

European Forest Institute – Central European Regional Office EFICIENT –
is now seeking for its Observatory for European Forests (OEF) a

Forest Economist

The Observatory for European Forests (OEF) in Nancy, France is an integral component of the European Forest Institute (EFI) with the headquarters in Joensuu, Finland, and its Central Regional Office EFICIENT in Freiburg, Germany. 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. The Observatory supports EFI particularly in this work by establishing a research-related, demand-driven and policy-oriented forest information platform. The main objective of the OEF is to foster the linkages between information processes and policy decision making processes at national and pan-European level.

For the OEF in Nancy (France), EFI is seeking a forest economist.

The post will involve in particular:

- conducting and managing EFI research activities in European forest economics
- initiating new projects and active engagement in fundraising
- networking in the sector of forest economics and strengthening collaboration in Europe in this field
- compiling and analysing European data on e.g. profitability of forests, forest ownership structures, forest land prices, wood-energy
- contributing to EFI concerted action on profitability of European forest ecosystem services and non-wood goods.

The applicant should have a Master's Degree (or equivalent). An applicant with a PhD in forest economics is preferred. He/she should have as a minimum four years of working experience and knowledge in following research fields:

- economic values/ profitability of forest ecosystem services and non-wood goods
- forest administration and business economics
- wood consumption, trade and potentials of sustainable timber supply
- European/international forest policy and information processes.

The candidate should be well experienced in the latest methodologies for economic analysis and validation. Some basic knowledge in database management/development would be of advantage. The candidate should have the ability to work and communicate with a broad variety of different stakeholders, researchers and policy makers at the European scale. International experience is of advantage.

Fluency in English is required, French and/or German language is an asset. The candidate should have good communication skills and be able to work in an international working environment both independently and in a team.

The successful candidate will be expected to take up the post in August/September 2010. The duration of employment will be 2 years with the possibility of extension.

Applicants should apply, with a short application letter, including net salary expectations and a CV **by email before 10 July 2010**. All applications will be handled confidentially. EFI encourages submissions from female candidates.

Please send your application by email (pdf) to:

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Further information on the position can be obtained from: Dr. Aljoscha Requardt