

**The Bioeconomy Programme of
the European Forest Institute (EFI) is seeking a
Researcher / Senior Researcher
on social sciences in Climate-Smart Forestry**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 30 member countries and around 130 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, Rome 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's Bioeconomy Programme addresses the need for foresight, interdisciplinary and cross-sectoral research at the interface of markets, products, policies and forest resources. Some of the key research topics of the programme include (i) the future demand and supply of forest products, forest biomass and ecosystem services, and their implications for sustainable forest management as well as for afforestation and plantation forestry; (ii) sustainability impact assessment and monitoring of forest-based products and services value chains; (iii) the future markets of increasingly diversified and cross-sectoral forest-based products and services as a result of socioeconomic and policy changes; and (iv) the role of innovation and digitalization, and policies affecting sustainable bioeconomy development.

To reinforce EFI's Bioeconomy Programme, EFI is seeking a Researcher / Senior Researcher on social sciences in Climate-Smart Forestry.

Tasks and responsibilities

The Researcher / Senior Researcher will work in the EU-funded FORWARDS, OptForest and ProForPes projects. Within these projects, the researcher will apply a wide variety of qualitative (interviews, workshops, systematic literature reviews) and quantitative (surveys, network analysis) social science approaches. Specific tasks include:

- Plan, conduct and analyse interviews with forestry practitioners across Europe related to climate and biodiversity smart forest management and restoration practices.
- Design, distribute and analyse European-wide survey(s) on factor that drive forest practitioner's decision-making.
- Support the preparation of policy recommendations for payments for ecosystem services in the EU based on literature review, workshops and policy analysis.
- Assess the collaboration and perspectives of relevant actors on how forest genetic resources should be managed in Europe.

The Researcher / Senior Researcher will also be expected to:

- Contribute to research funding applications.
- Support project management (contents, finances, reporting).
- Lead and contribute to scientific publications and other reports.
- Communication and networking; present and communicate research results to decision makers, researchers, and stakeholders, and the general public.

Qualifications

- Doctoral degree in social sciences with a focus on forestry, or a closely related discipline
- At least 4 – 6 years of relevant working experience.
- Experience with qualitative and quantitative social science approaches, including large-scale surveys and ability to work with large datasets are requirements.
- Skilled user of statistical software tools (such as R).
- Experience in international research projects and respective funding mechanisms is an asset.
- Solid writing, reporting and presentation skills.
- Established track-record of publishing in peer-reviewed scientific journals.
- Experience and readiness to work in multi-disciplinary teams in multi-cultural environments.
- Professional proficiency in English, both spoken and written, is required. Other languages are 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. The employment will be for three years with the possibility for further extension, dependent on project opportunities and successful candidate's performance.

The successful candidate will be expected to take up the position by April 2023.

Interested candidates are requested to submit (in English) a motivation letter, a CV including a publication list and copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas by 9th January 2023, using our [online](#) application form.

For more information about the post, please contact Dr. Hans Verkerk, Principal Scientist Climate-Smart Forestry: hans.verkerk@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.