

EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE

CALL FOR GRANTS

Amended as of 7 December 2023

I. ACTIVITY TO BE SUPPORTED BY THE GRANT

A shorter description of the activity/activities to be supported by the grant.
FORWARDS is a Horizon Europe project that will prototype the ForestWard Observatory, a pan-European monitoring and evaluation tool that will help demonstrate the impact of climate change on forests and guide decision-making for practical forest management. With this call, FORWARDS aims to compile European-wide forest disturbance reference data to (i) produce statistically rigorous estimates of disturbances in Europe, (ii) develop new methods for the near real-time mapping of forest disturbance using remote sensing data, and (iii) support the analysis of the effects of the different forest disturbances types over different forest types in Europe. Projects supported by this call should contribute to the development of an exhaustive, open-access forest disturbance reference dataset for Europe.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Reference	G-06-2023
Title	Characterization of European forest disturbances
Maximum grant value	EUR 150,000
Maximum number of Grants	3
Number of lots	3 (max 1 grant per lot)
Maximum duration	12 months

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/G-06-2023>.

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/efi-grant-rules>.

III. ADMISSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All applications shall apply the following structure:

- I. Administrative information
 - Application Form-Part A, following Template annex 1
 - Power of Attorney for Coordinator, as applicable, following template annex 3
 - Declaration, using Template annex 4
 - Gender equality declaration, using Template annex 4A
 - All the administrative information (Annexes 1, 3, 4, and 4A) must be submitted in a single pdf document
- II. Technical Description
 - Application Form- Part B, following Template annex 2

- The length of the technical description must not exceed 15 pages and shall be submitted in one single PDF document (this does not include the instructions and guidance provided in annex 2).
- Technical Description shall be written in English

Formatting rules for the documentation I. and II.

- Font: Calibri
- Minimum font size: 11 pt (except for tables and figures where it should be minimum 10 pt)
- Line spacing: 1
- Orientation: Portrait. For the tables or any Gantt/pert chart, landscape orientation can be used if necessary for the purpose of fitting of the tables or for legibility.
- Page size and margins: Page size A4, all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 2 cm (not including any footers or headers)

All the documentation (application forms and annexes) must be submitted in PDF (Two separate pdfs for I. and II.).

What procedures to follow for applying:

Grant application shall only to be submitted by the applicant (coordinator as applicable) to:

grants@efi.int

Please note that it is not allowed to send the email to another recipient (not in the To: field, the cc: field, or the bcc: field)

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

G-06-2023, Characterization of European forest disturbances

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

15 January 2024 at 21:00 UTC

IV. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Grant applications can be submitted by one legal entity or a consortium of legal entities.

Applicants must, by the deadline for submission of the Application, meet the following criteria to be eligible for the grant:

Criteria	Description of criteria	Clarification
E1	Applicant is a legal entity (legal person)	If the application is submitted by a consortium (grouping of legal persons represented by a coordinator), this criterion applies to all the participants This call is not open for applications from natural persons
E2	Applicant eligible for funding under the European Union Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme	If the application is submitted by a consortium, this criterion applies to all the participants

Furthermore, the following legal entities (legal persons) will not be eligible:

- Beneficiary or associated partner of the FORWARDS project under the Grant Agreement No. 101084481

- Entities subject European Union restrictive measures
- Israeli entities due to activities in the territories occupied by Israel (European Commission Guidelines No 2013/C 205/05)
- Public interest trusts established under the Hungarian Act IX of 2021 or any entity maintained by such a public interest trust (Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506)

Applications not fulfilling the above stated eligibility criteria will be rejected.

V. QUESTIONS

Questions regarding the grant process must only be sent to the following address:

Questions can be sent until:

Questions and answers for this grant process will be published starting from 10 November at <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-06-2023> until:

The following schedule will be followed for the publication of the Questions and answers:

- Answers for questions received during the period 31 October - 8 November 2023 will be published on 10 November 2023.
- Answers for questions received during the period 9 November- 22 November 2023 will be published on 24 November 2023.
- Answers for questions received during the period 23 November - 6 December 2023 will be published on 8 December 2023.
- Answers for questions received during the period 7 December – 13 December 2023 will be published on 15 December 2023.
- Answers for questions received during the period 14 December – 8 January 2024 will be published on 10 January 2024

Individual questions will not be replied to separately.

Potential applicants are advised to visit <https://efi.int/grants-training/grants/G-06-2023> regularly before the deadline for the submission of applications for any Q&A, updates or modifications regarding this grant process.



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