European Forest Institute

Grant process G-04-2023

Establishing Climate-Smart Forestry and forest restoration pilots in Europe

Questions and answers

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#	Question	Answer
1.	Andorra is a non-EU country, and consequently probably we are not applicant eligible for funding under the European Union Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme. Despite this, Andorra is a member of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe as a European State, and consequently we are an EFI Associate member, and not Affiliate member. We would really appreciate any help from EFI in order to clarify or help us to access EFI G-04-2023 grants	All the eligibility information for this call is available at: https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-04-2023 . The eligibility criteria can be found in section IV of the call for grants and section 3 of the grant submission guidelines. Please note that status as EFI Associate Member follows application by the entity and decision by the Board of EFI. For further information, please contact memberships@efi.int.
2.	In the concept of "Climate-smart forestry and forest restoration" would be included a pilot project focused on implementing a forest restoration by direct seeding of seeds improved with biotechnology? The pilot project would serve to obtain data on whether this methodology obtains better results in semi-arid Mediterranean climates than methodologies based on tree transplanting.	Supported activities must address any of the four topics listed in the supported projects and activities.
3.	There does not seem to be a scientific consensus on what management practices specifically contribute to climate-smart forestry. In order to assess whether our project's management practices fit the CSF call, an overview of desired/suitable management CSF practices according to the Forward consortium would be most helpful. Is such an overview available?	There is no list of desired/suitable management practices. Supported activities must address any of the four topics listed in the supported projects and activities.
4.	I have a question about open science practices and sharing research data. Is the data uploaded to the FORWARDS repository during the project, or do we have to provide a data repository ourselves?	Data and results from the supported activities must be made available open access upon completion of the Project. Optionally, applications could indicate whether measurement data could be made available in real time. It depends on the type of real-time data whether they can be uploaded to the Forwards repository during the project