

To reinforce the strong commitment of the industry to reach the target of the European Commission of 10 million tonnes of recycled polymers reused annually by 2025 and 2030, **PolyCert Europe** was established to facilitate the verification and auditing of the volumes of recyclates reported into the **MORE platform**.

Such auditing work must, by definition, be done by a third party auditing system based on a network of accreditation certification bodies and independent auditors to ensure impartiality.

The objective of PolyCert Europe is to provide quality certification and verification of recycled content in converted products.

In 2020, start of the initiative, with other converters associations, to create a platform to invite the certification schemes already existing in the European market who were certifying recycled content in plastic products.

## What Polycert Europe does or does not ?

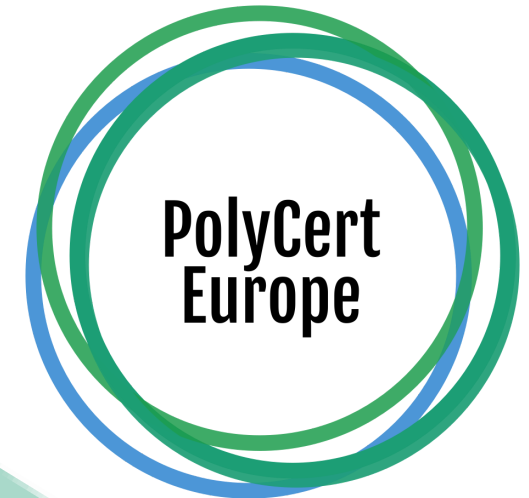
- The PolyCert Europe scheme validates the mutual recognition of existing certification schemes. It does NOT certify but ensures that comparable or similar certifications are valid across Europe.
- PolyCert Europe is focusing on circular raw material as sustainable strategy. It does NOT cover any other sustainable sourcing. *Circular raw material sources cover industrial and domestic post-consumer waste and post-industrial consumptions including scrap or returned item.*
- PolyCert Europe is about the uptake of the material in a converting process. It does NOT modify or replace any certification needed for product compliance when the product is put on the market for a specific purpose.
- PolyCert Europe Certified Auditors conduct management audits for the uptake of circular material, per sourcing type and for a product. They deliver evidence of compliance per product line.

## Founding members



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**Umbrella technical platform for harmonising existing certification schemes for converters of polymeric materials in Europe**



**CIRCULAR PLASTICS ALLIANCE**



# Certification Schemes



## QA-CER

QA-CER certification scheme is based on the expertise of BQA (Belgian Quality Association) which is a ISO 17021 certified company located in Gent, Belgium. QA-CER is a certification scheme for the verification of recycled content that assures the quality system related to the recycling process and use of recycled materials.



## AENOR

AENOR is a private organization founded in 1986. Represented in Spain, AENOR is also present worldwide (Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Peru ..). AENOR is among the 10 most important certification organizations in the world. AENOR helps to improve the quality and competitiveness of companies and their products and services.



## PLASTICA SECONDA VITA

Founded by IPPR – Institute for the Promotion of Recycled Plastics and the representatives for the Italia plastics value chain: UNIONPLAST (plastic converters), PlasticsEurope Italia (raw material producers), COREPLA (EPR consortium for packaging waste collection and recycling).



## RAL GÜTEZEICHEN

The RAL Quality Assurance Association “Resource Chain of PET Beverage Containers” (Wertstoffkette PET-Getränkeverpackungen e.V.), was founded in 2014 by companies from the recycling and beverage producing sector and is working independently under the rules of the German RAL Institute für Gütesicherung (Institute for Quality Assurance).



## DIN CERTCO

DIN CERTCO is a DAkkS accredited certification body of TÜV Rheinland Group. The certification scheme provides two ranges of services within this scope: DIN-Geprüft and flustix Recycled. Flexibly, both services are developed on the same standards and principle, ISO 14021 - Environmental labels and declarations and EN 15343 : Plastics – Recycled Plastics – Plastics recycling traceability and assessment of conformity and recycled content.

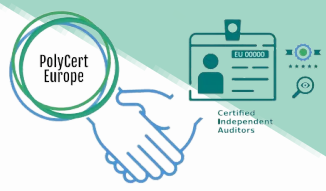


## LNE

In partnership with Industrial Technical Center for Plastics and Composites (IPC), LNE offers the “Incorporation of Recycled Plastic Materials” certification. This certification scheme consists of:

- certifying the declared tonnage values of MPR incorporated in the annual production of a site (part 1 of the reference system) and / or
- certifying specific quantities of MPR contained in a product / product range (part 2 of the standard)

# Accredited Certification Bodies



An accredited body is **an auditor** that is **independent from companies**. It is **recognised by the public authorities of one of the member states to perform objective assessments**, according to a defined and recognised scheme, for which the accredited body has been recognised.

## Why using an accredited body?

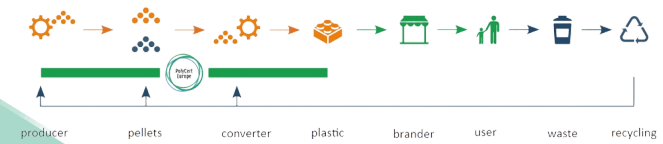
An independent auditor provides an objective and transparent assessment of recycled content claims. An accredited body acts on behalf of the public interest when assessing the compliance of the industry and its claims.



**i Do you want to become a recognised accredited body or see your scheme under PolyCert Europe umbrella?**  
Please contact us, these processes are evaluated by the Technical Committee of PolyCert Europe. The accredited body must abide by the auditable scheme, for which it will be recognised by its owner, PolyCert Europe.

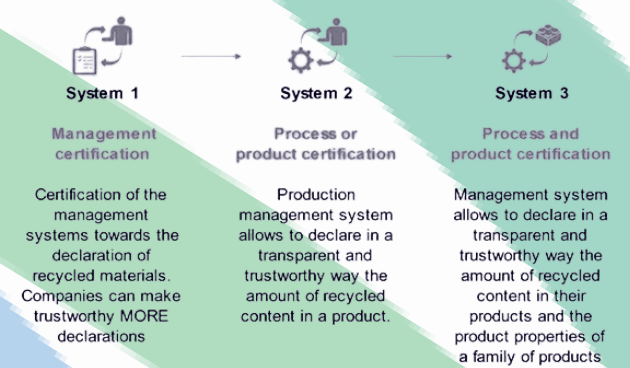
# Methodology & Structure

- The PolyCert Europe technical platform builds on the principles of **ISO17065 or ISO17021 and includes chain of custody**.
- The methodology identifies all waste streams and provides a comprehensive way of calculating the recycled content in newly converted products based on the definitions of **ISO EN 14021 and ISO EN 472**.
- All schemes under the Polycert Europe umbrella initiative are in accordance with EN 15343:2008 and the declarations on the types of recycled materials are in accordance with ISO 14021.**



- PolyCert Europe is located downstream after recycling and/or sourcing of raw material.**
- The PolyCert Europe scheme **serves converting purposes**, by recognising the uptake of raw material (e.g. pellets) from any recycled source.
- The Polycert Europe scheme **recognises several circular loops**, ensuring that from manufacturing until the end of use, the plastic product is remanufactured using circular raw sources, from scrap, mechanical or chemical recycling.

## The different Certification Systems



**System 1**  
Management certification  
Certification of the management systems towards the declaration of recycled materials. Companies can make trustworthy MORE declarations

**System 2**  
Process or product certification  
Production management system allows to declare in a transparent and trustworthy way the amount of recycled content in a product.

**System 3**  
Process and product certification  
Management system allows to declare in a transparent and trustworthy way the amount of recycled content in their products and the product properties of a family of products