

Certifications Initiative Second Iteration

The following list of certification schemes have self-declared compliance with the ECGT Directive by successfully submitting a Declaration Form to Travalyst. This list will continue to be updated as new schemes successfully submit their declarations.

In the interest of promoting transparency in the sector, and with consent from participating schemes, Travalyst is now making additional information regarding third-party auditors and accreditation bodies publicly available. Provision of this information is now mandatory for schemes wishing to participate in the initiative, with information from all schemes to be made available by the end of May 2026.

Additional information is referenced in footnotes, denoted by (#).

Last updated: 1 May 2026 (1)

Self-Declared Accommodation Schemes (May 2026)

Name of Certification Scheme	Categorisation based on sustainability criteria		Details of Third Party Auditor	Details of Accreditation Body
	Environmental characteristics	Social characteristics		
Austrian Ecolabel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National or regional type 1 eco labelling scheme, officially recognised in EU Member States. (2)	
Beyond Green	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
BIO HOTELS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Bioscore Sustainability Certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OCA Global / TÜV Rheinland / Bureau Veritas	N/A
Biosphere	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
BREEAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Certified Green Hotel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	List of auditors available here (3)	N/A
DEHOGA Umweltcheck	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

(1) Please reach out to certifications@travalyst.org regarding any updates to the list.

(2) As per [European Commission Questions & Answers document](#)

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Destination d'Excellence (anciennement Qualité Tourisme)	✓	✓	List available at this address	French Ministry for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Trade, Crafts, Tourism and Purchasing Power
EarthCheck	✓	✓		
Eco Mark	✓	✓	Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) - GENICES peer review	National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
Eco Tourism Bali	✓	✓	BEDO	N/A
Eco-Romania	✓	✓		
EcoCook	✓	✓		
Ecorating Certification Scheme	✓	✓		
ECOsmart	✓	✓		
Ecostars ESG AI	✓	✓	OCA GLOBAL	Several, including OCA GLOBAL
Ecotourism Australia	✓	✓		
EcoWorldHotel	✓	✓	https://www.dnv.it/	https://www.accre dia.it/ https://iaf.nu/en/home/
Environmentally friendly service	✓	✓	National or regional type 1 ecolabelling scheme, officially recognised in EU Member States. (4)	

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ESG Pulse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
ESG-ORIENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	QCS ITALIA	N/A
Fair Trade Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
FairScore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
FOOTPRINT CERTIFICATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sycom Projects Consultants Pvt. Ltd.	N/A
FuturePlus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Global Ecosphere Retreat Certification, administered by The Long Run	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Global Sustainability Assessment System (GSAS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Good Travel Seal	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good Travel Seal has 'Independent Auditors'. (5)	N/A
Green Business Certification by Fifty Shades Greener	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Green Choice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Control Union Certifications	N/A
Green Globe Certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Green Growth 2050 Global Standard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

(5) Here is an overview of Good Travel Seal's structure

GTS CAS and Standard owner: Green Destinations Services (Warmond, NL)

GTS Certification Body (CB): Good Travel Institute (GTI, Leiden, NL), a legally independent entity from the standard owner). GTI appoints a GTS Certification Committee taking all certification decisions. website: <https://gti.greendestinations.org/>

Auditors: GTI is hiring auditors from a pool of ca. 25 self-employed auditors, all trained, experienced and qualified.

This way GTS are ensuring that both the auditors and the CB's Certification Committee are independent from the Client and of the Standard Owner.

This provided a schoolbook example of independent certification, not requiring accreditation by the EU.

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Green Hospitality Award	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Independent Auditors contracted by Green Hospitality Awards to conduct 3rd Party Independent Audits	Green Hospitality Award is not accredited by another body
Green Hotel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Green Leaf Sustainability Standard, Green Leaf Foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Green Star Certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Green Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
GreenSign Hotel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
GreenStep Sustainable Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
GSTC Certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Control Union Bureau Veritas United Certification Systems Limited (UCSL) Vireo Srl RoyalCert TUV Rheinland SGS GCL International Alberk QA Technic Dream&Charme TUV AUSTRIA TURK TSE Global FOC Certification IRB International Certification Mauritius Standards Bureau (MSB)	GSTC and Accredia (Italian National Accreditation Body). (6)

(6) The Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) operates its accreditation system globally, based on the GSTC Accreditation Manual and associated procedural documents. In Europe, accreditation services are delivered through a strategic partnership with Accredia, Italy's National Accreditation Body (Member of European Cooperation for Accreditation). GSTC is working toward expanding its accreditation framework through collaboration with National Accreditation Bodies in Europe to respond to the EU regulation. In this context, accreditation services will be delivered by EA member accreditation bodies to operate in alignment with GSTC requirements. GSTC will remain as a Scheme Owner in the EA member states. Furthermore, the GSTC's accreditation system is developed in alignment with international standards. For example, GSTC accreditation requires full compliance with ISO/IEC 17065. GSTC is a Stakeholder Member of the Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated (formerly, IAF) as scheme owner and an Associate Member of the Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC) as accreditation body.

References:

- [GSTC Accreditation Overview](#)
- [Accredia \(GSTC Accreditation Partnership\)](#)
- [Global Accreditation Cooperation Incorporated \(formerly known as IAF\)](#)
- [Inter-American Accreditation Cooperation \(IAAC\)](#)

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Hoteles más Verdes	✓	✓		
ibex fairstay	✓	✓	Independent sustainability auditors with professional expertise in the hospitality and gastronomy sector	N/A – The certification committee (ZeKo) does not have a dedicated public website.
IGBC Green Existing Buildings O&M	✓	✓		
IGBC Green Hotels	✓	✓		
IGBC Green New Buildings	✓	✓		
IGBC Green Resorts	✓	✓		
IGBC Net Zero Carbon	✓	✓		
IGBC Net Zero Energy	✓	✓		
IGBC Net Zero Waste to Landfill	✓	✓		
IGBC Net Zero Water	✓	✓		
Intertek Cristal	✓	✓	RoyalCert	GSTC
LEED - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	✓	✓		
Les Pages vertes	✓	✓		

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NABERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	NABERS Accredited Assessors	Government of New South Wales through the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (National Administrator)
Planet Mark Net Zero Certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Preferred by Nature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
PUG CERTIFICATION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sycom Projects Consultants Pvt. Ltd.	N/A
Quality Tourism Framework	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carbonhalo	N/A
Queervadis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Sernatur Sello S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Standard D&C:2023 (DCA ESG)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Sustainable Berlin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Sustonica	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The Code of Practice for Sustainable Tourism	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Atlantic Technological University, Sligo, Ireland	N/A
The Nordic Swan Ecolabel	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National or regional type 1 ecolabelling scheme, officially recognised in EU Member States. (7)	
TourCert Certified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

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Travelfor Accommodation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Tudestino Sostenible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Türkiye Environmental and Cultural Sustainability Program	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Viabono Plus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	KOMPASS: GRUN CONSULTING GMBH	N/A
Zero Waste Business Certification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Eligibility

The Travalyst Certifications Initiative is open to schemes that meet the following requirements:

- Certification schemes promoting environmental and / or social characteristics for accommodations and stays anywhere in the world.
- Wherein a certification scheme means a third-party verification scheme that certifies that a product, process or business complies with certain requirements, that allows for the use of a corresponding sustainability label.*

Compliance Criteria

Eligible certification schemes have declared that they meet the following criteria, which are mandated by the ECGT:

1. The certification scheme is open under transparent, fair, and non-discriminatory terms to all accommodation providers willing and able to comply with the scheme's requirements;
2. The certification scheme's requirements are developed by the scheme owner in consultation with relevant experts and stakeholders;
3. The certification scheme sets out procedures for dealing with non-compliance with the scheme's requirements and provides for the withdrawal or suspension of the use of the sustainability label by the accommodation provider in case of non-compliance with the scheme's requirements; and
4. The monitoring of the accommodation provider's compliance with the scheme's requirements is subject to an objective procedure and is carried out by a third party whose competence and independence from both the scheme owner and the accommodation provider are based on international, European Union or national standards and procedures.

Disclaimer

This is not legal advice, Travalyst is not and will not be the entity deciding if an organisation is compliant with the incoming EU directive. Travalyst does not assess or review certification schemes. It provides the mechanism that enables schemes to declare compliance.

Legal responsibility for compliance with the incoming EU Directive remains with certification schemes and the accommodation providers who use their labels. Travalyst advises organisations to seek legal advice in case they are unclear on how the new rules apply to their organisation.

For any questions or comments, please contact us at certifications@travalyst.org.

* Note that this definition of a certification scheme is per the EU Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition (ECGT) Directive.