The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation with 29 member countries and around 120 associate and affiliate member organisations. EFI’s headquarters are in Joensuu, Finland. EFI is seeking the services of a Technical Adviser to reinforce the EFI Technical Assistance Project’s (EFITAP) capacity. The Expert will be stationed in Barcelona but will act as a dedicated resource person for its technical assistance project in Guyana. **EFITAP Guyana** will support the Government of Guyana to implement a range of forest governance reforms framed in the Guyana-EU Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA).

**Tasks and responsibilities**

The EFITAP Technical Adviser will support the EFITAP Guyana Project Manager in the implementation of the technical assistance delivered through EFITAP Guyana. The Technical Adviser will be instrumental in the preparation and delivery of the work plan for EFITAP Guyana, and at an operational level support and/or lead on the delivery of the following outcomes: i) *Strengthened and more transparent legality control system designed/ being developed*; ii) *Strengthened regulatory framework through harmonisation of the governing Acts and relevant procedures of Timber Legality Assurance System agencies*; iii) *Increased capacity of stakeholders to implement the legality control system*; iv) *Increased Transparency in the forestry sector through the establishment of an information sharing mechanism*; v) *Outreach increased with key stakeholders in preparation for implementation*; and vi) *Supporting the Grievance Review Mechanism to facilitate the channelling of Amerindian rights issues.*

The **EFITAP Technical Adviser** shall:

- Support the establishment of an EFITAP office presence in country and the development of operational guidelines for the delivery of the 6 identified outcomes of EFITAP Guyana;
- Support, and work closely with the EFITAP Guyana Project Manager in delivering on the 6 identified outcomes;
- Support the development of a detailed workplan in close coordination with the GFC (and relevant stakeholders);
- Investigate options for engaging and working through and/or with local institutions to successfully deliver on the 6 identified outcomes of EFITAP Guyana;
- Support the coordination of all the TA requirements (including the development of Terms of References) related to the above outcomes, especially in coordinating short-term expertise and inputs for the timely implementation and successful delivery of their respective tasks;
- Support the implementation of the workplan including providing the necessary oversight, guidance and coordination to any studies; review processes; strategies, plans, and procedures developed; and any other activity (including those listed under the outcomes above) that may be necessary for Guyana in preparation of its VPA implementation.

The Technical Adviser will work closely with the EFITAP Guyana Project Manager and will liaise closely with other projects and donors supporting VPA implementation including the DFID Office, the EU Delegation to Guyana, the FAO EU FLEGT Programme, FGMC PMST, FLEGT Facilitation Office/ FLEGT Facilitator, and other relevant support mechanisms.
Qualifications and experience

- University degree in natural resource management, political science, law and economics, forestry, or a related and suitable field. MSc./MA or higher degree is an asset.
- At least 3 years of working experience in the field of natural resources management and/or forest governance, in particular in tropical timber producing or processing countries.
- Expertise in at least one of the following areas: supply chain controls, legality verification, quality management systems, or systems auditing.
- Experience in responsible sourcing and trade and/or governance reform processes (public or private sector) and familiarity with the FLEGT Action plan and FLEGT/VPA processes. Experience in REDD+, land use planning processes and drivers of deforestation is an asset.
- Ability to work with multi-disciplinary teams on complex and politically sensitive issues with governments, industry, and civil society.
- Excellent communication and networking skills, proven writing, reporting and presentation skills.
- Professional proficiency in written and spoken English. Proficiency in written and spoken Spanish or French will be an asset.

Duty Station and travel
The Advisor will be based at EFI’s Barcelona office with frequent and extended travel to Guyana. As dedicated resource person for its technical assistance project in Guyana the expectation is that the Advisor will work every alternate month in Guyana. A schedule will be determined during the development of the work plan for EFITAP Guyana but may be subject to change during the implementation of the project.

The Advisor may be required to travel to other countries in Asia, Africa or Latin America to support the implementation of EFITAP work elsewhere.

Employment Conditions
EFI offers competitive benefits and salary package. The duration of employment will be two years with a possibility for extension. This includes a 6-month probation period.

Interested candidates are requested to submit (in English) a CV including copies of academic degree certificates/diplomas together with a motivation letter by 15th January 2020, using our online application form.

For more information about the position, please contact Mr. Morne van der Linde, EFITAP Coordinator on email: morne.vandenderLinde@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.