

**The European Forest Institute**  
**is seeking a**  
**Senior Advisor on Forest Governance**

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, including in Barcelona, Spain.

EFI possesses a vast amount of experience in facilitating governance change processes in countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. In the context of a deepening and combined global climate and deforestation crisis, we are seeking a Senior Advisor on Forest Governance to help advance the discussion around multilateral coordination mechanisms in support of the implementation of climate mitigation efforts in the forest and land-use sector and the development of nature-based solutions.

**Tasks and responsibilities**

The Senior Advisor on Forest Governance will:

- Facilitate discussions with donors and beneficiary countries around building a multilateral funding instrument for forest governance.
- Develop -orientations for policy and programmatic interventions strengthening the forest and land-use governance agenda regionally and globally, capitalising on EFI experience in this field.
- Develop scenarios and design interventions for implementing these policy and programmatic orientations.
- Look for innovative alliances and modalities which could be set in motion in support of achieving the objectives of the funding instrument.
- Assist with any analytical and strategic work relevant to the facilitation position.
- Undertake consultations, convene meetings, produce analysis and advice as needed.

**Qualifications**

- MSc or higher university degree in agronomy, economics, natural resource management, environmental science, law, public policy, or a related and suitable field.
- Minimum 10 years of relevant working experience, including in implementing cooperation projects and funds in tropical forest countries, including sub-Saharan Africa, either through permanent residence in the region or frequent travelling.
- Excellent understanding of forest and climate policy environment, land-use governance processes and sustainable commodity supply chain approaches, and their implementation challenges. Good understanding of REDD+ and FLEGT processes.
- Good understanding of socio-political and cultural context of natural resources management and land-use governance in tropical forest countries.
- Active network with donors in the public and private domain interested in working together in the sector of climate, deforestation, illegal logging and nature-based solutions;
- Track record of creative, structured and strategic thinking and ability to develop innovative solutions.
- Ability to work on complex and politically sensitive issues with governments, private sector, international actors, NGOs and civil society.
- Excellent networking, inter-personal communication and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated ability of working in multi-disciplinary teams in multi-cultural environments.

- Professional proficiency in English and French is required. Professional proficiency in Spanish is an asset.

### **Employment conditions**

The initial duration of employment for the Senior Advisor will be one year and based at our office in Barcelona, Spain. EFI offers a competitive benefits and salary package.

If the selected candidate for the position is not able to move to Barcelona, Spain for the duration of employment there is the possibility to be engaged as an in-house consultant.

The Senior Advisor will be required to travel frequently, across Europe and inter-continental.

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas with a motivation letter by **12th May 2021**, using our [online](#) application form.

Information in relation to in-house consultant conditions of engagement are available by request from Andrew Male, Head of HR & Administration, email: [andrew.male@efi.int](mailto:andrew.male@efi.int)

For more information about the position, please contact Robert Mavsar, Deputy Director, email: [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.