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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.

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

Last updated: 23 October 2026 (1)

Self-Declared Accommodation Schemes

Name of Certification Scheme	Categorisation based on sustainability criteria		Details of Third Party Auditor	Details of Accreditation Body
	Environmental characteristics	Social characteristics		
Austrian Ecolabel	✓	✓	Austrian Consumers Association (VKI) on behalf of the Austrian Ecolabel and product- and sector specific inspection bodies commissioned by Austrian Ecolabel (2)	(3)
B Lab	✓	✓	SCS and To-Cert (4)	N/A
Beyond Green	✓	✓	(5)	N/A
BIO HOTELS	✓	✓	ABCERT, Austria Bio Garnatie, GFRS, Lacon, SLK	N/A
Bioscore Sustainability Certification	✓	✓	OCA Global / TÜV Rheinland / Bureau Veritas	N/A
Biosphere	✓	✓	BRT works with external third-party auditors	N/A
BREEAM	✓	✓	Third party assessors	UKAS

(1) Please reach out to certifications@travalyst.org regarding any updates to the list.
(2) National or regional type 1 ecolabelling scheme, officially recognised in EU Member States, as per European Commission Questions & Answers document
(3) As a national standard the Austrian Ecolabel is under strict control through parliamentary oversight, financial oversight through audit offices and the Federal Court of Audit, legal oversight with regard to administrative acts and the constitutionality of its actions and possible abuses based on citizen complaints. An accreditation through private parties is not provided. The Austrian ministry responsible for accreditation and national implementation of the ECGT directive notified the EC, that the Austrian Ecolabel is an ISO 14024 type I ecolabelling scheme officially recognised in Austria and excellent environmental performance can be demonstrated with this Ecolabel.
(4) Only B Corp certified under B Lab's new Standards are compliant with EmpCo. While the certification itself is not accredited, B Lab rely on proxy-accreditation through their third-party auditors who are themselves ISO 17021 accredited. B Lab is subject to strict brand guidelines for communication: https://brand.bcorp.com/messaging-library#how-to-use-this-library
(5) Audit, legal oversight with regard to administrative acts and the constitutionality of its actions and possible abuses based on citizen complaints. An accreditation through private parties is not provided. The Austrian ministry responsible for accreditation and national implementation of the ECGT directive notified the EC, that the Austrian Ecolabel is an ISO 14024 type I ecolabelling scheme officially recognised in Austria and excellent environmental performance can be demonstrated with this Ecolabel. Our on-site inspection process is the foundation of Beyond Green's credibility as a global sustainable tourism leadership brand.
All new Beyond Green members undergo a pre-joining on-site inspection to ensure that they meet our standards, and existing members undergo an on-site re-inspection every 24 months. These inspections allow us to verify that members meet our brand standards and consistently demonstrate impact in action across:

- Environmentally Friendly Practices
- Support for the Protection of Natural and Cultural Heritage
- Social and Economic Wellbeing of Local People
- Sustainable Tourism Management

On-site inspections also allow our auditors to assess the quality of a property's physical facilities, services, and overall guest experience; including opportunities to meaningfully connect with local Nature, Culture and Community.
During the on-site inspections our auditors assess extensive sustainability indicators that are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), along with other leadership standards and industry best practices.
Beyond Green's hand-selected team of independent auditors bring decades of combined expertise in sustainable tourism. Each auditor is personally committed to the advancement of responsible travel practices and brings a unique global perspective to the inspection process.
https://staybeyondgreen.com/about/inspections

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Certified Green Hotel	☑	☑	List of auditors available here (6)	N/A
ClimatePartner Certified	☑	☐	DEKRA Assurance Services GmbH	N/A
DEHOGA Umweltcheck	☑	☐	Viabono GmbH	N/A
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	☑	☑	Control Union	Undergoing Accredia
Eco Awards Namibia	☑	☑	Independent Eco Awards Auditors (7)	N/A
Eco Climate Badge by Eco Tourism Bali	☑	☑	BEDO	N/A
Eco Mark	☑	☑	Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN) - GENICES peer review	National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS)	☑	☐	(8)	(9)
Eco-Romania	☑	☑	Eco-Romania engages several third-party evaluators. Each external auditor operates independently under their own legal entity.	N/A
EcoCook	☑	☑	ProCert	State of Vaud: the EcoCook certification has been assessed and recognised by the State of Vaud Swiss Tourism Federation and the Lucerne University of Applied Sciences: EcoCook has been recognised by the HSLU for the Swisstainable Program

(6) Kerstin Pickny, Senior Mice Expert, Ernst & Young GmbH. Gerrit Jessen CED CMM CMP, Geschäftsführer, Gerrit Jessen Communication & Management GmbH. Florian Käufer, Projektmanagement für touristische Nachhaltigkeit und Zusammenarbeit
(7) Individual auditors, selected by the Eco Awards Management Committee in terms of their qualifications and expertise. They have been trained according to ISO 19011 principles. They are volunteers, and as such independent from both the scheme owner and the accommodation provider, as indicated by international, European Union or national standards and procedures.
(8) Scheme established by the European Union.
(9) Scheme established by the European Union.

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Ecorating Certification Scheme	✓	✓	Ecotourism Kenya (Independent Technical Committee)	N/A
ECOsmart	✓	✓	From Now	N/A
Ecostars ESG AI	✓	✓	OCA GLOBAL	Several, including OCA GLOBAL
Ecotourism Australia	✓	✓	Ecotourism Australia contracts independent qualified auditors to conduct third-party audits (5 Auditors)	Application in process
EcoWorldHotel	✓	✓	dnv.it	accredia.it iaf.nu
Environmentally friendly service	✓	✓	(10) Ministry of Industry and Trade (11)	N/A
ESG Pulse	✓	✓	Network of licensed auditors, who operates independently and regionally across Brazil.	N/A
ESG-ORIENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	✓	✓	QCS ITALIA	N/A
EU Ecolabel	✓	✓	(12)	(13)
Fair Trade Tourism	✓	✓	FTT outsources certification audit activities to independent service providers with demonstrated competence, relevant experience and declared independence to conduct audits against the FTT Standard. (14)	N/A

(10) National or regional type 1 ecolabelling scheme, officially recognised in EU Member States, as per European Commission Questions & Answers document
(11) Note: The Czech Quality Program is guaranteed by the government and was established on the basis of the Resolution of the Government of the Czech Republic No. 685 of June 26, 2002.
(12) Scheme established by the European Union.
(13) Scheme established by the European Union.
(14) FTT maintains alignment with ISO/IEC 17065:2012 in the design and implementation of its certification protocols, while auditor training is aligned with the requirements of ISO 19011:2018.

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FairScore	☑	☑	SGS	N/A
Footprint Certification	☑	☑	Sycom Projects Consultants Pvt. Ltd.	N/A
FuturePlus	☑	☑	From Now	FutureImpact
Global Ecosphere Retreat Certification, administered by The Long Run	☑	☑	Preferred by Nature	N/A
Good Travel Seal	☑	☑	Good Travel Seal has 'Independent Auditors'. (15)	N/A
Green Business Certification by Fifty Shades Greener	☑	☑	Audits are externally audited and verified by Agents4Change	N/A
Green Choice	☑	☑	Control Union Certifications	N/A
Green Globe Certification	☑	☑	Green Globe Certification partners with over 120 auditors globally, whose role is to provide Green Globe clients with third-party independent audits (on-site).	Application pending
Green Growth 2050 Global Standard	☑	☑	Auditing will be provided by Green Growth 2050 Certification. (16)	Green Growth 2050 Certification is currently undertaking Accreditation by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC).
Green Hospitality Award	☑	☐	Independent Auditors contracted by Green Hospitality Awards to conduct Third Party Independent Audits	Green Hospitality Award is not accredited by another body

(15) 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: 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.
(16) Green Growth 2050 Certification is a ISO17065 compliant certification body currently undergoing GSTC Accreditation. All auditors used have completed GSTC auditor training and internal Green Growth 2050 training in the Green Growth 2050 Global Standard certification scheme. Green Growth 2050 Certification is also fully independent from the Certification scheme, the Green Growth 2050 Global Standard.

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Green Hotel	✓	✓	China Hospitality Association	National Green Hotel Committee
Green Hotel Plus	✓	✓	List of auditors available here	N/A
Green Key (FEE)	✓	✓	Certification audits are conducted by competent and independent third-party auditors	Undergoing DANAK accreditation
Green Key Global	✓	✓	Control Union Global	N/A
Green Leaf Sustainability Standard, Green Leaf Foundation	✓	✓	Name of third-party auditors: Updated 30 April, 2026 (17) 1. Mr. Pannawat Maikate, 2. Dr.Antika Sriraksa, 3. Mr.Akkara Sriraksa 4. Dr.Thitima Lumliengphon, 5. Dr.Ittisak Jirapomvaree, 6. Dr.Yaowanart Rungcharoennan, 7. Dr.Sujitra Jirawanijkun	N/A
Green Star Certification	✓	✓	Independent certified auditors to conduct the third party audits, who handle audits across Egypt.	N/A
Green Star SA Existing Building Performance	✓	✓	GBCSA coordinates independent assessors/reviewers	N/A
Green Star SA Interiors	✓	✓	GBCSA coordinates independent assessors/reviewers	N/A
Green Star SA New Build and Major Refurbishments	✓	✓	GBCSA coordinates independent assessors/reviewers	N/A

(17) Qualifications for Third-Party:

1. Must complete the Third-Party training course according to the Green Leaf Sustainability standards.
2. Must audit at least three hotels per year.
3. Third-party must possess the necessary qualifications and ethical conduct. The Green Leaf Foundation will conduct random surveys or inquiries of the audited hotels to evaluate third parties or provide feedback on transparency and all codes of conduct under the Green Leaf Sustainability Standards.
4. The third-party auditors' certification is valid for two years. Annually, auditors must participate in capacity-building on auditing practices; adding new skills in sustainability, current and new trends in tourism, and current and possible environmental impacts from tourism activities, current development of hospitality business on sustainability practices and operations, partnership potential in achieving sustainability in tourism and hospitality business, community demand, role and responsibility in co-creating collaboration programme, and various tourist destinations. to enhance their auditing skills, as required by the Green Leaf Foundation. The regular online and on-site meetings with the auditing team are organised to encourage the sharing of experience in sustainability practices and audit activities.
5. Lessons learned from auditing activities will be exchanged among auditors and the Green Leaf Foundation.

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Green Star SA New Build and Major Refurbishments V2	✓	✓	GBCSA coordinates independent assessors/reviewers	N/A
Green Tourism	✓	✓	Independent qualified auditors conduct third-party audits	N/A
GreenSign Hotel	✓	✓	VERIS Certifications GmbH TÜV Rheinland Cert GmbH Control Union Certifications Germany GmbH	Pursuing accreditation under review
GreenStep Sustainable Tourism	✓	✓	RoyalCert International Registrars (18)	Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) (19)
GSAS Design & Build	✓	✓	List available here.	N/A
GSAS Operations	✓	✓	List available here.	N/A
GSTC Certification	✓	✓	Control Union Bureau Veritas United Certification Systems Limited (UCSL) Vireo Srl RoyalCert TÜV Rheinland SGS GCL International Alberk QA Technic Dream&Charme TÜV AUSTRIA TURK TSE Global FQC Certification TRB International Certification Mauritius Standards Bureau (MSB) Preferred by Nature	GSTC and Accredia (Italian National Accreditation Body). (20)

(18) Third-party certification audits are conducted by RoyalCert International Registrars (https://royalcert.com), an internationally recognised Certification Body operating under ISO 17065, under a signed CS-CB Framework Agreement with GreenStep. RoyalCert independently manages certification decisions in accordance with GSTC and ISO 17065 requirements. For GreenStep's non-certification Sustainable Tourism Pathway programme, RoyalCert's independent third-party reviewer role is also formalised.
(19) RoyalCert International Registrars delivers certification under GreenStep's GSTC-Recognised Standard as the Accredited Certification Body under a signed CS-CB Framework Agreement.
(20) 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	✓	✓	7 independent qualified auditors from ITH (Instituto Tecnológico Hotelero)	N/A
ibex fairstay	✓	✓	Independent sustainability auditors with professional expertise in the hospitality and gastronomy sector (21)	ZeKo – Certification Committee (no public website)
ICTES - "S" Sostenibilidad Turística	✓	✓	ADOK; AENOR; APPLUS; BUREAU VERITAS; OCA CERT; SGS; TUV	ENAC
IGBC Green Existing Buildings O&M	✓	✓	(22)	N/A
IGBC Green Hotels	✓	✓	(23)	N/A
IGBC Green New Buildings	✓	✓	(24)	N/A
IGBC Green Resorts	✓	✓	(25)	N/A
IGBC Net Zero Carbon	✓	✓	(26)	N/A
IGBC Net Zero Energy	✓	✓	(27)	N/A
IGBC Net Zero Waste to Landfill	✓	✓	(28)	N/A
IGBC Net Zero Water	✓	✓	(29)	N/A

(21) ibex fairstay uses a multi-level verification system to ensure independence and credibility. Accommodation providers submit a self-declaration which is verified by an independent external auditor with sector expertise. The auditor conducts both a desk review and an on-site audit. The audit report and certification recommendation are then reviewed by an independent certification committee composed of experts from academia, tourism and industry. Certification decisions are taken according to a six-eyes principle involving the accommodation provider, the external auditor and the independent certification committee.
(22) (23) (24) (25) AEON Integrated Building Design Consultants LLP, Design2Occupancy Services LLP, Ecofirst Services Limited (A TATA Enterprise), GreenTree Global, Godrej, Kaizen Design Solutions Private Limited, Kamal Cogent Energy Pvt. Ltd, LEAD Consultancy and Engineering Services (India) Private Limited, Surmount Energy Solutions Pvt. Ltd., VK:e environmental
(26) IGBC has empanelled third-party auditors with subject matter expertise in Net Zero Carbon concepts and assessment process. To ensure an unbiased and transparent review process, the auditor details are kept confidential and are not disclosed to the project teams. Each project is assigned to one of the auditors who is fully responsible for the assessment and review of the project submission.
(27) IGBC has empanelled third-party auditors with subject matter expertise in Net Zero Energy concepts and assessment process. To ensure an unbiased and transparent review process, the auditor details are kept confidential and are not disclosed to the project teams. Each project is assigned to one of the auditors who is fully responsible for the assessment and review of the project submission. For further details regarding the review and assessment process, kindly refer to this document.
(28) IGBC has empanelled third-party auditors with subject matter expertise in Net Zero Waste to Landfill concepts and assessment process. To ensure an unbiased and transparent review process, the auditor details are kept confidential and are not disclosed to the project teams. Each project is assigned to one of the auditors who is fully responsible for the assessment and review of the project submission. For further details regarding the review and assessment process, kindly refer to this document.
(29) IGBC has empanelled third-party auditors with subject matter expertise in Net Zero Water concepts and assessment process. To ensure an unbiased and transparent review process, the auditor details are kept confidential and are not disclosed to the project teams. Each project is assigned to one of the auditors who is fully responsible for the assessment and review of the project submission. For further details regarding the review and assessment process, kindly refer to this document.

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Intertek Cristal	☑	☑	RoyalCert	GSTC
Kauas	☑	☑	Uniikki Ventures	N/A
LEED - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design	☑	☑	Green Business Certification Inc. (GBCI)	N/A
Les Pages vertes	☑	☑	Fondation Les Pages Vertes	N/A
multietichetta eLabel!	☑	☐	ICMQ spa	N/A
NABERS	☑	☐	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	☑	☐	Circular Ecology (30)	N/A
Preferred by Nature	☑	☑	NEPCon LLC (Preferred by Nature Certification Body) (31)	Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) (32)
PUG CERTIFICATION	☑	☑	Sycom Projects Consultants Pvt. Ltd.	N/A
Quality Tourism Framework	☑	☑	State and Territory Tourism Industry Councils (TICs) act as independent third-party auditors for the Quality Tourism Framework.	N/A
Queervadis	☐	☑	RINA; AITGL; ELTA	N/A

(30) Planet Mark Net Zero Certification's auditor Circular Ecology conducts randomised annual spot checks of their certifications. Circular Ecology are environmental sustainability consultants who deliver their work with robust audit trails and implement quality assurance processes to keep overall quality elevated.
(31) Certification and auditing activities for the GSTC-recognised Preferred by Nature Standard for Sustainable Travel Activities are conducted by NEPCon LLC, a legally distinct certification body within the Preferred by Nature group. Auditing and certification decision-making functions operate under formal independence and impartiality safeguards aligned with ISO/IEC 17065 principles.
(32) NEPCon LLC (Preferred by Nature Certification Body), which conducts certification activities for the GSTC-recognised Preferred by Nature Standard for Sustainable Travel Activities, is a GSTC-accredited Certification Body for Hotel/Accommodation and Tour Operator certification worldwide, with accreditation effective from 1 May 2026. The GSTC accreditation framework includes evaluation of competence, impartiality, and independence requirements.

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Responsible Ethical Sustainable Tourism	✓	✓	(33)	N/A
Sakura Quality An ESG Practice	✓	✓	At present, third-party certification is underway, and the organizational structure has been substantially established.	Application in process
Sernatur Sello S	✓	✓	Certhia, Icontec, SCI Certificaciones, ICOMCER	INN Chile- Instituto Nacional de Normalizacion
SMART PLANET	✓	✓	FIIT-Fundación Interamericana de Investigación Tropical (34)	In progress with SAE
Standard D&C:2023 (DCA ESG)	✓	✓	dca-cert.com	Accredia
Stiftelsen Miljøfyrtårn	✓	✓	Certnor AS	Certnor AS under accreditation of Norsk Akkreditering
SusMS (Sustainability Management System)	✓	✓	SOCOTEC Certification France	N/A
Sustainable Berlin	✓	✓	DEKRA Assurance Services GmbH	N/A
Sustainable Seychelles Recognition & Certification Programme	✓	✓	Sustainable Seychelles Certification secretariat supported by trained independent third-party assessors (35)	N/A
Sustainable Travel Finland	✓	✓	Taigawise Oy (36)	N/A

(33) All Certification decisions under the Certification Mark are made solely on the basis of compliance with the published characteristics and are subject to documented quality assurance procedures. A pool of trained assessors from QIA Services are used to undertake the screening of submissions with a robust governance framework in place to ensure consistency, transparency, and credibility across all certifications. ISO/IEC 17065 certification is pending.
(34) FIIT will be responsible for monitoring and auditing the processes at SMART PLANET to safeguard impartiality and ensure they are following due process.
(35) The Sustainable Seychelles Certification is a voluntary, third-party assessed, points-based certification scheme. Independent assessors, trained and accredited in line with international standards, conduct on-site audits of participating tourism enterprises. Assessment results are reviewed and validated by the Sustainable Seychelles Certification Secretariat and an independent multi-stakeholder Awards Panel to ensure transparency, objectivity, and credibility of the certification process.
(36) https://www.visitfinland.fi/globalassets/visitfinland.fi/vf-julkaisut/2026/stf-sertifiointijarjestelma_kuvaus.pdf

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Svensk Miljöbas (SUSA)	☑	☐	Audits conducted by independent third-party auditors	N/A
The Code of Practice for Sustainable Tourism	☑	☑	The Atlantic Technological University, Sligo, Ireland	N/A
The Nordic Swan Ecolabel	☑	☐	National or regional type 1 ecolabelling scheme, officially recognised in EU Member States. (37)	
TourCert Certified	☑	☑	Odonata Certification Services GmbH	N/A
Travelife for Accommodation	☑	☑	Independently contracted third-party auditors	Currently pursuing UKAS Accreditation
Tudestino Sostenible	☑	☑	Sostenibilidad a Medida S.L.	N/A
Türkiye Environmental and Cultural Sustainability Program	☑	☑	tga.gov.tr	Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)
Tuu Verified	☑	☑	HLB THAILAND	N/A
Umweltcheck - Viabono GmbH	☑	☐	kompass:grün Consulting GmbH	N/A
Viabono - Viabono GmbH	☑	☐	kompass:grün Consulting GmbH	N/A
Viabono Plus	☑	☑	KOMPASS: GRUN CONSULTING GMBH	N/A
Zero Waste Business Certification	☑	☐	Analisis social y medio ambiente Ekologi Brez Meja (EBM) Zero Waste Montenegro ZERO Voice Ireland Circular Consultancy	EU Intellectual Property Office

(37) As per European Commission Questions & Answers document

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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.