

How to apply

The Young Leadership Programme is designed for **emerging leaders from the research, education, NGOs, governance or business** side of the forest sector or a related area (e.g. natural resources management, environmental policy, climate change, energy, bioeconomy), who are **working in or with the Mediterranean countries**.

We welcome applications from young professionals with a few years of work experience, both from Mediterranean countries as well as other countries working with Mediterranean countries. The age range is approximately **25-35 years**. We aim to have a mix of participants from both research (e.g. PhD students), policy (e.g. young civil servants from Ministries) and practice (young professionals). Up to 20 participants will be selected.

Applicants are asked to provide:

- A **motivation letter** describing your professional interests, why you wish to apply to the Young Leadership Programme and how it will help you develop in your career
- A **CV**
- A **supporting letter** from your employer, highlighting your leadership potential

Applications are now closed. Please direct any questions on your participation to ylpmed@efi.int

Eligibility criteria

Applicants to the Young Leadership Programme – Mediterranean edition must have:

- Proficiency in English to allow full participation in course discussions
- A CV that demonstrates professional experience and leadership potential
- Affiliation with an institution (in Mediterranean region and beyond) interested in or working on Mediterranean forest-based value chains and their contribution to a circular bioeconomy

Fees and scholarships

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A registration fee of **750 EUR per participant** will be charged upon acceptance, payable in advance.

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and booking accommodation.

More information on [travel](#) and [accommodation](#) practicalities.

Scholarships

Some scholarships will be made available to participants working at non-profit organisations, **to cover the programme registration fee**. Please indicate in your application letter if you wish to be considered for a scholarship.

Assistance for travel or accommodation is not usually provided but will be assessed on a case by case basis. Please indicate your particular circumstance in your application letter.