

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

is seeking a

**Manager of ‘Observatory for European Forests’**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation established by European States. EFI is actively enhancing its ability to respond to European and regional research and policy needs. This is addressed through its research programmes, its Policy Advice Office, its Regional Offices and its extensive Associate Member network. 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. This aim is supported by all EFI programmes/offices including the ‘Central European Regional Office EFICIENT and the Observatory for European Forests’ (EFICIENT-OEF). The EFICIENT-OEF is distributed across three locations: Freiburg, Nancy and Zurich. The ‘Observatory for European Forests (OEF)’, based in Nancy, supports EFI’s main aims in particular by fostering linkages between information and policy decision making processes at both national and pan-European level.

For this EFICIENT-OEF is seeking a Manager of ‘Observatory for European Forests’ (referred to as ‘OEF Manager’). The primary task of the OEF Manager is the responsibility for the strategic development of the OEF activities (content/scientific) and their implementation, with administration concentrating on daily management. In the case of absence of the Head of Office the OEF Manager will act as Deputy Head for EFICIENT-OEF.

The post will involve in particular:

- Strategic development of the scientific profile, initiating and implementing activities within the aims and scope of EFI and EFICIENT-OEF. The working areas of the OEF concentrate on: (1) European forest policy information needs and decision support; (2) forest/environmental economics; and (3) criteria and indicators for sustainable forest management. The applicant should have a good track record in one or more of the above areas.
- Daily management of the OEF in accordance with the EFI administrative/financial rules and guidelines.
- Initiating and implementing information activities in close cooperation with other EFI programmes/units/offices.
- Building and maintaining networks to relevant stakeholders and cooperation partners as well as the EFI Associate Members.
- Seeking close cooperation with the Nancy-Freiburg-Zurich Forest Network (NFZ.forestnet), consisting of research organizations and universities actively engaged in forest and landscape research at national, regional and international level.
- Establishing and maintaining strong collaboration with research and training organizations in Nancy and Lorraine region, including the local centers of INRA and AgroParisTech, the University of Lorraine, devoted to forest ecology, management and economics.
- Contributing to EFI advocacy function activities.

The OEF Manager will work towards strengthening the role of the OEF as integral part of the EFICIENT-OEF and of EFI as a whole. Fostering close cooperation with EFI research programmes, the Policy Advice Office and the network of EFI’s Regional Offices is expected in order to identify options for joint activities.

Partaking in the conceptual development of an EFI thematic unit/facility addressing forest protection and risks will be requested.

Extended experience towards team building and management are required in order to cater for an inspiring team environment. The OEF Manager will work in close collaboration with, and reports to, the Head of Office EFICENT-OEF.

Applicants should have at minimum five years of international work experience. They should have available extensive knowledge in programme/project development/management and a solid background in administrative tasks. A PhD in forestry or equivalent and extensive knowledge on the European forest sector are expected. Fluency in English is required, good French language skills are strongly recommended. The applicant should present strong coordination, communication and managerial skills.

### **Duty station and travel**

The OEF Manager post will be based at the Observatory for European Forests (OEF) in Nancy, France with frequent travel missions including regular visits to EFICENT-OEF office located in Freiburg, Germany.

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 OEF Manager will be an EFI staff member. The position offers a challenging opportunity to support EFI in achieving its strategic aims and that within a stimulating international environment. The successful candidate will be expected to take up the post as soon as is reasonably practical. A fixed term appointment of three years is envisaged with the possibility of extension.

Interested candidates are requested to apply [online](#) by 16 October, 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](mailto:efi.hr@efi.int). Please address your application to Dr. Risto Päivinen (Director, European Forest Institute).

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](mailto:andreas.schuck@efi.int)).