

**The European Forest Institute
is now seeking a
Senior Researcher on Forest Biodiversity
in EFI's Resilience Programme**

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 29 member countries and around 120 associate and affiliate member organisations. EFI undertakes forest research and policy support at pan-European and global level, with headquarters located in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has its other main offices in Barcelona, Bonn and Brussels. The Institute has app. 120 staff members and has an annual turnover of app. 15 million Euros. Further information about the organisation is available at www.efi.int.

Forest biodiversity is a key factor for achieving Europe's climate change mitigation and adaptation goals. Forest biodiversity is however under pressure due to a wide range of different factors, particularly climate change and associated gradual habitat changes and increasing risks of invasive species and large-scale disturbances, but also pollution, landscape homogenization, certain unsustainable forest management practices etc.

With this position, EFI is seeking a high-profile forest biodiversity expert to join our Resilience Programme

Key responsibilities will include:

- Initiate, acquire and lead research projects on the European, global and national level.
- Support project coordination and upscaling activities.
- Support the development of the natural science team in the Resilience Programme and further development of the research topics.
- Publish research findings in both academic journals and policy- and practice-oriented media and engage in communication and science-policy and science-practice events and other interactions.
- Proactively engage in international and national networking.

Qualifications:

- PhD in a relevant discipline.
- At least 8 year of relevant work experience.
- Excellent knowledge of all levels and types of forest biodiversity
- Innovative research and analysis in fields like biodiversity monitoring, drivers of change, conservation and restoration etc.
- Excellent understanding of the role of forest biodiversity for achieving political goals and of the broader debate around forest biodiversity conservation, restoration and forest management.
- Excellent fundraising, coordination, managerial and international networking experience.
- Proven capability to work across disciplines.
- Excellent communications capacity and experience of working with the media.
- Strong interest to actively engage in science-policy interface and policy support work.
- An excellent track record of publishing in scientific journals.
- Excellent English skills, knowledge of other European languages is an asset.

Duty Station:

The employee will be based at EFI's Bonn Office, Germany.

Employment Conditions:

The employee will be an EFI staff member. A fixed term appointment of four years, with the possibility for an extension. The successful candidate will ideally take up the position by January 2022.

This position offers an excellent opportunity to work within a stimulating international environment.

Interested candidates are requested to send (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas and full publication list with a motivation letter by **11th October 2021**, using our [online](#) application form.

For more information about the post, please contact Elisabeth Pötzelsberger, Head of Resilience Programme: elisabeth.poetzelsberger@efi.int.

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

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