

European Forest Institute EFI professional network of forest organisations

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Pan-European Forest Area: 370 Mill ha



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EFI' s mission



- Policy makers need reliable, timely and policy-relevant information
- ➔ EFI is well placed to cater for these needs.

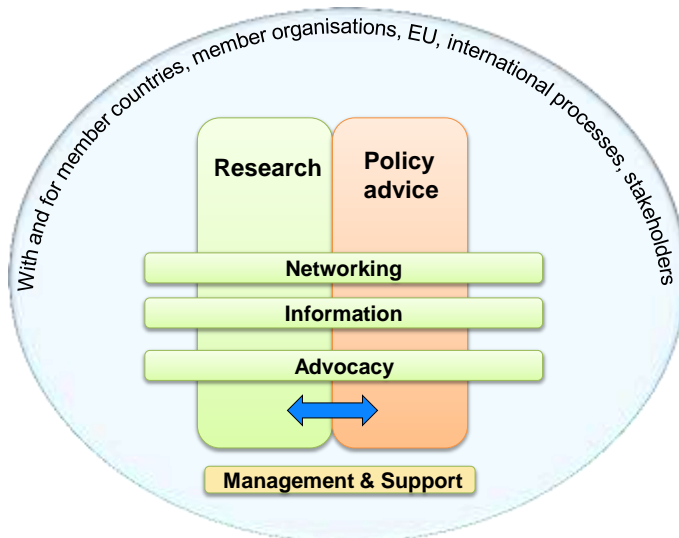
*our vision is to live in a world where
the sustainability of our forests and societies is secured.
We will achieve this by bringing together the best possible
cross-boundary knowledge and expertise,
and by actively contributing to the ongoing dialogue on forests.*

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Activities



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EFI member countries

- countries that have ratified Convention on EFI



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Associate and Affiliate Members of EFI

- 125 member organisations
- in 36 countries.



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Associate and Affiliate Members of EFI

EFI has 125 member organisations in 36 countries (July 2011)

Affiliate Members (outside Europe)

Canada ○
Japan ○
United States ○ ○ ○



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EFI members within SUFAREL

- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Mari State Technical University
- Moscow State Forest University
- St Petersburg State Forest Technical Academy
- University of Copenhagen
- BOKU
- University of Padua
- University of Helsinki

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Personnel – The Most Important Resource

Personnel:

In 2010 107 staff members from 24 different countries worked at the Headquarters and Regional Offices, thus contributing a total of 69 person-years to the institute's activities.



Director:
Risto Päivinen
(10/2000–)



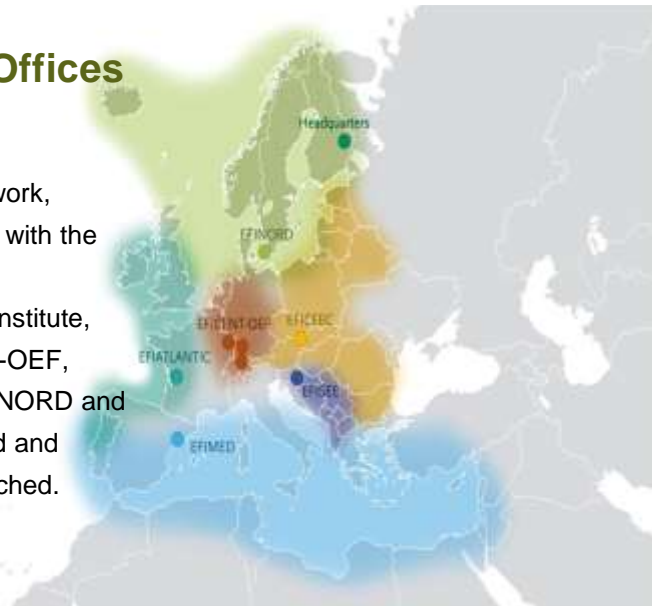
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Regional Offices

- strengthen EFI network,
- activities consistent with the EFI Strategy,
- integral part of the Institute,
- EFIMED, EFICIENT-OEF, EFIATLANTIC, EFINORD and EFICEEC launched and
- EFISEE to be launched.



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Research

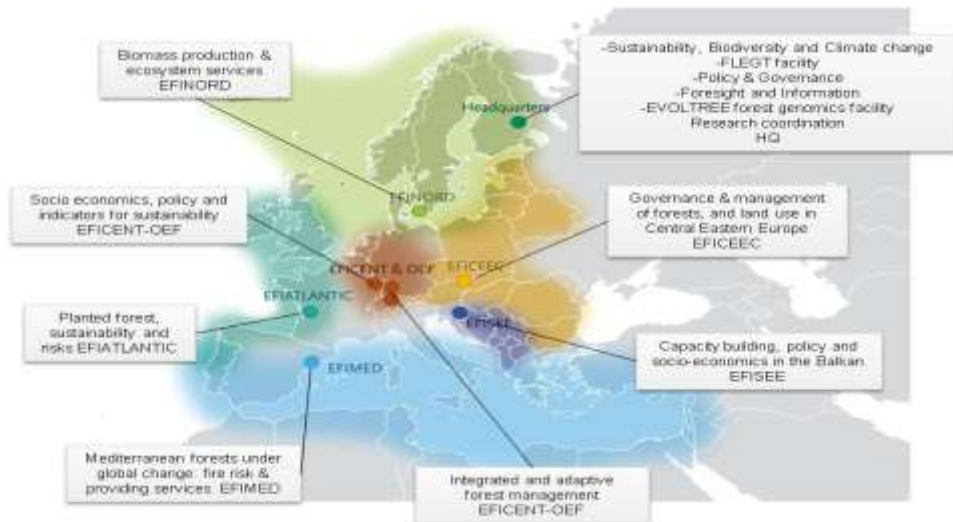
EFI has three Research cross-units research programmes:

- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Policy and Governance
- Foresight and Information

App. 40 research projects and development projects/actions yearly.



Research: topical areas





Policy advice and advocacy

- support for policy makers
- global issues with European relevance such as FLEGT, REDD+
- THINK EUROPE – a new forum for science policy interface
- Cooperation with FTP (European forest-based sector Technology Platform)
- target groups: policy makers, institutions in the EFI Member Countries, other countries and the EU.



THINK FOREST

*A high-level science-policy forum
for future forests in Europe*

Communication and partnership building between science community and policy-makers in the EU

Mr. Göran Persson
Former Swedish Prime Minister



Information

- Science-based information available and accessible for different target groups
- Web-based products
 - EuroForest Portal
- Printed means
 - EFI publication series
- EFI events



<http://forestportal.efi.int>



Networking

EFI provides:

- a platform,
- an effective infrastructure and
- networking services to its Associate Members and the forest research community as whole.





Benefits to associate members

- Regular and timely information on EFI activities and issues related to European forest research in general.
- Having the opportunity to influence the direction of EFI's programme. Associate Members have the right of vote at the annual conference.
- Having the opportunity to stand for Board membership and have a direct influence on the functioning of EFI.
- EFI is exercising its best efforts to build research and consultancy consortia out of member organisations.



Benefits to associate members

- EFI scholarships awarded annually to young researchers from EFI member organisations.
- Networking events e.g. EFI Annual Conference.
- EFI associated event status for events hosted by Associate/Affiliate Members.
- Receiving EFI's publications free of charge.
- Opportunity to provide news items to EuroForest Portal,
- Free advertisement space in EFI News and on EFI's webpages (news, open posts).





EFI platform for Life Long Learning and cooperation

- Scholarships for associate members
- Winter/summer schools
- Joint projects, project proposals
- Secondments
- Activities of THINK FOREST
- You name it!



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EFI winter-summer schools

- for young researchers on topics of high interest for Europe's forests and environment - but with limited research capacity
- fostering the collaborative research environment of EFI
 - capacity building, network creation, scientific analysis and communication, and professional skill development





EFI winter-summer schools

2nd WSS:

MAKING VALUES WORK – sustaining multiple values in managed forests

Dates: First week: September 2012; Second week: March 2013



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The future of EU Research: Horizon 2020

EU's next Financial Framework to support Research and Innovation

- Commission proposal in MFF: **EUR 80 Billion for 2014-2020** (+ contribution from Structural funds)
- 3 strategic objectives: i) tackling major societal challenges, ii) increasing competitiveness and iii) raising the levels of excellence in the research base.
- **4.5 bn earmarked for food security and bio-based economy**

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A bio-economy for Europe

DG Research is preparing a **European Strategy and Action Plan for innovating for sustainable growth: A bioeconomy for Europe**

Connected to the two flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy - the "**Innovation Union**" and the "**Resource-efficient Europe**".



More information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/bioeconomy>



new FTP Vision Statement for 2030: forest sector a global leader in bio-economy

- The forest-based sector is a global leader of the bio-economy
- In 20 years it has doubled the added value of its products and services
- Consumer needs, and the smart and sustainable use of forest resources, are the cornerstones of development
- Strategic partnerships and SMEs speed up the time from innovations to market
- The forest-based sector delivers eco-services and eco-efficient products from wood and wood-based products, paper and packaging, to green energy, biofuels, textile fibres and chemicals

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Thank you for your attention!

