

## 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 (#).

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### 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		
<a href="#">Austrian Ecolabel</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">Austrian Consumers Association (VKI)</a> , on behalf of the <a href="#">Austrian Ecolabel</a> and product- and sector specific inspection bodies commissioned by Austrian Ecolabel (2)	(3)
<a href="#">Beyond Green</a>	✓	✓	(4)	N/A
<a href="#">BIO HOTELS</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">ABCERT, Austria Bio Garnatie, GFRS, Lacon, SLK</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Bioscore Sustainability Certification</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">OCA Global / TÜV Rheinland / Bureau Veritas</a>	N/A

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

(2) 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) 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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<a href="#">Biosphere</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">BRT</a> works with external third-party auditors	N/A
<a href="#">BREEAM</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">Third party assessors</a>	<a href="#">UKAS</a>
<a href="#">Certified Green Hotel</a>	✓	✓	List of auditors available <a href="#">here</a> (5)	N/A
<a href="#">DEHOGA Umweltcheck</a>	✓	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Viabono GmbH</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Destination d'Excellence (anciennement Qualité Tourisme)</a>	✓	✓	List available at <a href="#">this address</a>	<a href="#">French Ministry for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, Trade, Crafts, Tourism and Purchasing Power</a>
<a href="#">EarthCheck</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">Control Union</a>	Undergoing <a href="#">GSTC</a> and <a href="#">RVA</a>
<a href="#">Eco Climate Badge by Eco Tourism Bali</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">BEDO</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Eco Mark</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">Global Ecolabelling Network (GEN)</a> - GENICES peer review	<a href="#">National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)</a>
<a href="#">Eco-Romania</a>	✓	✓	Eco-Romania engages several third-party evaluators. Each external auditor operates independently under their own legal entity.	N/A
<a href="#">EcoCook</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">ProCert</a>	<a href="#">State of Vaud</a> : the EcoCook certification has been assessed and recognised by the State of Vaud <a href="#">Swiss Tourism Federation</a> and the <a href="#">Lucerne University of Applied Sciences</a> : EcoCook has been recognised by the HSLU for the Swisustainable Program

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<a href="#">Ecorating Certification Scheme</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Ecotourism Kenya (Independent Technical Committee)</a>	N/A
<a href="#">ECOsmart</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">From Now</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Ecostars ESG AI</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">OCA GLOBAL</a>	Several, including <a href="#">OCA GLOBAL</a>
<a href="#">Ecotourism Australia</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ecotourism Australia contracts independent qualified auditors to conduct third-party audits (5 Auditors)	Application in process
<a href="#">EcoWorldHotel</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">dnv.it</a>	<a href="#">accredia.it</a> <a href="#">iaf.nu</a>
<a href="#">Environmentally friendly service</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(6) <a href="#">Ministry of Industry and Trade</a> (7)	N/A
<a href="#">ESG Pulse</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Network of licensed auditors, who operates independently and regionally across Brazil.	N/A
<a href="#">ESG-ORIENTED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">QCS ITALIA</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Fair Trade Tourism</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FTT outsources certification audit activities to independent service providers with demonstrated competence, relevant experience and declared independence to conduct audits against the FTT Standard. (8)	N/A
<a href="#">FairScore</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">SGS</a>	N/A

(6) National or regional type 1 ecolabelling scheme, officially recognised in EU Member States, as per [European Commission Questions & Answers document](#)

(7) 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.

(8) 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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<a href="#">FOOTPRINT CERTIFICATION</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Sycom Projects Consultants Pvt. Ltd.</a>	N/A
<a href="#">FuturePlus</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<a href="#">Global Ecosphere Retreat Certification, administered by The Long Run</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Preferred by Nature</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Good Travel Seal</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good Travel Seal has 'Independent Auditors'. (9)	N/A
<a href="#">Green Business Certification by Fifty Shades Greener</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Audits are externally audited and verified by <a href="#">Agents4Change</a>	Currently undergoing accreditation with <a href="#">INAB</a>
<a href="#">Green Choice</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Control Union Certifications</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Green Globe Certification</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Green Globe Certification partners with over <a href="#">120 auditors globally</a> , whose role is to provide Green Globe clients with third-party independent audits (on-site).	Application pending
<a href="#">Green Growth 2050 Global Standard</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Auditing will be provided by Green Growth 2050 Certification. (10)	Green Growth 2050 Certification is currently undertaking Accreditation by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC). They expect this process to be completed by July 2026.
<a href="#">Green Hospitality Award</a>	<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

(9) 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](http://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.

(10) 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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<a href="#">Green Hotel</a>	✓	✓		
<a href="#">Green Leaf Sustainability Standard, Green Leaf Foundation</a>	✓	✓	Name of <a href="#">third-party auditors</a> : Updated 30 April, 2026 (11) 1. Mr. Pannawat Malkate 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
<a href="#">Green Star Certification</a>	✓	✓	Independent certified auditors to conduct the 3rd party audits, who handle audits across Egypt.	N/A
<a href="#">Green Tourism</a>	✓	✓	Independent qualified auditors conduct third-party audits	Accreditation by UKAS is in progress
<a href="#">GreenSign Hotel</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">Control Union Certifications Germany GmbH</a> <a href="#">TÜV Rheinland Cert GmbH</a>	N/A
<a href="#">GreenStep Sustainable Tourism</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">RoyalCert International Registrars</a> (12)	<a href="#">Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)</a> (13)

(11) 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.

(12) 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.

(13) RoyalCert International Registrars delivers certification under GreenStep's GSTC-Recognised Standard as the Accredited Certification Body under a signed CS-CB Framework Agreement.

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<a href="#">GSAS Design &amp; Build</a>	✓	✓	List available <a href="#">here</a> .	N/A
<a href="#">GSAS Operations</a>	✓	✓	List available <a href="#">here</a> .	N/A
<a href="#">GSTC Certification</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">Control Union</a> <a href="#">Bureau Veritas</a> <a href="#">United Certification Systems Limited (UCSL)</a> <a href="#">Vireo Srl</a> <a href="#">RoyalCert</a> <a href="#">TUV Rheinland</a> <a href="#">SGS</a> <a href="#">GCL International</a> <a href="#">Alberk QA Technic</a> <a href="#">Dream&amp;Charme</a> <a href="#">TUV AUSTRIA TURK</a> <a href="#">TSE Global</a> <a href="#">FQC Certification</a> <a href="#">TRB International Certification</a> <a href="#">Mauritius Standards Bureau (MSB)</a>	GSTC and Accredia (Italian National Accreditation Body). (14)
<a href="#">Hoteles más Verdes</a>	✓	✓		
<a href="#">ibex fairstay</a>	✓	✓	Independent sustainability auditors with professional expertise in the hospitality and gastronomy sector (15)	ZeKo – Certification Committee (no public website)

(14) 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 \(IAAC\)](#)

(15) 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.

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<a href="#">ICTES - "S" Sostenibilidad Turística</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">ADOK; AENOR; APPLUS; BUREAU VERITAS; OCA CERT; SGS; TUV</a>	<a href="#">ENAC</a>
<a href="#">IGBC Green Existing Buildings O&amp;M</a>	✓	✓	(16)	N/A
<a href="#">IGBC Green Hotels</a>	✓	✓	(17)	N/A
<a href="#">IGBC Green New Buildings</a>	✓	✓	(18)	N/A
<a href="#">IGBC Green Resorts</a>	✓	✓	(19)	N/A
<a href="#">IGBC Net Zero Carbon</a>	✓	✓	(20)	N/A
<a href="#">IGBC Net Zero Energy</a>	✓	✓	(21)	N/A
<a href="#">IGBC Net Zero Waste to Landfill</a>	✓	✓	(22)	N/A
<a href="#">IGBC Net Zero Water</a>	✓	✓	(23)	N/A
<a href="#">Intertek Cristal</a>	✓	✓	<a href="#">RoyalCert</a>	<a href="#">GSTC</a>
<a href="#">LEED - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design</a>	✓	✓		

(16) (17) (18) (19) [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](#)

(20) 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.

(21) 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](#).

(22) 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](#).

(23) 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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<a href="#">Les Pages vertes</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Fondation Les Pages Vertes</a>	N/A
<a href="#">NABERS</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">NABERS Accredited Assessors</a>	<a href="#">Government of New South Wales through the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (National Administrator)</a>
<a href="#">Planet Mark Net Zero Certification</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Circular Ecology</a> , (24)	N/A
<a href="#">Preferred by Nature</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">NEPCon LLC</a> (Preferred by Nature Certification Body) (25)	<a href="#">Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)</a> , (26)
<a href="#">PUG CERTIFICATION</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Sycom Projects Consultants Pvt. Ltd.</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Quality Tourism Framework</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">State and Territory Tourism Industry Councils (TICs) act as independent third-party auditors for the Quality Tourism Framework.</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Queervadis</a>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">RINA; AITGL; ELTA</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Responsible Ethical Sustainable Tourism</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	(27)	N/A
<a href="#">Sakura Quality An ESG Practice</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	At present, third-party certification is underway, and the organizational structure has been substantially established.	Application in process

(24) 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.

(25) 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.

(26) NEPCon LLC (Preferred by Nature Certification Body), which conducts certification activities for the GSTC-recognised Preferred by Nature Standard for Sustainable Travel Activities, has been approved as a GSTC-accredited certification body following the accreditation decision communicated by GSTC on 4 May 2026. Final public listing and administrative formalisation are currently being coordinated with GSTC. The GSTC accreditation framework includes evaluation of competence, impartiality, and independence requirements.

(27) 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.

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<a href="#">Sernatur Sello S</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Certhia, Icontec, SCI Certificaciones, ICOMCER</a>	<a href="#">INN Chile- Instituto Nacional de Normalizacion</a>
<a href="#">Standard D&amp;C:2023 (DCA ESG)</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">dca-cert.com</a>	<a href="#">Accredia</a>
<a href="#">Sustainable Berlin</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">DEKRA Assurance Services GmbH</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Sustainable Seychelles Recognition &amp; Certification Programme</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Sustainable Seychelles Certification secretariat supported by trained independent third-party assessors (28)</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Sustonica</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Certitur S.L.</a>	N/A
<a href="#">SusMS (Sustainability Management System)</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">SOCOTEC Certification France</a>	N/A
<a href="#">The Code of Practice for Sustainable Tourism</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">The Atlantic Technological University, Sligo, Ireland</a>	N/A
<a href="#">The Nordic Swan Ecolabel</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	National or regional type 1 ecolabelling scheme, officially recognised in EU Member States. (29)	
<a href="#">TourCert Certified</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Odonata Certification Services GmbH</a>	
<a href="#">Travelife for Accommodation</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Independently contracted third-party auditors	Currently pursuing UKAS Accreditation

(28) 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.

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

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<a href="#">Tudestino Sostenible</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Sostenibilidad a Medida S.L.</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Türkiye Environmental and Cultural Sustainability Program</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">tga.gov.tr</a>	<a href="#">Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC)</a>
<a href="#">Viabono Plus</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">KOMPASS: GRUN CONSULTING GMBH</a>	N/A
<a href="#">Zero Waste Business Certification</a>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<a href="#">Análisis social y medio ambiente, Ekologi Brez Meja (EBM), Zero Waste Montenegro ZERO, Voice Ireland Circular Consultancy.</a>	<a href="#">EU Intellectual Property Office</a>



## 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](mailto:certifications@travalyst.org).

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