

**The European Forest Institute
is now seeking a
Head of Bioeconomy Programme
at EFI Headquarters**

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 with leadership and international research experience to lead EFI's [Bioeconomy Programme](#).

The programme addresses the following priority topic areas:

- The role of a forest based circular bioeconomy for a post-fossil society.
- The dynamics of wood-based bioeconomy markets.
- The contribution of non-wood forest products and ecosystem services to a sustainable bioeconomy.
- Understanding and supporting forest-based innovation across sectors.

Further information on the priority topics and vision for the programme can be found in EFI's [Strategy Implementation Plan](#) for the period 2022 – 2025.

Key responsibilities will include:

- Leading EFI's Bioeconomy Programme according to EFI's strategy and plans.
- Fundraising and further developing an interdisciplinary team of international researchers to address existing and emerging scientific and policy questions within the thematic area of bioeconomy.
- Supporting EFI Director in activities related to the [Circular Bioeconomy Alliance](#).
- Communicating with donors, stakeholders and the media.
- Coordinating bioeconomy-related activities within EFI.
- Networking with EFI member organisations and other stakeholders.
- Acting as EFI's focal point for collaboration with EFI's [Research Network on Forest Bioeconomy](#).

Qualifications:

- PhD in a relevant discipline.
- Demonstrated capacity to work across different disciplines.
- At least 10 years of international experience in leading bioeconomy-related research initiatives.
- Proven record in fundraising, in particular EC/EU funded projects.
- Excellent coordination, managerial and networking skills.
- Excellent communications capacity and willingness to engage and work with media.
- Experience in the science-policy interface and policy support work.
- An excellent track record of publishing in international scientific journals.
- Capability to create an inspiring team work environment.
- Excellent English skills, knowledge of other European languages is an asset.

Duty Station

The employee will be based at EFI's Headquarters in Joensuu, Finland.

Employment Conditions

The employee will be an EFI staff member. This is a fixed term appointment of five years with the possibility for an extension. The successful candidate is expected to take up the position by Summer 2022.

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

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas with a motivation letter by 6th December 2021, using our [online](#) application form.

For more information about the post, please contact Robert Mavsar, Deputy Director: 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.