

**European Forest Institute – EFI
is seeking a
FRANCOPHONE WOOD TRACKING EXPERT**

European Forest Institute is an international organisation established by European States.

The European Forest Institute (EFI), Torikatu 34, 80100 Joensuu, Finland, is hosting and managing the EU FLEGT Facility assisting in the implementation of the EU Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan. The Facility is funded through a multi donor trust fund, with current contributions from the European Commission and the Governments of Finland and the UK. To reinforce the Facility's team, EFI is looking for a francophone wood tracking expert. This expert will complement the FLEGT Facility that is part of the EFI policy analysis programme. She/he will report to the Facility's Legality Assurance (LAS) specialist.

Tasks and responsibilities

- Analyse the existing chain of custody and tracking of timber and timber products in Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) countries and the adequacy of the existing control arrangements, and prepare recommendations for their improvement.
- Assist in the design of LAS systems – including the required multi-stakeholder consultations – answering EC FLEGT briefing notes requirements.
- Assist during VPA negotiations.
- Review LAS proposals.
- Monitor technological developments in chain of custody systems and timber tracking and their applicability in VPA countries and prepare respective briefing notes and other material for VPA countries.
- Provide periodic first-hand input and evaluations to the FLEGT ad-hoc working group.
- Compile and evaluate cost estimations on LAS implementation.
- Periodically assess LAS effectiveness during implementation phase.
- Execute other tasks as assigned.

Qualifications

- MSc or higher university degree in forestry or a related and suitable field.
- At least 4 years of international working experience with wood tracking systems.
- Working experience in central Africa is a plus.
- Proven experience with multi-stakeholder processes. Ability of working with governments, industry and civil society.
- Track record for creative and strategic thinking and pragmatic problem solving.
- Excellent communication, networking, writing and reporting skills.
- Demonstrated ability of working in multi-disciplinary teams and in multi-cultural environments.
- Proficiency in French and English is required.

Duty station and travel

The specialist will be based at EFI FLEGT office in Brussels or in Joensuu, and can work from a home office in Europe (preferably close to an international air hub) with frequent travel to Brussels, other European destinations and to timber producing countries; mainly tropical countries participating in the EU FLEGT process.

Employment conditions

The expert will be an EFI staff member. The initial duration of employment will be 6 months. Long-term extension of the position will depend on available funding. EFI offers competitive benefits and salary packages.

Interested candidates are requested to send an application letter and CV by 3 November 2008 to Niina Verkerk, EU FLEGT Project Officer, phone: +358-10-773.43.49, email: niina.verkerk@efi.int

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