

The European Forest Institute
is seeking a
Forest Governance and Timber Legality Assurance 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 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 Forest Governance and Timber Legality Assurance Expert to join our team in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Tasks and responsibilities

The Expert will support progress in FLEGT VPA negotiations and implementation in selected Mekong countries with a focus on Vietnam and Thailand.

The Expert will work closely with the European Commission, EU Delegations, and stakeholders in FLEGT VPA partner countries including governments, forest operators, industry and civil society. As part of a team of South-East Asia based FLEGT experts, she/he will:

- Contribute to strategically and practically advance forest governance through the FLEGT VPA processes in South-East Asia;
- Support bilateral dialogues between the EU and the VPA partner countries;
- Provide guidance to national stakeholders in support of VPA negotiations and implementation;
- Assist VPA partner countries to increase accountability and legality along the timber supply chains through development and implementation of timber legality assurance systems;
- Support the strengthening of systems and capacities for FLEGT licensing through technical expertise;
- Act as focal point for EFI support to selected Mekong countries, leading on the identification of solutions for timber legality assurance and oversight of EFI's facilitation support;
- Prepare and /or contribute to analyses, guidance, briefings, lessons and communications to inform FLEGT actors.

Qualifications

- Minimum of **8 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.

- Demonstrated ability of working in multi-disciplinary teams in multi-cultural environments.
- Proven writing, reporting, presentational and communication skills, especially capacity to synthesize and produce short briefings delivered in different formats.
- Professional proficiency in written and spoken English. Proficiency in Thai or Vietnamese or another South-East Asian language is an asset.
- Experience with development cooperation projects and 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.