

RPP is looking for field inspectors



Foundation Responsibly Produced Peat is looking for content experts, to become an inspector or to assist with remote inspections.

About Foundation Responsibly Produces Peat:

The Foundation Responsibly Produced Peat (RPP) has a certification scheme developed with principles and criteria to manage (environmentally) responsible peat extraction during and after peat production. The RPP scheme contains criteria for all phases within the peat production chain; from the early stages of site selection to the application of the RPP certified peat in substrate (peat production, chain of custody). The geographic extent of peat extraction under RPP is Europe and possibly a number of areas in adjacent countries.

About the inspections:

To qualify for RPP certification, a peat production site must meet the requirements of the RPP certification scheme. A checklist to the RPP certification scheme has been drawn up to verify this. The completed checklist including required documents is assessed by an independent inspector who performs a desk assessment and an inspection on site. The inspector then gives a recommendation regarding certification.

Once a location is certified, a periodical inspection is performed every 5 years. The frequency of inspections can vary and are not performed during the winter.

RPP is looking for candidates that are interested to become involved with RPP inspections.

Candidates can choose from 3 different levels:

1. A **content expert** (helps the inspector with remote inspections, especially in the field).
2. An **inspector** (a content expert who can perform independent inspections).
3. A **lead auditor** (an inspector who reviews the inspection reports and recommendations of other inspectors).

Profile description candidates:

1. Qualities and skills
 - a. experience with and knowledge of peatlands and peatland ecology and preferably basic knowledge of EIAs (Environmental Impact Assessments).
 - b. communicative (can explain expectations clearly and make people feel at ease)
 - c. reliable and integer
 - d. analytic, structured and good reporting skills
 - e. fluently in English language, speaking and writing.
 - f. independency (not involved with peat harvesting companies including for a period of 2 years after ending the function of inspector for RPP).
 - g. experience with quality systems is a plus

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2. other requirements

- a. willing to follow a training-programme (For content experts only about the interpretation of the certification scheme. For auditors this includes more extensive training in performing audits, theory and practice);
- b. available for a minimum period of time (3-5 years for inspectors);
- c. ability to travel and work at least one week per month during spring and autumn (rough estimate), flexible working hours;
- d. physical capable to walk through a rough (soggy) environment for a day.

Number of candidates RPP is looking for:

RPP is looking for one candidate with the ambition to become lead auditor and ideally one content expert and/or auditor in each region (the Baltics, Nordic region, and Germany). The aim is to start with 3 candidates for inspector in 2021, one of which can be further trained as lead auditor.

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