

# The European Forest Institute is now seeking a Communications Officer (60% part-time) at EFI Bonn Office, Germany

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 <u>www.efi.int</u>.

EFI's office in Bonn which opened in 2017, currently hosts EFI's <u>Resilience Programme</u> and <u>Governance</u> <u>Programme</u>.

The Communications Officer will contribute to the strategic management and development of EFI Bonn's outreach activities as part of the communication team. Tasks will include actively engaging in the preparation of European and national project proposals and the further development of educational and training materials for different target groups. The position requires both an independent work mode and close collaboration within the communications team and with the scientific staff.

### Key tasks and objectives will include:

- Manage communication and dissemination tasks for selected EFI Bonn research projects including websites, preparation of social media material and blogs, engagement with relevant stakeholders.
- Prepare forest educational material for different target groups (e.g., forest practitioners, school children) on topics such as sustainable forest management, and forest restoration.
- Engage in the development of project proposals, possibly leading communication, and outreach work packages/tasks.
- Organize and provide support to EFI Bonn or project-related events, both in-person and online.
- Contribute to EFI's other outreach activities when required.

### **Qualifications:**

- Minimum of 4 years of relevant working experience
- Degree in environmental sciences, communication or related field
- Previous experience in communicating about forest-related or environmental issues.
- Professional spoken and written skills in German and English are essential.
- Experience in organising events, both online and in-person.
- Experience with training and forest education either at primary or secondary education level is an asset.
- Experience with EU and other funding mechanisms is an asset.
- Strategic thinker, responsible team worker and a creative spirit.
- Excellent MS Office skills, experience of using social media channels, website and newsletter content management systems (e.g. Wordpress) and virtual meeting software (e.g., MS Teams, Zoom).

### **Duty Station:**

The employee will be based at the EFI's Office in Bonn, Germany

## **Employment Conditions:**

The employee will be an EFI staff member. This is a fixed term appointment of two years with the possibility for an extension. Travel abroad within Europe may also be required.

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas with a motivation letter by **29th November 2021**, using our <u>online</u> application form.

For more information about the position, please contact Gesche Schifferdecker, Communications Manager at EFI Bonn Office: <u>gesche.schifferdecker@efi.int</u>.

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.