

The European Forest Institute
is seeking a
Regional Forest Governance Expert Asia
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 forest governance 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 Asia team, we are seeking a Regional Forest Governance Expert to join our team in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia implementing the Regional-ASEAN Forest Governance Support Programme.

Tasks and responsibilities

The Expert will support dialogue, coordination and exchanges on FLEGT between ASEAN member states, and between the EU and/or ASEAN with major ASEAN timber trade partners in Asia, in particular China (ASEAN+3).

The Expert will work closely with the European Commission, EU Delegations, and regional stakeholders including governments, private sector and civil society. As part of a team of South-East Asia based FLEGT experts, she/he will:

- Contribute to strategically and practically advance and mainstream forest governance through FLEGT processes in Asia;
- Support developments in ASEAN to tackle illegal logging and related trade;
- Support capacity building on FLEGT of ASEAN government and non-government stakeholders;
- Monitor, support and inform the EU and ASEAN about demand side developments on timber legality in China and other key Asian markets;
- Support bilateral dialogue and information exchanges between the EU and major ASEAN timber trade partners in Asia, in particular China;
- Support, guide and capture outcomes of FLEGT related events in the Asia region;
- Capture best practices of national and sub-national forest governance and management frameworks for sustainable landscape interventions in South-East Asia;
- Prepare and /or contribute to analyses, guidance, briefings and communications to inform the EU and regional FLEGT actors.

Qualifications

- Minimum of **6 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, international relations, 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 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 Chinese or a South-East Asian language is an asset.
- Experience with regional development cooperation in Asia, ASEAN, and knowledge of EU structures and projects in Asia will be considered an asset.

Duty Station and travel

The Expert will be based in EFI's office in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with frequent travel to the ASEAN Secretariat in Indonesia, ASEAN member states and key timber trade markets in Asia, in particular China.

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 **15th December 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.