

The European Forest Institute is seeking a

REDD expert

to reinforce the EU REDD Facility

European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 22 European member countries, and over 120 Associate Member institutions. EFI headquarters are located in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has several Regional Offices across Europe and a FLEGT office (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and is establishing an office in Brussels.

EFI is hosting and managing the EU FLEGT Facility that supports the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan. The EU FLEGT Facility is funded by the European Commission with co-funding from the Governments of the UK, Finland, the Netherlands, France and Germany.

The EU REDD Facility, recently established and funded by the European Commission, will also be hosted by EFI. Co-funding from EU Member States and other partners is expected.

The EU REDD Facility aims at assisting targeted developing countries by providing effective support to the development of REDD+ national frameworks and actions, assisting the European Commission, EU delegations and the EU Member States in providing such support, and helping developing countries in building their capacity and improving forest governance so as to help them meet their REDD+ objectives. The Facility's key work areas are (i) Supporting targeted developing countries in building their capacity and improving forest governance, including, where relevant, building synergies with FLEGT VPA processes, and (ii) providing advice for the development of EU financed REDD+ related actions.

EFI is looking for a REDD expert to assist the Team Leader of the EU REDD Facility in managing and developing the EU REDD Facility.

Key tasks and responsibilities

The REDD expert will provide technical advice and inputs in the planning and execution of activities executed by or through the Facility.

The REDD expert will also assist the Team Leader of the EU REDD Facility in:

1. Preparing and implementing the work plan of the EU REDD Facility.
2. Networking and coordinating the work of the EU REDD Facility with REDD+ partners and potential collaboration partners, including EU Delegations.
3. Coordinating the EU REDD Facility Team, administrating, supervising and mentoring staff and consultants and managing the budget of the EU REDD Facility
4. Representing EFI and the EU REDD Facility at meetings and events.

Qualifications

- MSc or higher university degree in forestry and/or natural resource management, governance, development cooperation, policy science or a related and suitable field.

- Wide breadth of knowledge and expertise in the UNFCCC REDD+ field and related initiatives.
- Experience in working in a multi-lateral and EU context.
- Wide breadth of knowledge and expertise in sectors such as development cooperation, tropical biodiversity, governance, forest management, forest monitoring and forest policies. A good understanding of FLEGT is a considerable asset.
- Track record for creative, structured and strategic thinking and pragmatic problem solving.
- Ability to work on complex and politically sensitive issues with governments, industry and civil society.
- Excellent communication and networking skills; and solid writing, reporting and presentation skills.
- Good interpersonal skills with demonstrated ability of working in multi-disciplinary, international teams and in multi-cultural environments.
- Proficiency in English and French is required, Spanish or Portuguese skills are an asset.

Duty station and travel

The REDD expert will be based in EFI Headquarters in Finland or in the upcoming Central Europe based EFI office with frequent travel in Europe and to developing countries.

Employment conditions

The REDD expert will be an EFI staff member. The initial duration of employment will be until mid 2013, with possibility of extension. EFI offers a competitive benefits and salary package.

Interested candidates are requested to send application letter and CV **by 14 February 2011** by [online](#). If it is not possible for you to apply online please send your application to: Human Resources Office, EFI, email: flegt@efi.int.

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