



EUROPEAN FOREST INSTITUTE

PUTTING SCIENCE INTO ACTION

The European Forest Institute (EFI) is an international organisation established by European States. EFI conducts research and provides policy support on forest-related issues. With its 25 Member Countries, 120 Associate and Affiliate Member organisations, five Regional Offices and three Project Centres, it offers unique forest research contacts and collaboration at the European level. The Headquarters of the Institute are in Joensuu, Finland.

WHY EFI?

We are living in a time of accelerated changes and unprecedented global challenges such as energy security, natural resource scarcity, biodiversity loss, fossil-resource dependence and climate change. The cross-cutting nature of forests and the forest-based sector allow them to address such interconnected societal challenges, while supporting the development of a European bioeconomy. EFI is an unbiased, international organisation that provides the best forest science-knowledge and information for better informed policy making.

EFI ...

- **CONDUCTS RESEARCH**
- **PROVIDES POLICY SUPPORT**
- **FACILITATES AND STIMULATES FOREST-RELATED NETWORKING**

RESEARCH AND INFORMATION

Research-based information and knowledge is needed for sound forest policy formulation, implementation and evaluation. EFI's researchers analyse and synthesise the latest forest research from across Europe, gathering and sharing up-to-date, relevant information across the EFI network.

EFI aims to:

- conduct and promote interdisciplinary and cross-sector research;
- analyse information on forest resources, products and services on a pan-European level;
- support the coordination, strengthening and networking of forest research capacities.

EFI has two thematic research programmes:

Sustainability and Climate Change conducts policy-oriented research on topics such as climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation, assessing goods and services provision from European forests and sustainability impact assessments for the forest-based sector. The Programme uses strategic tools such as the European Forest Information Scenario model (EFISCEN), Tool for Sustainability Impact Assessment (ToSIA) and the European Forest Institute-Global Trade Model (EFI-GTM).

Forest for Society addresses topics such as forest-based markets, products, services and policy developments in bio-economy, societal preferences related to non-market goods and services, markets for 'public good' forest services, and forest-related policies and governance in Europe.

BIOMASS PRODUCTION & INTENSIVE FOREST MANAGEMENT

INTEGRATING BIODIVERSITY AND FOREST DISTURBANCES IN FOREST MANAGEMENT

PLANTED FORESTS, UNDERSTANDING BIOTIC AND ABIOTIC RISKS

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- Values ecosystem
- Facilita govern

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POLICY SUPPORT

EFI Policy Support:

- provides and disseminates science-based knowledge to policy makers;
- identifies emerging science-based policy-relevant information needs;
- improves the understanding of strategic and cross-sectoral forest and bioeconomy related policy issues;
- enhances science-policy dialogue;
- facilitates policy implementation in collaboration with partners and stakeholders;
- helps EFI member organisations transmit research results to policy makers and stakeholders at the pan-European level.

EFI's **Foresight and Policy Support programme** carries out these activities. It initiates, coordinates and disseminates science-based analysis and synthesis assessments for policy makers, stakeholders, media and the public at large. It supports science-policy dialogue and functions as a go-between for European forest scientists and policy makers. One of the main activities in the programme is a high-level discussion and information-sharing forum, 'ThinkForest'.

EFI also hosts the **EU FLEGT Facility** which supports the EU Forest Law Enforcement Governance and Trade (FLEGT) process, related to the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan. EFI's **EU REDD Facility** (Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation) provides support to the development and implementation of REDD+ policies in developing countries.

CAPACITY BUILDING

EFI works to build scientific capacity and share knowledge across Europe and beyond. It is committed to creating and supporting a new generation of forest scientists, to building bridges and cooperation between different countries and disciplines, and to strengthening science-policy dialogue.

NETWORKING AND MEMBERSHIP

EFI provides a platform and effective infrastructure and networking services to its Member Countries, Associate and Affiliate Members and the forest research community as a whole.

Membership benefits for member organisations include access to the EFI network, news and announcements, visibility on the EFI website, and opportunities to receive publications and publish announcements in various EFI channels. Associate Members also have voting rights for strategic decisions concerning EFI.



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Our vision is to live in a world where the sustainability of our forests and societies is secured. We will achieve this by bringing together the best possible cross-boundary knowledge and expertise, and by actively contributing to the ongoing dialogue on forests.

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