

VACANCY: Member of the Supervisory Board of the Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (supporting the Ecosystem Restoration Camps movement)

Currently we are looking for at least one new Supervisory Board Member with strong skills, experience (over 10 years) and knowledge in the fields of either fundraising and marketing or organisational development/finance. Above all, he or she should be just as passionate about ecosystem restoration as we are and share our vision of a fully-functional, peaceful, abundant, biologically diverse Earth brought about through cooperative efforts for the ecological restoration of degraded lands.

Ecosystem Restoration Foundation

Ecosystem Restoration Camps was launched as an idea in 2016 to support ecosystem restoration activities around the world. We focus on restoring severely ecologically degraded landscapes and introducing regenerative agricultural techniques.

The Ecosystem Restoration Foundation (“ERF”) was legally instituted as a charity in the Netherlands in February 2017 with the aim to support the emerging work of the Ecosystem Restoration Camps movement. The Foundation raises funds, manages collaborative processes, and maintains the communication channels of the Ecosystem Restoration Camps. You can read more in our 2019 strategy ([link to pdf here](#)).

The Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board has a supervisory role on policy and performance of the organisation and can give advice on all subjects. The Supervisory Board consists of a Chair and six members. They meet six times a year. In total, the position as Supervisory Board member will require a time investment of approximately 40 hours per year.

The Foundation is seeking to appoint at least one capable individual to join the current Supervisory Board, adding value to the organization in terms of expertise, network and profile. We are striving for a diverse group of people with a variety of backgrounds, geographies, and competencies to supervise the work of the ERF.

To complement the current composition of the Supervisory Board the new Supervisory Board Member(s) should have strong skills, experience (over 10 years) and knowledge in at least one of the areas below:

- **Fundraising and Marketing;** Public fundraising and increasing our organisational profile is a continuous goal for the Foundation. The Foundation seeks to engage a board member with expertise in this field who can supervise this part of the work in particular and add to its future development.
- **Organisational Development – Finance;** The Foundation is going through a process of change and in all its operations seeks to maintain a high level of financial management and control. We seek to engage a board member with specific expertise in organisational development and especially financial management who

can add to the work on financial management and interaction with the director and accountant.

Responsibilities of the board

- Provide mentorship and guidance to the directors on the development of strategies
- Support networking and fundraising at a strategic and practical level
- Contribute actively to the Supervisory Board Member role in giving strategic direction, setting overall policy, defining goals, setting targets and evaluating performance against agreed targets
- Ensure that the Foundation complies with its memorandum and articles of association, charity law, company law and other relevant legislation and regulations
- Safeguard the reputation and values of the Foundation
- Ensure the effective and efficient administration of the Foundation and its financial stability
- Appoint the chief executive and monitor her or his performance
- Use any specific knowledge, experience, expertise or perspective to help the board reach sound decisions
- Serve on sub-committees of the Board

The Statutes of the Foundation further delineate the roles and responsibilities. The statutes can be found here in [English \(translation\)](#) or in [Dutch \(original text\)](#). The Foundation has a tax-exempt status in the Netherlands (ANBI) and is currently setting up a tax-exempt (501C3) subsidiary in the United States of America.

Profile

In view of the mission and methods of the Foundation, the Supervisory Board should also be filled with members with the following competencies/attributes:

- Knowledge of strategic management
- Financial literacy
- Knowledge of public relations and fundraising focused
- A network to support ERF with relevant knowledge and/or means
- A business and practical approach that meets the professionalism and growing entrepreneurship of ERF and the development sector
- Decisive and the ability to work well in a team
- Diplomatic

About the selection procedure

Please send your applications (email that explains your interest and a CV) to Pieter van der Gaag, executive director Ecosystem Restoration Foundation via pieter@ecosystemrestorationcamps.org before 1 July 2019. Pieter will collect all applications and forward these to the current Supervisory Board who will determine who will become the new member. We expect conversations to take place with the Search Committee in July and August.