University degree in natural resources management, forestry, political science, law and economics, or a related and suitable field. MSc/MA or higher degree is an asset.
- Ability to work on politically sensitive issues with different stakeholders (governments, industry, NGOs and communities) and to understand socio-political and cultural context of natural resources management and land-use governance in South-East Asia.
- Proven analytical, writing, reporting, presentational and communication skills.
- Professional proficiency in written and spoken English. Proficiency in a South-East Asian language is an asset.
- Experience with EU structures is an asset.

Duty Station and travel

The Expert will be based in EFI's office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with frequent travel to FLEGT VPA partner countries in South-East Asia.

Employment Conditions

The Expert will be an EFI staff member. The initial duration of employment will be 2 years including a six-month probationary period. EFI offers a competitive benefits and salary package.

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas with a motivation letter by **28th September 2020**, using our [online](#) application form.

For more information about the position, please contact Alexander Hinrichs, Head of EFI's office in Kuala Lumpur, email: Alexander.Hinrichs@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.