

EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE

CALL FOR GRANTS

I. ACTIVITY TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE GRANT

A shorter description of the activity/activities to be supported by the grant.

Forests in Europe provide a range of ecosystem services, playing a vital role in fighting climate change. However, to manage these resources in the best possible way, it is essential to establish reliable forest monitoring systems, which will provide consistent and comprehensive forest information. The offered grants aim at developing capacities of Ukrainian researchers in the field of forest monitoring and explore the suitability and robustness of different monitoring procedures in the context of Ukraine.

The grants will address the following topics:

- Topic 1: Evaluation of forest disturbances in Ukraine through remotely sensed data
- Topic 2: Mapping core forests in Europe
- Topic 3: Monitoring the effects of restoration interventions on biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Topic 4: Forest data infrastructures supporting the ForestWard Observatory to secure the resilience of European forests
- Topic 5: Ecosystem service monitoring in Ukrainian forests

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Reference	G-02-2022
Title	Development of forest monitoring capacities in Ukraine
Maximum grant value	EUR 30,000
Maximum number of grants	5

The Grant submission guidelines, which contain more detailed information on the requirements stated in this Call for grant, are available at the EFI website at <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants>.

In addition to the terms and conditions as stated in the Call for grant, and Grant submission guidelines, EFI applies the EFI Grant rules which have been made available at <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants>.

III. ADMISSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applications shall apply the following structure:

- I. Administrative information
 1. Cover letter, using template annex 1
 2. Declaration – exclusion from funding, using template annex 2
 3. CV of the Applicant, in English, clearly indicating:
 - degree awarded (PhD/Doctorate) and date of graduation
 - current position of work
 - post-doc work experience, including dates
 4. Passport copy showing Ukrainian citizenship of Applicant
- II. Technical proposal
 1. Motivation letter in English of no more than 800 words
 - Proposal of activities contributing to the chosen topic, addressing the link between the topic and Applicant's work in Ukraine
 - Proposal for duration (6-12 months)
 - Describing complexities and challenges in forest monitoring in Ukraine
 - Describing how to transfer the outcome of the activities implemented through the grant to other researchers and experts in the forest sector in Ukraine
 2. Introduction video in English:
 - length of maximum 60 seconds
 - must address:
 - short introduction of the candidate
 - topic related work experience in Ukraine
 - complexities and challenges in forest monitoring in Ukraine
 - transfer the outcome of the activities implemented through the grant to other researchers and experts in the forest sector in Ukraine
 - format must be `.mp4` or `.mov`
 - resolution must be 720p HD at 30 fps
 - file size must not exceed 100 MB

What procedures to follow for applying:

Grant application shall only to be submitted to grants@efi.int.

The email with the application shall contain only the following heading in the subject line:

Application for Grant G-02-2022, Forest monitoring - Ukraine

The grant application must have been received by EFI by the following deadline at the latest:

30 October 2022, 23:00 UTC

IV. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applications must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the grant:

Criteria	Description of criteria
E1	Applicant works in Ukraine in an area related to the forest sector
E2	Applicant has Ukrainian citizenship
E3	Applicant has graduated with a PhD/Doctorate
E4	Applicant has up to 5 years post-doc work experience in forest monitoring, forest modelling, or similar, after award of PhD/Doctorate

V. QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the grant process may be sent to the following address:

questions.grantsprocess@efi.int

EFI is not bound to reply to questions received later than the following deadline:

25 September 2022

Questions and answers for this tendering process will be published at <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-02-2022> on:

29 September 2022

Individual questions will not be replied to separately.

Potential applicants are advised to visit <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-02-2022> regularly before the deadline for the submission of applications for any updates or modifications regarding this grant process.