

**The European Forest Institute
is seeking an
Expert in the field of Open Innovation
based at
EFI Headquarters in Joensuu, Finland**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 30 member countries and around 120 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. Further information about the organisation is available at www.efi.int.

As part of EFI's Bioregions Facility, and EU funded Innovation Actions, this position will design and implement open innovation activities, in support of regional forest bioeconomy transitions, and the sustainable management of forests, including innovative solutions for wildfire risk management. Consequently, it will also develop intensive networking and communication activities and will foster new cross-sectoral partnerships.

Key tasks and responsibilities:

- Identify, co-develop, and support open innovation and upscaling initiatives and activities in support of regional forest bioeconomy transitions, as well as improved management of natural resources.
- Facilitate the utilisation of project outputs, including technological and social innovations.
- Collaborate with external stakeholders, relevant networks and other EFI units in relation to biobased business development and innovation management support.
- Develop networking activities to create awareness and to engage relevant stakeholders in EFI's innovation support activities.
- Support the coordination of [Horizon] European project proposals, and other fundraising activities, in relevant themes for regional bioeconomy and consumer-led transitions.

Qualifications:

- Master's degree in economics of natural resources, business development, innovation management or a related field, and experience in supporting innovation in forestry, agro-food and/or nature-based solutions.
- Good understanding on the specificities and potential of bio-based and nature-based value chains, sustainability, circularity, and related successful business models.
- Minimum of 3 years relevant work experience in innovation support and management, business development support, IPR management, or entrepreneurial activities. Experience with Open Innovation Challenge methodology and/or Partnership brokerage is a plus.
- Experience of working in international projects and the capacity to apply for project funding.
- Experience of publishing in scientific journals.
- Excellent communication and networking skills, including ability to work in multicultural and cross-sectoral environment.
- Professional proficiency in English. Proficiency in Spanish, German and/or other EU languages is an asset.

Duty station

The Expert will be based at EFI Headquarters in Joensuu, Finland.

Employment conditions

EFI offers competitive benefits and salary package. The duration of employment will be four years, including a six-month probationary period.

The successful candidate will be expected to take up the position by summer 2022.

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas with a motivation letter by **31st May 2022**, using our [online](#) application form.

For more information about the position, please contact Inazio Martinez de Arano, Bioregions Coordinator (inazio.martinez@efi.int)

EFI is an equal opportunity employer. All applications will be treated confidentially.

Please note that only candidates that have been shortlisted for an interview will be contacted.