

# RAFAL P. CHUDY



## SUMMARY

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13 years of experience in forest management and investments, with high competence in finance, sustainability, and management. International career and professional background, with a PhD in ecology and natural resource management from NMBU, a master's in forestry from three different universities, and a number of top-level journal publications. Certified Investment Fund Director. Experience as a teacher in forest economics. Co-organizer of the [International Forest Business Conference](#). Executive Editor of the [Journal of Forest Business Research](#) and [Forests Monitor](#). Known for being a proactive leader with a strategic vision, a broad network, and a strong ability to coordinate various tasks and partners.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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2024 – Present

### EXECUTIVE EDITOR

*Forests Monitor*

Responsible for reviewing articles, contributing to editorial pieces, and managing day-to-day operations of the Forests Monitor.

2023 – Present

### PROJECT SCIENTIFIC MANAGER

*Division on Climate Change Impacts on Agriculture, Forests and Ecosystem Services (IAFES)*

*Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC)*

Involved in the EU-funded project ForestPaths, which is focused on co-designing, quantifying, and evaluating holistic forest-based policy pathways to optimize the contribution of forests and the forest-based sector to climate change mitigation.

2023 – Present

### RESEARCHER

*Norwegian Institute for Nature Research (NINA)*

Engaged in two EU-funded projects (SELINA and Planet4B) with a dedicated focus on sustainable finance, ESG and biodiversity tools helping investors manage risk. Responsible for conducting comprehensive evaluations of tools and methodologies for appraising natural risks in companies and financial institutions. Analysing diverse communication strategies for conveying natural risk information to investors, examining its impact on the investment decisions of diverse investor segments.

2022 – Present

### EXECUTIVE EDITOR

*Journal of Forest Business Research*

Responsible for reviewing articles, contributing to editorial pieces, and managing day-to-day operations of the Journal of Forest Business Research

## OTHER

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### Certifications

Certified Investment Fund Director, IOB.

2022.

Fundamentals of Alternative Investments, CAIA.

2022.

Sustainable finance, NFF.

2021.

### Language

Norwegian, fluent

English, fluent

Polish, mother tongue

Good knowledge of Spanish,

Italian and Russian

2016 – Present

**MANAGING DIRECTOR**

*FBA, International*

Independent consultant within natural climate solutions, with responsibility for purchasing and screening investment opportunities with a strong ESG component. Leads a team in economic and market research, as well as research projects resulting in top-level scientific journal publications. Offers consultancy services on project management, financial products and business development to institutional clients.

2018 – 2019

**PROJECT OFFICER**

*European Commission – Joint Research Centre, Italy*

My main task at the European Commission was to contribute to developing the forest-based sector modelling framework related to value chain analysis and reporting and carbon accounting for LULUCF activities in the European bioeconomy context.

**EDUCATION**

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2019

**Doctorate in ecology and natural resource management**

*Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Norway*

Specialization in forest economics. Topic: "Modelling forest sector effects of increased use of wood-based bioenergy in Europe and the US South."

2015

**Postgraduate diploma in financial control in capital market groups**

*Warsaw School of Economics (SGH), Poland*

2012

**Master's degree in forestry**

*Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland*

Dissertation: "Three market models vs. "gap" models - what is the best tool for looking at the future of forest resources?"

2012

**Master's degree in forest management**

*Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU), Sweden*

2011

**Master's degree in forestry and environmental resources**

*North Carolina State University, USA*

2011

**Trainee**

USDA Forest Service Southern Research Station, USA

2010

**Bachelor's degree in forestry**

*Warsaw University of Life Sciences, Poland*

**OTHER**

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**References**

Be provided upon request