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Helga is an accomplished scientist and expert with over 25 years of experience in European and international forest governance. She joined EFI in 2021 as assistant director for policy support leading the policy support facility and Trust Fund to foster science-policy dialogue and evidence-based decision-making and from 2026 she will be leading policy support to strengthening EFI's partnerships and collaborative platforms across Europe. In addition, she holds a part-time senior position at BOKU University, Austria. Helga holds a PhD and a master's degree in political science from the University of Vienna and has contributed to international organisations and EU policy processes throughout her career. In recognition of bridging research and policy, she was appointed International Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA) in 2025.