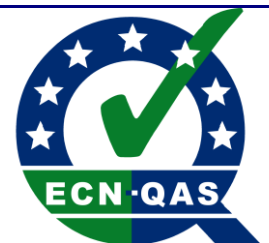


ECN-QAS Certification Fee Schedule



The European Compost Network ECN e.V., was founded as an initiative and biowaste branch organisation by the former ORBIT Association, in regard to national initiatives to build up an European wide market for products from organic resources. A high and assured product quality is a key issue for that. In respect to this the ECN e.V. develops a concept for a European Quality Assurance Scheme, the ECN-QAS, including requirements for National quality assurance organisations and for the production of quality compost and digestates.

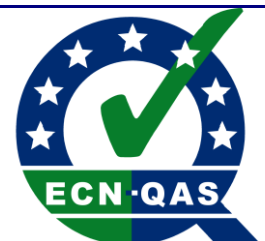
The scope of the ECN-QAS is

- to harmonise the quality requirements for compost and digestate across Europe, a precondition to build up an European-wide market for compost and digestate from organic resources,
- to harmonise the existing quality assurance schemes across Europe and
- to support national quality assurance organisations (NQAO) establishing quality assurance schemes for compost and digestate.

The ECN-QAS label can be awarded in two cases:

1. The ECN-QAS label can be awarded as a conformity label to National quality assurance organisations for compost and/or digestate in respect to Part B of the ECN-QAS Quality Manual. The conformity label shows, that the national quality assurance organisation implemented a quality assurance scheme according to the requirements of ECN-QAS.
2. The ECN-QAS label can be awarded to composting/digestion plants participating in a ECN-QAS conformity assessed national quality assurance organisation in respect to Part C of the ECN-QAS Quality Manual. The quality label shows, that the composting/digestion plant fulfils the requirements for good operation and compost/digestate quality and is checked regularly.

ECN-QAS Certification Fee Schedule



Certification fee schedule of ECN-QAS

	Membership fee	ECN-QAS Certification fee ²⁾
Biowaste Organisation (NQAO) ¹⁾		
≤ 1.000.000 t Biowaste per year	1.200,00 €	1.000,00 €
≤ 2.000.000 t Biowaste per year	3.000,00 €	1.250,00 €
≤ 5.000.000 t Biowaste per year	6.000,00 €	1.500,00 €
≤ 12.000.000 t Biowaste per year	9.600,00 €	1.750,00 €
> 12.000.000 t Biowaste per year	14.400,00 €	2.000,00 €

¹⁾ The fee schedule for Biowaste Organisations (BIOO) is based on the current published waste statistics of the EU (EUROSTAT http://appsso.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/nui/show.do?dataset=env_wasmun&lang=en). 30 to 40 % of municipal solid waste is bio-waste. For the calculation of fees 30 % of municipal waste is taken into account (1.000 t bio-waste/a * 0,001 Euro).

Biowaste organisations are defined as organisations supporting the sustainable management of biowaste and the recycling of organic materials. This includes waste management organisations, compost/soil improver organisations and biogas/digestate organisations, as well as quality assurance organisations in the field of organic material recycling.

²⁾ Excluding auditing and travelling costs. The auditing costs include the daily allowance of the ECN-QA Manager and its deputy. The daily allowance is about 500 € per person per day.