



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES TO SERVE IN THE REGIONAL ADVISORY GROUP OF THE EFICEEC-EFISEE Regional Office

Nomination period: March 25th to May 25th, 2014

Dear Associate and Affiliate Members of EFI,

This autumn, there are 4 vacancies to be filled in the **Regional Advisory GROUP (RAG)** of EFICEEC-EFISEE. We are now inviting your proposals for candidates to serve in the RAG by the deadline of **25 of May 2014**.

The profile of an EFICEEC-EFISEE RAG member candidate in the 2014 Call

A RAG member candidate should be a high-level, widely acknowledged scientist with a solid international track record. We value especially creative and forward-looking thinkers, able to contribute to the increasingly interdisciplinary and cross-sectorial activities of EFI in forest research and policy support.

Proposals for female candidates are warmly encouraged. This time EFICEEC-EFISEE is looking especially for experts in forest and land use in Central-Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, forest policy and governance, and forest sustainability and innovation.

How to suggest a candidate to EFICEEC-EFISEE RAG

EFI Associate and Affiliate Members are entitled to make suggestions for RAG candidates, but the RAG candidate does not necessarily have to come from a member organization. If you have an idea for a good candidate to serve in the RAG, please do as follows:

- ask the candidate for his/her consent for the RAG candidature. In any further questions related to what the RAG membership entails, please do not hesitate to contact us (see contact information below). Some basic information is provided below.
- send the **CV of the candidate** in [Europass format](#), accompanied **by a short cover letter** addressing the desired profile described above to eficeec@efi.int before **25 May 2014**. We assume that for any nominations that we get, the candidate has given his/her consent to the candidature.

Nomination process

The selection and appointment of RAG members is made by the Director of EFI, based on the proposal by the Head of the Regional Office and consent of the Deputy Director. As a rule, the term of the RAG membership is five calendar years. This year 2014 however is a special year of transition, and the RAG members selected in 2014 will start their membership already during 2014, and the term ends on 31.12.2019. The RAG members are selected in their personal capacity, i.e. they are not representing their country or employer.

The tasks and modus operandi of the Regional Office Advisory Groups (RAGs)

The RAGs support the Regional Office Heads in identifying emerging scientific and policy-relevant issues to be addressed within the activities and competences of the Regional Office:

- Coordination of regional “concerted actions”
- Collective scientific assessments (and policy briefs) on policy relevant topics in the region
- Scientific seminars
- Capacity building activities
- Exploratory workshops to discuss research agendas
- Science-policy networking and dissemination events

The RAGs meet at least once a year, e.g. in conjunction with the Regional Office Annual meeting, to discuss with the Regional Office Head and senior staff the RO’s latest scientific activities and projects, and especially future studies or issues relevant at regional level. The Head of the RO, the Chair of the RAG and the EFI Deputy Director follow up the agreed activities. The RAG members are not paid any honorarium, but all expenses related to participation in Regional Office meetings are reimbursed according to the EFI travel code (including a per diem).

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