

European Forest Institute (EFI)
Central European Regional Office and the Observatory for European Forests (EFICIENT-OEF)

is seeking a

Project Leader (senior researcher)

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation established by European States. One of EFI's main aims is to be an acknowledged contact point for researchers, decision-makers and the public seeking unbiased and policy-relevant information on European forests and forestry. The Observatory for European Forests (OEF), being embedded in the EFI Regional Office EFICIENT-OEF, supports particularly this work by establishing a research-related, demand-driven and policy-oriented forest information platform. Its main objective is to foster the linkages between information processes and policy decision making processes at national and pan-European level.

The position of project leader **'Implementing Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management in Europe (C&I for SFM)'** is now open.

The post requires:

- strong project management skills for conducting the project
- in-depth knowledge on Criteria and Indicators for Sustainable Forest Management
- experience in coordinating input from external experts/expert networks to the project
- experience in implementation of events and publications

The project will review achievements of the pan-European Criteria and Indicators (C&I) for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and how they have been implemented at the European, national and local levels and by other sectors. It will identify challenges and develop recommendations for improving the C&I set and their further development and implementation in an evolving international environment. Deliverables are a state of the art report, a set of standard national implementation reports, sub-regional/national workshops and a European workshop. The main outcome is a summary report, including recommendations to the implementing countries and the C&I process. The project will be conducted in close cooperation with FOREST EUROPE Liaison Unit, the UNECE/FAO and other relevant organizations/experts.

The applicant should have a PhD (or equivalent). He/she should have as a minimum 4 years of working experience, preferably from a post-doc position and knowledge in the following fields:

- solid understanding of national and European forest policy processes;
- in-depth insight and work experience on criteria and indicators of sustainable forest management at both national and European level;
- good knowledge of indicator processes/activities relating to forests and the forestry sector
- extensive skills in synthesizing outcomes and providing solid recommendations to research and policy

Further to the above the candidate should have the ability to work and communicate with a broad variety of different stakeholders, researchers and policy makers at the national, European and international scale. Fluency in English is required, French and/or German language is an asset. The candidate should have strong management and communication skills and show a track record of working in an international

working environment. He/she should demonstrate experience in working both independently and leading a team (on site as well as in distributed locations).

Duty station and travel

The Project Leader will be based at the Observatory for European Forests (OEF) in Nancy, France with regular visits to EFICENT-OEF office located in Freiburg, Germany as well as other project related travels.

The OEF Office is situated in the city center of Nancy. The city itself is located in the heart of the Lorraine region about 1,5 hours from Paris by high speed TGV train. With its 350,000 inhabitants, Nancy is a major academic and research centre, well known for its education and research in forestry and environmental sciences. Nancy, with its historic city centre provides for an attractive place to live and through its services caters for a high standard of living.

Employment conditions

The Project Leader will be an EFI staff member. The successful candidate will be expected to take up the post as soon as is reasonably practical. The duration of employment will be 2.5 years based on the given project duration. Extensions may be possible based on any project follow up activities.

Interested candidates are requested to apply **online by 11 September, 2011**, submitting their application letter and CV with salary request (net). If it is not possible to apply online please send your application to Human Resources Office, EFI, email: efi.hr@efi.int.

EFI encourages submissions from female candidates. All applications will be handled confidentially.

Further information on the position can be obtained from: Andreas Schuck (Head of Office; email: andreas.schuck@efi.int).