

European Forest Institute
– EFI –
is seeking a
FLEGT Facilitator to Vietnam
For its EU FLEGT Facility

European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 23 European member countries, and over 120 Associate Member institutions. EFI headquarters are located in Joensuu, Finland. EFI has several Regional Offices across Europe and a FLEGT office (Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, is establishing an office in Brussels and expanding the current office in Barcelona.

EFI hosts the EU FLEGT Facility, which supports the European Commission, EU Member States and partner countries in the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan. The EU FLEGT Facility is funded by the European Commission with co-funding from the Governments of the UK, the Netherlands, Finland, France and Germany. The Facility aims at having reforms adopted that improve forest governance and the functioning of timber markets, ensuring that illegal logging and associated trade are adequately tackled in the countries which produce timber and timber products for export into the EU. The Facility currently supports activities in Africa, Asia and Central and South America.

Tasks and responsibilities

EFI is looking for a FLEGT facilitator to support the implementation of the EU FLEGT VPA process in Vietnam. The focus will lie on providing support to the Government, the EU and stakeholders of Vietnam at each step of the FLEGT VPA process, from organizing consultations, supporting work of both negotiations teams and facilitating at country level all FLEGT related activities. The overall objective is to ensure that exports of timber products to the EU are made of legally harvested timber, according to jointly agreed VPA requirements.

Activities of the facilitator will focus on:

- Enhancing the information provision to multi-stakeholder dialogue between Vietnamese stakeholders, including support to the consultation processes;
- Supporting the design, development and implementation of systems to assure the legality of timber products exports, including mechanisms to ensure that imports of timber for the processing industry is legally harvested timber;
- Supporting the development of mechanisms to avoid adverse impacts on small wood industries and on forest-dependent communities;
- Assisting the Government of Vietnam and the EU Delegation in preparation of FLEGT negotiations and related preparatory work;
- Enhancing dissemination of information about the FLEGT process with national, donor-supported, private sector and civil society initiatives aimed at addressing forest governance at country level and, wherever relevant, in the Mekong sub-region (e.g. regional cooperation with UNREDD).

In particular the facilitator will:

- Develop an annual programme of work together with EU partners and the Government and other government agencies of Vietnam, building on jointly agreed FLEGT VPA process roadmap. This includes preparing terms of reference and budgets for identified activities, supervise consultants' work at country level, provide inputs and manage feedback from relevant FLEGT related projects/initiatives;
- Work with the Vietnamese Government, the EU Delegation, relevant Member States, and other stakeholders to prepare for VPA negotiations, and provide detailed up-to-date information on FLEGT-related activities to stakeholders as needed;
- Facilitate a coordinated donor-approach to FLEGT-related activities in the Mekong region by maintaining contact with others working on this subject in the region;
- Liaise with the relevant European Commission services, delegations and Member States to ensure that lessons from Vietnam are fed back into policy development at headquarters;
- Work with other programs in Vietnam that aim to promote forest governance goals and tackle illegal logging, ensuring to the extent possible, coherence and co-ordination of activities (e.g. UNREDD);
- Liaise closely with FLEGT standing office in VNDoF, timber industry and trade associations as well as NGO community in Vietnam to ensure their full participation in the FLEGT process;
- Report regularly to the Vietnamese negotiation team, the EU FLEGT facility, the European Commission and Member States involved in the FLEGT VPA process with Vietnam to identify obstacles to progress and opportunities to enhance communications and actions.

Qualifications

- Preferably 10 years working experience in international development cooperation and/or in relevant forest sector and/or timber trade related activities
- Previous working experience related to FLEGT and/or related fields e.g. work with forest and environmental legislation, law enforcement, forest products trade
- University degree, preferably at masters' level, including public administration, environmental law, forestry or natural resources management, business administration and/or other areas relevant to FLEGT
- Ability to work on complex and politically sensitive issues with governments, industry, NGOs and communities
- Excellent communication and networking skills, solid writing, reporting and presentational skills, including the ability to work with senior government officials and diplomats

- Experience and proven ability in participatory and consultative multistakeholder processes
- Demonstrated ability of working in multi-disciplinary, international teams and in multi-cultural environments. Good interpersonal skills.
- Experience in facilitating/managing projects and/or processes
- Working experience in Vietnam
- Proficiency in English is required. Vietnamese is a very strong asset
- Availability to travel

Duty station and travel

The facilitator will be based in Hanoi, Vietnam with frequent travel in Mekong region.

Employment conditions

The facilitator will be an EFI staff member. EFI offers a competitive benefits and salary package. The contract is expected to start in the second half of 2011 for a two-year term.

Interested candidates are requested to apply [online](#) or to send an application letter and CV **by 30 June 2011** to Human Resources Office, EFI, email: flegt@efi.int.

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