European Forest Institute is now seeking a REDD+ Expert for its FLEGT and REDD Unit

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 25 member countries and around 120 member organisations. EFI’s Headquarters is located in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has several offices across Europe, and the FLEGT and REDD Unit has project offices in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and in Beijing, China.

EFI hosts the EU FLEGT Facility and the EU REDD Facility, which support partner countries, the European Commission, EU Delegations and EU Member States in the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan and REDD+ activities. Further information about the EU FLEGT and REDD Facilities are available at http://www.euflegt.efi.int/ and http://www.euredd.efi.int/.

EFI is seeking a REDD+ Expert to reinforce its REDD Team.

Tasks and responsibilities
The REDD+ Expert will provide technical advice and input to the activities implemented in Africa by the EU REDD Facility. As part of the REDD team and together with other experts, the REDD+ Expert will:

- Manage technical assistance projects developed by the EU REDD Facility in the field of forest and land-use governance as well as deforestation-free commodity production, in support of national REDD+ and FLEGT processes.
- Carry out analysis on matters related to FLEGT and REDD+ processes and their interactions, forest and land-use governance, tenure and land-use planning, addressing drivers of legal and illegal forest conversion, deforestation-free commodity production, drawing on lessons from the work developed by the EU REDD and EU FLEGT Facilities in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- Contribute to documenting lessons learnt from partner countries on ways to improve forest and land-use governance through their REDD+ and FLEGT national processes and share these experiences with a broad array of stakeholders, including partner countries stakeholders, the European Union and its member states, donors, multilateral partners and others.

Qualifications

- MSc or higher university degree in agronomics, natural resource management, economics, law or a related and suitable field.
- Minimum of 3 years relevant working experience in rural development and/or natural resource management, REDD+, development cooperation, governance, or related field. Work experience in an African tropical country context on sustainable agriculture, food security or agroforestry is an asset.
- Excellent analytical and networking skills, solid writing, reporting and presentation skills.
- Demonstrated ability of working in multi-disciplinary teams in multi-cultural environments.
- Professional proficiency in English and French is required.
Duty station and travel
The REDD+ Expert will be based at EFI’s office in Barcelona, Spain with frequent travel to partner countries in Africa. It is envisaged that within the first 12 months the Expert will be required to relocate to Africa.

Employment conditions
EFI offers competitive benefits and salary package. The duration of employment will be two years, including a 4-month probation period, with a possibility for extension.

Interested candidates are requested to send CV with cover letter by 6th February 2017, using our online application form. If it is not possible for you to apply online please send your application to efi.hr@efi.int

All applications will be treated confidentially. EFI is an equal opportunity employer.

For more information about the position please contact Ms. Valérie Merckx, REDD+ Team Leader, FLEGT and REDD Unit, email: valerie.merckx@efi.int.

Please note that only candidates that have been shortlisted for interview will be contacted.