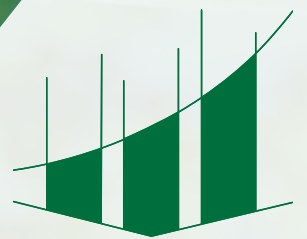


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PREFACE

With sustainability, innovation and social responsibility at the core of all our activities, 2024 has been a year of accelerated transformation for BCCA.

The construction sector is at a turning point: influenced by European and national regulations, technological advances and changing societal expectations, today's needs are fundamentally different from yesterday's. As an impartial certification body, BCCA plays a key role in this context.

Our mission remains clear: to contribute to a resilient, safe and forward-looking construction sector.

In 2024, this meant further adapting our services to the growing demand for sustainable solutions. More than 30% of our certification activities are now directly or indirectly related to sustainability. From supporting the development of circular products to 'Sustainable Joinery' certification, we play an active role in the transition to sustainable construction practices.

The second pillar of our approach is innovation. In a sector where technological innovation is essential, BCCA acts as a facilitator. Our certifications and approvals provide a reliable framework for validating new materials and construction systems, often before they are rolled out on a large scale.

We have also strengthened our societal role. In practice, we are making a difference by offering training through the BCCA Academy, certifying the skills of professionals in ventilation and renewable energy, and actively contributing to the development of policies on indoor air quality and energy performance. We provide businesses, local authorities and citizens with transparent, reliable, useful information adapted to societal needs.

Thanks to our dedicated members, employees and partners, we are making progress in a challenging context. We would like to thank everyone who placed their trust in us, advised us or inspired us throughout 2024. Together, we will continue to build a sector that not only meets today's technical requirements but also meets the ecological and social expectations of tomorrow.



Bernard Heiderscheidt
Chair Board of Directors



Olivier Delbrouck
Managing Director

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**We play an active role
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1.

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AND
CHALLENGES1.1 MAJOR TRENDS IN THE BELGIAN
CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

The Belgian construction sector, which is undergoing a major transformation, is influenced by several major trends which are gaining momentum and becoming more pronounced over time.

Under the combined influence of European policies, regulations, local requirements and new ways of living and inhabiting buildings, **sustainability** has become a keystone of growth for the sector. **Energy renovation** projects are being incentivised to improve the efficiency of existing buildings, despite budgetary constraints. To meet the ever-growing need for energy-efficient accommodation, we are gradually moving towards greater **industrialisation**, which allows for more affordable construction while improving **quality**. At the same time, **digitalisation** is an important lever for working more efficiently and more quickly.

In this new context, **technical risk management** is no longer the only essential factor, and decision-making mechanisms in the construction sector are becoming much more dependent on more complex **sustainability considerations**. The **assessment** of technical and sustainability issues requires innovations that focus on both suitable testing methods and the need to obtain results within acceptable time frames.

Certification bodies will therefore have to adapt their service offering to include a mix of **general certifications** to support the sector and **services for individual projects** and players. In each case the proposed services will be impartial.

Furthermore, due to a shortage of skilled workers, there is fierce competition for talent within the sector. This has been identified as one of the most urgent issues to be tackled. It is therefore logical for **training** to be at the top of the list of priorities for all stakeholders in the sector.

Construction companies must operate within an increasingly complex **legal environment**, with longer permit approval times as manufacturers strive to comply with new regulations, environmental standards and **traceability requirements**.

These trends reflect the current challenges and opportunities for the Belgian construction sector and require adjustments, some of which have already been initiated, to ensure sustainable growth for all.



1.2 CHANGES TO THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK - CONSEQUENCES FOR THE SECTOR AND ROLE OF BCCA

Revised construction product regulation (CPR)

CHANGES IN THE CPR AND THE ROLE OF BCCA

Since the introduction of the CPD (Construction Products Directive) in 1988 and the CPR (Construction Products Regulation) in 2011, BCCA has played a leading role as a notified certification body for factory production control systems for construction products requiring CE marking on the European market. The revised CPR text was published at the end of 2024 and has been progressively implemented since January 2025. The new regulation aims to address contemporary challenges in sustainability and digitalisation and increases transparency in the construction sector.

MAIN CHANGES TO THE CPR

The update introduces several important changes that impact manufacturers and suppliers. Some of the most relevant changes include:

- **Digital Product Passports (DPP):** Digital product passports contain technical specifications and environmental data, making compliance and traceability within the EU easier.
- **Stricter CE marking:** CE marking reflects not only technical performance but also environmental impact, requiring construction products to meet both safety and sustainability criteria.

In addition, the updated CPR aligns seamlessly with broader EU sustainability directives, such as the **Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)** and the **Energy Performance of Buildings Directive (EPBD)**. This implies that products covered by the CPR contribute to energy efficiency and circular economy objectives at the European level.

BCCA IS CLOSELY MONITORING THE SITUATION

BCCA plays an active role in implementing the new regulations by participating in the CPR Acquis Expert Groups for Belgium, the Sector Groups of Notified Bodies and various other consultation structures. Our team is fully prepared to guide manufacturers and suppliers in meeting the new CE marking requirements, environmental standards and traceability requirements.

Furthermore, we are actively involved in monitoring environmental characteristics and participate in working groups that focus on sustainability and environmental performance in the construction sector.

IMPACT ON MANUFACTURERS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE EU

Compliance with the CPR is also crucial for manufacturers outside the EU for them to obtain and/or maintain access to the European market. Standardised rules make cross-border trade easier and reduce red tape, enabling businesses to operate more efficiently within the European market.

WE PROMISE A SMOOTH, LASTING CERTIFICATION PROCESS

By proactively responding to these changes, we ensure that our customers can easily navigate the new regulatory landscape. Thanks to our expertise and support, companies can count on a smooth and sustainable certification approach.



COMPANIES CAN COUNT
ON A SMOOTH, LASTING
CERTIFICATION APPROACH

1.3 VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION: A STRATEGIC LEVER FOR CREATING ADDED VALUE

Voluntary certification, although often seen as an additional hurdle, is in fact a powerful strategic tool for creating added value. It also makes it possible to meet the expectations of different stakeholders by supporting **innovation** and guiding the sector in its **development** needs. Through this process, companies can not only boost their credibility and reputation but also improve their performance and open up or respond to new market opportunities, especially when such certifications are acknowledged, recommended or required by the market.

In the latest BCCA customer satisfaction survey, customers clearly indicated that voluntary certification of their products and/or services or their staff contributed positively to the company's **image**, represented a guarantee of **quality** for customers and was aligned with their **own quality objectives**.

WHAT ADDED VALUE, AT WHAT LEVELS?

Added value can be seen at different levels, whatever the companies' activities or geographical scope.

1 Boosting credibility and reputation

Voluntary certification enables companies to demonstrate their commitment to high standards (quality, safety, environment, CSR). Obtaining recognised certifications or labels such as ATG, BENOR, Sustainable Joinery or ISO reassures customers, partners and investors that the **products and services offered are reliable**.

Third-party organisations such as BCCA guarantee the process is objective through independent assessments, audits and regular monitoring.

The result is a **stronger reputation**, which inspires trust and professionalism, making it easier to win new customers, retain existing ones and strengthen relationships with other stakeholders.

2 Improving internal performance

The certification process provides an opportunity to review internal practices, structure effective management systems and introduce rigorous testing as part of product certification. This leads to **continuous improvement**, fewer defects and greater customer satisfaction.

Internal divisions become more synergistic: the quality division might find areas for improvement that the production division had not noticed, while management gains a clear view of **risk control and product compliance**.

Certifications such as ISO 14001 and the CO₂ Performance Ladder also foster **more sustainable practices**, leading to lower resource and energy costs.

3 Access to new markets

Some certifications are essential for entering specific markets. This is especially true for **public tenders**, where the BENOR label is often mandatory, or where there is a need to comply with new **sustainability** and **circularity** requirements, or to meet the expectations of international customers.

By obtaining such certifications, companies can not only expand their customer base, but also stand out from their competitors.



4 Increasing true and perceived value

Voluntary certifications enhance both the intrinsic quality of certified products and how customers perceive them. Customers are often willing to pay more for certified products, which guarantee reliability.

For example, ATG certifications make the work of designers and architects easier by guaranteeing compliance with product standards and the intended installation technique. Certifications that incorporate sustainability or circularity criteria showcase the environmental commitments of the companies concerned.

As a result, **products gain added value from both a technical and environmental perspective, and the company's profitability is boosted**.

5 Competitive edge

Voluntary certification enables companies to stand out by providing **additional guarantees in terms of quality, safety and sustainability**. It appeals to customers who value these qualities and helps foster loyalty. Depending on the country and the sector, it can also unlock certain benefits or markets.

This is the case, for example, with VCA certification for companies operating in high-risk environments (construction sites, factories, etc.) where this certification is required. The same applies to certification according to the CO₂ Performance Ladder, which gives companies a competitive advantage in certain public tenders.

6 Driving innovation

Companies use certification services to **prove quality** and **manage risks** when bringing their innovations to market. The earlier they reach out to certification bodies, the greater the chance that manufacturers' innovations will meet technical and regulatory requirements when products or systems are launched. BCCA's commitment as a reliable certification and compliance partner for the construction sector makes it a valuable partner in supporting innovation.



As can be seen, **voluntary certification** is much more than a mere administrative formality. It is a **valuable investment for companies** that take this proactive approach and can therefore reap **significant and lasting benefits**, while contributing to **responsible and ethical development**.

2. OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

2.1 HOW BCCA RESPONDS TO TRENDS AND SUPPORTS INNOVATIVE SECTORS

For each of the sectors concerned, BCCA adapts to new trends and requirements and plays its role as a facilitator. Its teams are working with the different stakeholders to support and steer the necessary changes as effectively as possible.

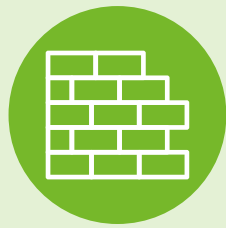
BCCA draws on the high-level skills of its engineers, architects and scientific profiles to provide a high-quality service. Continuous training and participation in national and international research projects provide a solid foundation for developing skills. The team gained further strength in 2024 with the arrival of new employees with specific areas of expertise.

Whatever the path taken to meet today's challenges, certification or approval, consultation with third-party bodies such as BCCA certainly provides added value. Thanks to its expertise and impartiality, BCCA's participation ensures that the different stakeholders in the construction industry can be confident that the recommended solutions will achieve the intended objectives.

In 2024, as much as 30% of BCCA's turnover came from certification activities relating directly or indirectly to sustainability.

A few concrete examples of changes and innovation illustrate this trend that is present in both traditional and more recent sectors such as renewable energies.

ADAPTING TO NEW TRENDS

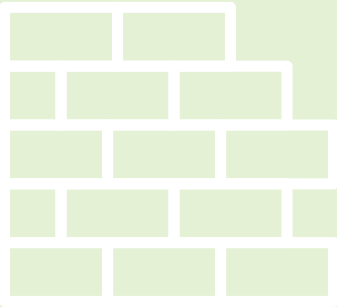


THE BRICKS AND
MASONRY SECTOR

For the masonry sector, three new Technical Approvals (ATGs) were (re)published in 2024, covering **innovative bio-based** elements and dry-stack or thin-joint masonry.

There is growing interest in alternative elements, such as **geo- or bio-sourced** elements, or those that require less CO₂ to produce.

As we can see, the ATG with certification is a particularly suitable tool for certifying innovative products/systems that incorporate **circularity and sustainability features**.



THE INSULATION MATERIALS
AND SYSTEMS SECTOR

2024 saw a sharp increase in the use of **recycled raw materials** in the insulation sector. Certification rules have been adjusted to reflect this development.

BCCA also co-signed the **'Climate Protocol'** launched by Embuild Flanders and Buildwise at Batibouw 2024. This initiative sets significant challenges for the insulation and roofing sector. BCCA is taking the necessary measures to be able to issue Technical Approvals (ATGs) with certification that will comply with this new framework.

BCCA is closely monitoring all developments by actively participating in the **CPR Technical Acquis** expert group meetings for 'Thermal Insulation Products' for Belgium and **Sectoral Group 19 of the Notified Bodies for 'Thermal Insulation Materials'**.

In the context of **recycled or reused materials**, management of **mineral wool waste**, particularly from the demolition of buildings or the dismantling of industrial equipment, represents a major challenge. Poor management can lead to health risks and regulatory non-compliance. Mineral wool products, although widely used, must comply with strict European safety standards under Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008 – Note Q to avoid being classed as carcinogenic.



To help companies manage these risks, BCCA, in collaboration with EUCB, has developed a **new digital tool**. It was launched in December 2024. By means of this tool, BCCA provides an attestation that includes an assessment of the analysis report of a fibre submitted for testing that checks the chemical composition and compares it to the safety range of fibres successfully tested according to Note Q.

Regulations regarding the disposal of mineral wool are expected to become stricter in Europe in the coming years, which will lead to a significant increase in the use of this unique application.



THE WOOD TREATMENT
AND FIRE-RESISTANT DOORS SECTOR

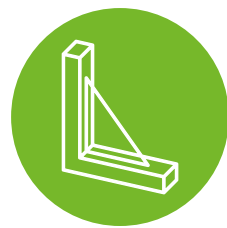
WOOD TREATMENT

Wood treatments are evolving to meet **environmental and sustainability challenges**. Wood preservation is still heavily dependent on the chemical biocides industry, although research is focusing on more environmentally friendly alternatives.

BCCA is participating in the European program reviewing existing active substances used in biocidal products. This program has been extended until 31 December 2030. The evaluation of these substances is taking longer than initially expected, mainly due to the complexity of certain technical issues, changes in technical guidance and new scientific criteria for determining endocrine-disrupting properties.

The official publication is available via the Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1398 from the Commission dated 14 March 2024 amending Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 of the European Parliament and the Council.

Regarding the approval itself, the format was updated in 2024 to take these developments into account and will apply to all new ATG applications.



THE FACADES AND EXTERIOR JOINERY SECTOR

FIRE-RESISTANT AND/OR ESCAPE-ROUTE DOORS

Certification requests continue to rise, especially for aluminium doors.

- For exterior doors, standards EN 14351-1 and EN 16034 have been published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) and **CE marking is therefore mandatory**. It can be combined with **BENOR/ATG marking**, which remains voluntary.
- For interior doors, standard EN 14351-2 has been drafted but has not yet been published in the OJEU, meaning CE marking is not mandatory. **BENOR/ATG marking** remains a **major advantage** for this type of door.

Certification will follow the requirements of the new CPR.

From a technical point of view, there have not yet been any major developments in this sector, although new technologies could contribute to substantial improvements in the case of 'smart doors'.

BCCA is also closely monitoring these developments!



Certification of sustainable exterior joinery, better known as 'Sustainable Joinery', is experiencing a new wave of interest.



The 'Sustainable Joinery' certification is one of the first product certifications to combine a **high level of technical quality** with **environmental and social criteria**. The certification takes the entire life cycle of the joinery into account.

In 2024, the final version of the new regulation was approved, and various training courses were organised in collaboration with system suppliers and federations (FAC, Embuild). The first audits under the new regulation were carried out for existing and new customers.

The first "Sustainable Joinery" version 2.0 certificates were awarded in March 2025 at the official launch.

This new version assesses all phases of the life cycle using a **clearly defined criteria and points system**. In this way, each link in the chain is encouraged to make its product more sustainable, and the sector as a whole is boosted. Joinery manufacturers can now differentiate their products from their competitors in a **transparent** manner.

"Sustainable Joinery" now has significant support within the sector. Additional efforts are also underway to ensure that sustainable joinery is included in public specifications.

Recommendations will continue to evolve depending on public support, further changes to (European) regulations and the sector's potential.

For more information, please watch the [video](#) to or visit the official [website](#).



THE ROOF SECTOR

There was continued growth in the roof sector in terms of ATG Technical Approvals in 2024, confirming the industry's confidence in this certification. Certified ATGs are a way for ATG holders to show the market that they can trust the **quality of their products** and that they are **fit for purpose**. ATGs also make it easy to compare different roofing products and systems in a detailed and understandable way. The **'wind'** and **'fire'** aspects are quoted as being the strong points of roofing ATGs.

New developments can be noted primarily in the following areas:

1. Examination of the **wind resistance performance of flat roof waterproofing systems**. Efforts are ongoing and assessment of the research into the integration of airtight or air-permeable roofs has been in progress since 2022. ATG holders request an assessment of the new EN 17686 standard and the extrapolation principles according to CEN/TS 17659 in relation to the provisions of the current UBAtc directive on wind resistance.
2. The **circularity of products** (use of recycled raw materials, reuse of products, etc.) **and structures** (degradability of roof joints, modular construction, etc.) is being studied as part of ATG technical approvals. The challenge will be to determine the assessment methods and criteria that can ensure confidence in the (re)use of such products. The ATG can be an appropriate tool here for describing and comparing innovative products and systems on an equal footing.



THE PLASTIC PIPING
SYSTEMS SECTOR

3. 'Climate Roofs': BCCA actively participates in the 'Climate Roofs' working groups, which aim to create an objective and appropriate framework enabling policymakers to make informed choices in their legislation to address future challenges concerning the optimal use of open spaces, circularity and sustainable construction, climate adaptation, renewable energy production and promotion of biodiversity.

The end goal is to develop technical solutions with different options, each with their own advantages and disadvantages.

In the context of **CE marking**, BCCA continues to play its role as a notified certification body (AVCP 2+) for a wide range of product standards. BCCA is closely monitoring developments in this area by actively participating in the meetings of **Sectoral Group 11 'Membranes and Geotextiles'**, for example.

In the plastic piping systems sector, considerable attention is also being paid to **sustainability** and **recycling**. In addition to developments in European standardisation, where the use of recycled materials is becoming more widely accepted, a new type of PVC pipe for drainage and sewage has been developed by the sector. This new type of pipe incorporates an intermediate layer of recycled PVC material. After consulting stakeholders, mainly public authorities, via the BENOR Sectoral Committee, a Technical Specification was drafted and the BENOR application regulations were amended to make it possible to certify this new type of pipe under the **BENOR mark**.

CERTIFICATION FOR SEWER REHABILITATION
BEGAN ON 1 JANUARY 2025

The certification of contractors operating in the sewer renovation sector, as provided for in Standardised Tender Document 250–Art. 42 § 6, began on 1 January 2025 under the **BCCA.EXE** label (more information on [Execert](#)). This means that for tenders for new projects, and for repairs as part of ongoing projects, certification will apply from 1 January 2025 and contractors can apply for certification from BCCA. Contractors must factor this into their pricing.



Following consultation within the sector, the decision was made to involve all stakeholders; the contracting authority can easily request that a project be carried out under certification.

Based on this, a certified contractor will carry out the project. If interaction between the project owner or the design office and the contractor proves necessary, they will be informed by email.

The certified techniques are CIPP, pipe-in-pipe, GRP sheets, shortliners and stainless steel sleeves. The technical specifications and certification rules are available on the [BCCA website](#).

This system enables the construction partners involved (clients, contractors and design offices) to obtain information on the progress of their construction sites, any findings and relevant information such as calculation notes, technical data sheets and test reports in a transparent manner.

Certification does not transfer responsibility to the construction site, but does provide support to construction partners by making transparent, relevant information available. The customer and/or the design office are still responsible for matters such as approving calculation notes or products.



THE AIRTIGHTNESS AND
VENTILATION SECTOR

AIRTIGHTNESS

Since 23 February 2022, BCCA has been recognised as **organiser of a quality framework for airtightness** testing and monitors what is going on in the international context through membership of the TAAC (TightVent Airtightness Associations Committee), and as **Gold partner van TightVent**, an initiative of the Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre (AIVC).

Consequently, we can follow the review of the ISO 9972 standard, the international standard pertaining to airtightness testing. Thanks to this quality framework, we have substantial experience in field-testing, which is a valuable contribution to these platforms.

In 2024, we also contributed to the **'Energy Efficiency Accreditation Assessment'** carried out by Deloitte Consulting & Advisory on behalf of VEKA. Due to our unique position in the accreditation landscape, we contribute in various ways: acknowledging airtightness testers, ventilation reporters and the six types of certificates within **RESCert**.

VENTILATION & INDOOR AIR QUALITY

BCCA has over 10 years of experience in improving building ventilation, both in product evaluation and in increasing the skills of ventilation reporters.

BCCA acts as a neutral inspection body for assessing adjustable ventilation louvres (RTOs), ventilation units and on demand ventilation systems that are accepted under EPB regulations.





THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

Products and systems that have been shown to comply with the regulations are listed in the **EPB approved product database** (www.epbd.be).

Ventilation is not a goal in itself, but a means of ensuring good indoor air quality in buildings. **Indoor air quality** is one aspect of a healthy indoor environment, and European legislation has also given it special attention by publishing the revised **revised EPBD Directive** in May 2024. It is therefore clear that indoor air quality will remain a top priority.

In a 2024 study carried out in collaboration with Buildwise, Ghent University and VITO, BCCA continued to support the FPS Public Health in the development of **air quality labelling for enclosed public areas**. Specifically, the training framework for the certifiers who will develop these labels has been further detailed.

Special attention is being paid to **indoor air quality in public buildings** within the Flandres Region, too, particularly in **healthcare facilities**.

In collaboration with KU Leuven and in close cooperation with the sector, BCCA has developed quality manuals for the 'department zorg' (care sector). Five specific manuals have been compiled for psychiatric care homes, childcare facilities, local service centres, facilities for people with disabilities and rehabilitation centres. The results were also presented at the AIVC conference in Dublin in October 2024.

These studies show that BCCA's expertise and experience in quality improvement can also be put to good use in policy support initiatives and that our expertise complements that of partners involved in fundamental research.

More than ever, renewable energies are paramount for society. Given the continuing trend towards electrification and independence from fossil fuels, regulations are also ramping up. Considering the trend towards increasing electrification and independence from fossil fuels, regulations are also being tightened. The options for 2050 are becoming clearer.

Given that renewable energy installations—such as **photovoltaic panels, thermal solar systems** and **heat pumps**, their mutual interaction and the combination with buffer storage and batteries—must be applied on a large scale, this sector is also growing in importance at BCCA.

Through **RESCert**, a consortium made up of BCCA and BPAC (Blue Planet Academy & Consulting), we are working on behalf of the three regions to certify small-scale energy systems installers.

Within RESCert, BCCA assumes the role of certification operator. This means BCCA is also the first point of contact for installers wishing to obtain a certificate.

RESCert is an established name in the sector, as illustrated by the 656 new certificates issued in 2024.

In Wallonia, from **1 June 2025**, any company that installs and designs photovoltaic systems will be required to have a RESCert-certified employee on their staff. This requirement will further increase demand for installer certification.



THE BUILDING INSPECTIONS SECTOR

A standardised assessment of the condition of buildings is an added value when establishing a **multi-year maintenance plan** for a building. This was also confirmed in 2024 in the apartment building sector through our participation in the **Condoreno** project and the presentation of the certification system at the Brussels **"Salon de la Co-propriété"** (Co-ownership property Fair) on 14 November 2024.



In the coming years, many **apartment buildings** will need to be renovated to meet the targets for energy savings and the gradual abolition of fossil fuels. An objective assessment of a building's condition can help the co-owners' association make the right decisions and draw up a plan.

The fact that the non-profit organisation Vlisog (Flanders Region Initiative for Systematic Building Maintenance) is disappearing does not mean that BCCA's involvement in building condition assessments in accordance with the NEN 2767 standard will cease. BCCA will further expand its certification of building inspectors with a new partner.

Building inspectors in this program make their services available to building managers, co-owners' associations, towns and municipalities, the "Vlaams EnergieBedrijf", the "Facilitair Bedrijf", etc.

Building inspectors must demonstrate their skills through training, a test on the theory and a practical test. These skills must be maintained through continuous training. Every year, building inspection reports are requested and examined by independent experts who are member of the BCCA assessment committee. For an inspection carried out in the context of a certification, the building inspector issues a declaration of conformity.

The first personal certificates and declarations of conformity were issued in 2018. In 2024, a total of **148 declarations of conformity** were issued by **24 active building inspectors**.

Given the importance of systematic building maintenance and the wave of renovations that will be required to improve the energy performance of existing buildings, it is expected that this scheme, which targets the effectiveness of investments, will only grow in importance.

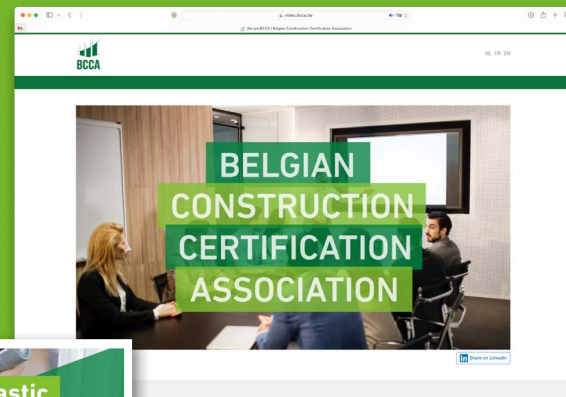
2.2 PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

NEW

Only have a few minutes? Watch our **dynamic corporate video** to learn more about BCCA, its missions, ecosystem, and services:



<https://video.bcca.be/en/corporate>

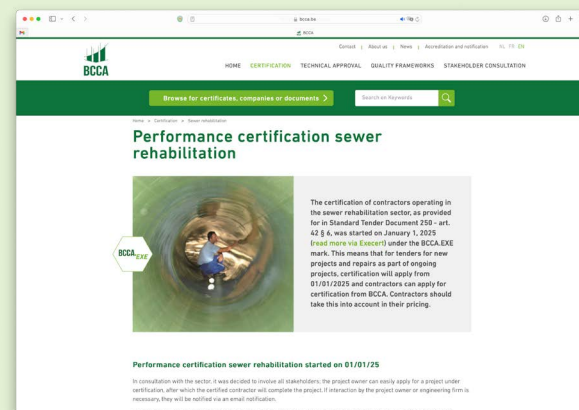


VLARIODAG

Together with COPRO, BCCA was again present at the **'Vlariodag'** organised on 26 March 2024 at Antwerp Expo to present the certification of contractors in the infrastructure and sewage sector, in preparation for the launch of the certification of contractors in the sewer renovation sector.

The Flemish Environment Minister Zuhair Demir opened this new edition and described the sewage sector as an important partner in achieving political objectives.

A new web page has also been created to provide more information on the subject. See [it](#) here.



SALON DE LA CO-PROPRIÉTÉ

As announced last year, we once again took part in the **Salon de la Co-propriété** organised by "L'Union des Syndics". The event took place on 14 November 2024 in Hall 10 of Brussels Expo.

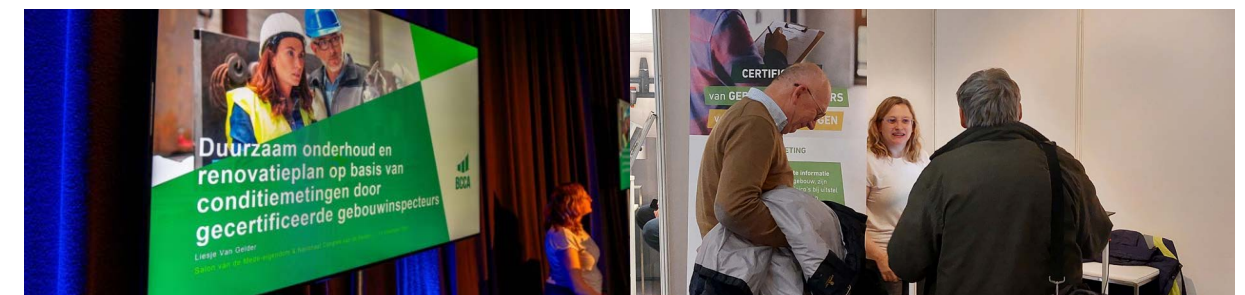
This time, we chose to present the topic of building performance measurements both at our stand and during a presentation given by Liesje Van Gelder, PhD, M.Sc. Arch. and Building Performance Coordinator at BCCA.

The topic was highly successful. Housing stock in Belgium, as in the rest of Europe, is facing a major challenge. The **sustainability of buildings** has become a top priority, both economically and ecologically, and will come under increasing scrutiny in the coming years. Sustainability is reflected both in the appropriate and **preventive maintenance** of buildings and in **energy renovation** to meet 2050 climate targets.

The decision-making process in co-owners' meetings for residential buildings is often difficult. Objective, transparent and accurate information on the quality of the building, maintenance requirements and the risks of not carrying out the work is crucial **for maintaining the communal areas** of a residential building and for **planning renovation measures** in a **sustainable** and **economically viable** manner. With this in mind, property managers can commission BCCA-certified building inspectors to carry out a condition assessment in accordance with the Dutch NEN 2767 standard.

This topic was the subject of an article in Property Today magazine.

Further information on the [BCCA](#) website.



VILLAGE QUALITÉ

Under the umbrella of the 'Village Qualité' stand, alongside Belgian voluntary certification bodies COPRO, Procertus and ANPI, BCCA participated in the **Municipalia** trade fair at the Wex in Marche-en-Famenne on 18 and 19 April 2024. It also took part in **Concrete Day**, which took place on October 10 at the Brabantlaan in Leuven.

The aim of the '**Village Qualité**' stand is to highlight the added value of voluntary certification in the construction sector, which guarantees the quality and suitability for use of the products made available to consumers. The initiative is also supported by two major quality brands in the Belgian construction industry: BENOR and ATG.

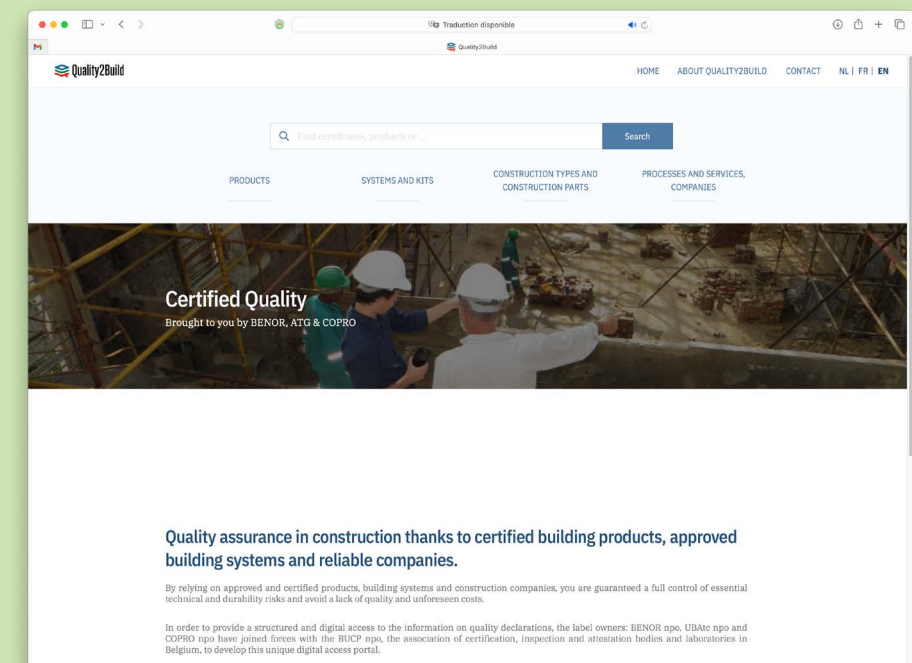


ANNUAL CONSTRUCTION EVENT

On 28 November 2024, BCCA took part in the **annual construction event** organised by **Embuild Wallonie**, which attracted more than 700 people to the Ecolys Business Village in Suarlée!

Along with COPRO, Febelcem, BENOR and Tradecowall, we took part in a round table discussion on the challenges of certifying innovations. Two topics put forward by BCCA were **certification in the context of innovations** (construction materials and construction systems) with a presentation of ATG certification, and **how and where to find information on certified materials** with a presentation of the **Quality2Build** platform.

<https://www.quality2build.be/>



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WORLDWIDE PRESENCE IN THE FIELD

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ORGANISATIONS



MANAGING MORE THAN

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CERTIFICATES,
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300

DIFFERENT
CERTIFICATION
SCHEMES

716

NEW CERTIFICATES
PUBLISHED ON BCCA.BE

10.000

INSPECTIONS
PER YEAR

6.000

AUDIT TESTS
PER YEAR

135

EXPERTS



NETWORK OF PARTNERS

10

TRAINING AND
EXAM CENTERS

50

LABORATORIES

10

INSPECTION
AND EVALUATION
BODIESACTIVITIES RELATED TO
SUSTAINABILITY

15 Mio €

IN TURNOVER 2024



60

TRAINING
DAYS PER
YEAR

491

PARTICIPANTS



3.2 CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES: MAIN SERVICES AND RESULTS FOR 2024

3.2.1 MAIN SERVICES

BCCA positions itself as a **facilitator**, offering certification and attestation services to support innovation, guarantee the quality of construction materials and techniques, and meet sustainability requirements. These services evolve constantly to meet the demands of the sector.



Currently, the main services are the following:

1. PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

ATG CERTIFICATION



A favourable opinion about the fitness for use of construction products and systems that includes monitoring production, their use and the possible qualification of users (persons and companies). This certification is particularly well suited to innovation.

In response to concrete requests from industry players and the authorities concerning sustainability and circularity, ATG with certification now enables interested manufacturers to consider the presence of a **percentage of recycled and renewable content** in construction materials, as well as criteria for **disassembling** the materials and systems in question.

BENOR CERTIFICATION



Intended to certify the conformity of a product, process or service with a standard or normative document in the Belgian context. Mainly used by public specifiers.

CE MARKING



The aim, according to the CPR (European Construction Products Regulation 305/2011) is to ensure the free movement of construction products within the European internal market, where it is mandatory.

KEYMARK



Voluntary conformity mark with a European standard (EN) that is active in the insulation sector.

EUCEB



Intended to certify that manufactured mineral wool fibres have a chemical composition such that the classification as carcinogenic does not apply.

The EUCEB certificate is a voluntary declaration stating that the mineral wool fibres have a chemical composition that is included in the series of risk-free reference fibres tested according to European protocols and in accordance with the stipulations of Note Q of Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008.

SUSTAINABLE JOINERY



Certification for exterior joinery that combines quality with environmental and social aspects.

2. ATTESTATION

A service to support projects from the earliest development stages. This assistance involves defining a relevant standards framework for the product/system concerned or issuing an ATTESTATION to establish the fitness for use of a product/system for a given application.

The attestation could also be the first step towards future product/system certification.

3. CERTIFICATION OF PROCESSES AND SERVICES

EXECUTION CERTIFICATION MY BCCA

For concrete repairs and sewage system rehabilitation. Information on companies covered by these certifications is shared online on the MyBCCA portal.

QUALITY FRAMEWORKS



Geared towards ventilation, airtightness and post-insulation of cavity walls for improved thermal performance and indoor air quality in buildings.

CERTIFICATION OF THERMAL VALUE

Either the calculation process is certified, or the result of the calculation is certified, or the calculation itself is carried out by BCCA.

4. CERTIFICATION OF PERSONS

Recognition of skills, particularly for insulation system fitters, industrial painters, plastics welders and building inspectors.



Also a partner of the RESCert association, a certification scheme set up by the country's three regions for small renewable energy installations, BCCA verifies that the persons meet the conditions of the certificate and publishes them on its website to give them visibility.

5. CERTIFICATION OF MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS



ISO 9001: Quality management systems

ISO 14001: Environmental management systems

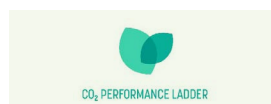
ISO 45001: Occupational health and safety management systems



VCA: Occupational health, safety and well-being



Achilles: Soil remediation systems

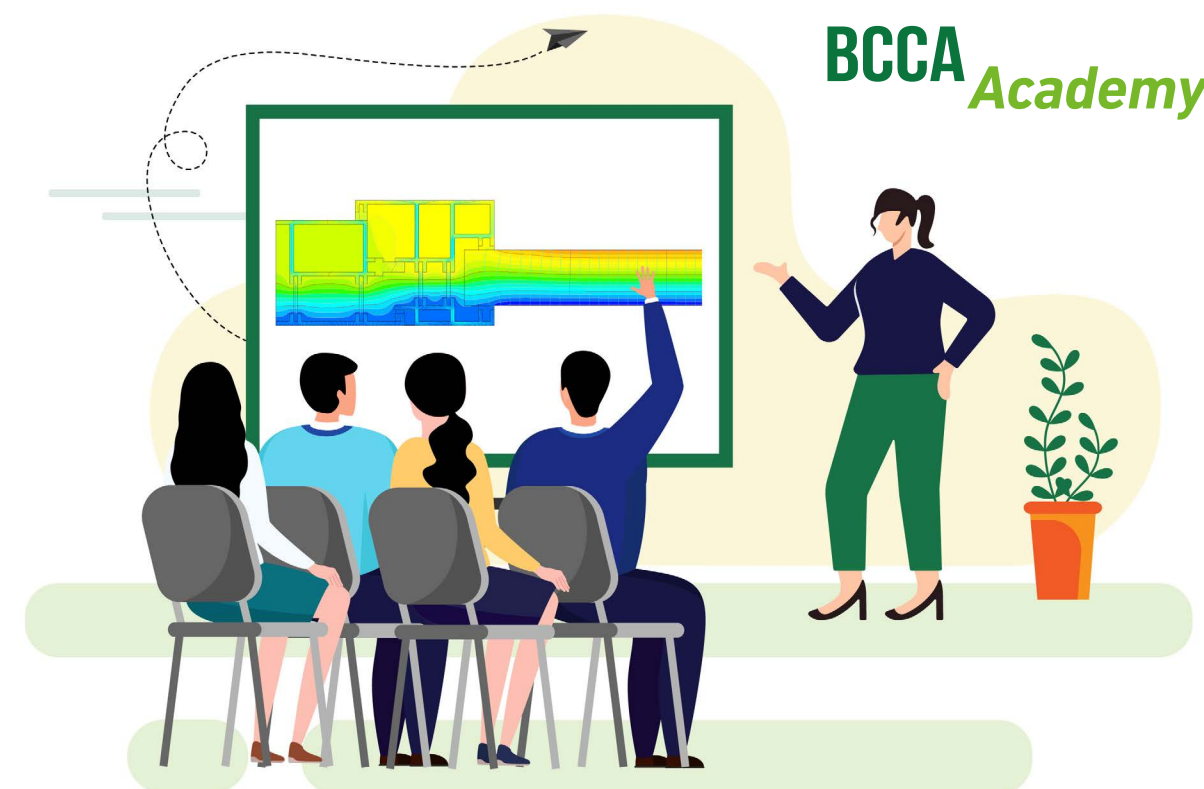


CO₂ performance ladder: Certification for reducing CO₂ emissions

6. TRAINING

BCCA ACADEMY: Technical, environmental and regulatory training courses within the framework of existing certifications (e.g. quality frameworks) but also outside specific certifications.

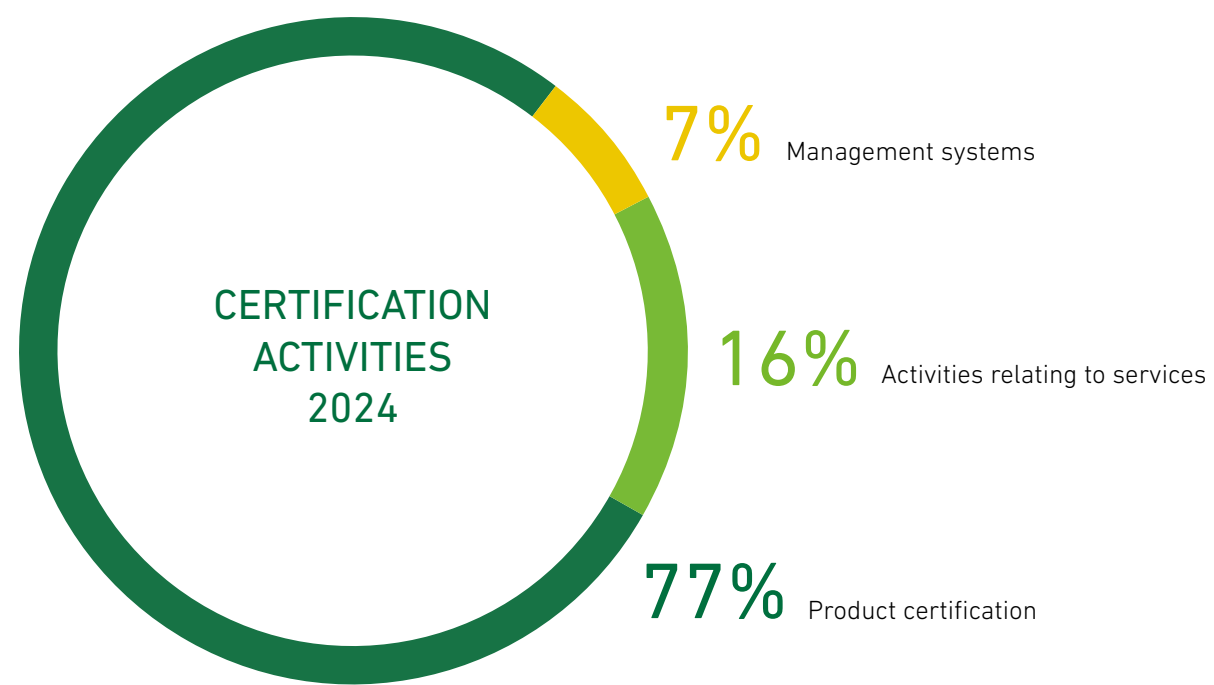
This service aims to meet the training and continuing education needs of those working in the construction industry. These needs have skyrocketed and represent a major challenge if the staff concerned are to be trained on time.



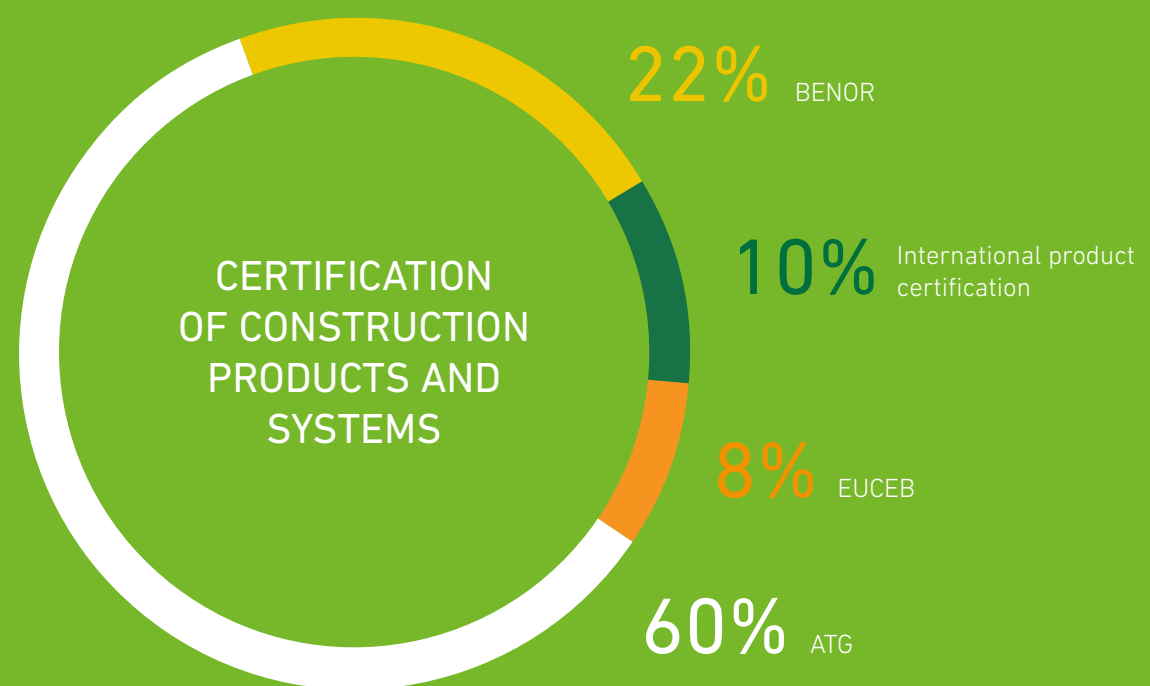
VEKA (Flanders) has recognised BCCA as a training organisation for the continuing education of EPB reporters for the relevant courses they are required to follow.

VLao (Flanders) has also recognised BCCA as a training organisation for the **SME portfolio**, under accreditation number DV.0248435.

3.2.2 2024 RESULTS

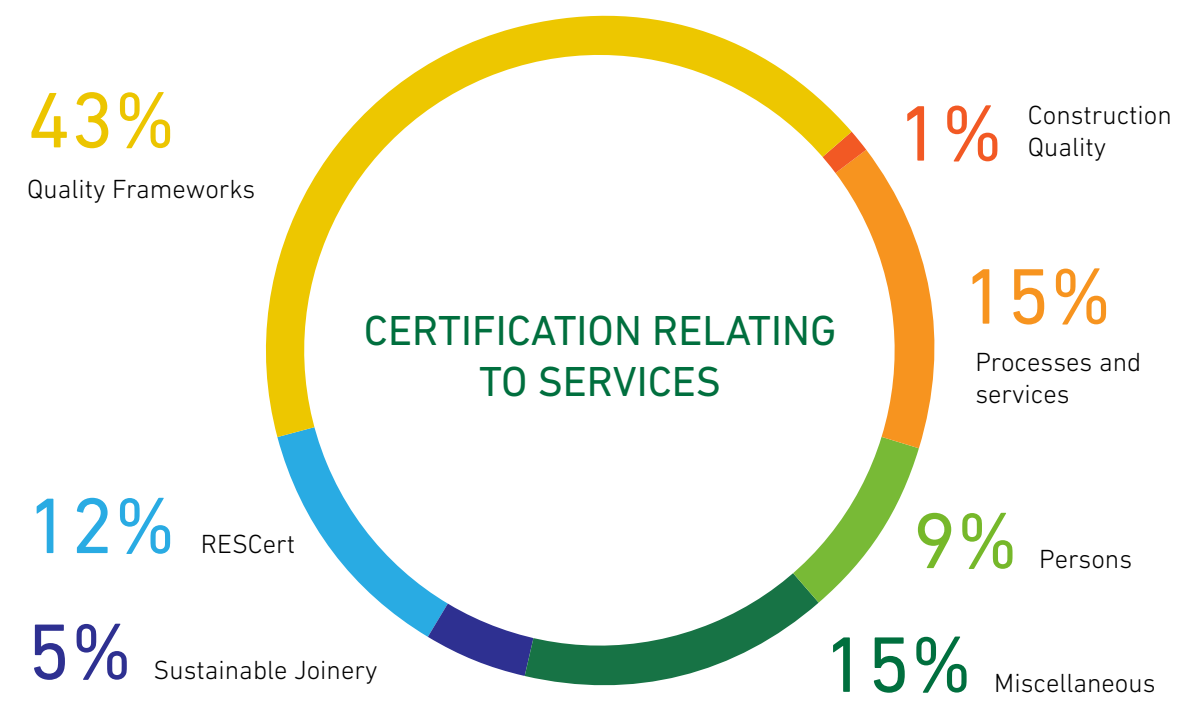


The use of the **voluntary certification** for construction products and systems represents the majority of certification requests in the construction sector. This reflects not only the need to confirm product quality and compliance within the sector, but also the dynamism of the industries in terms of innovation.



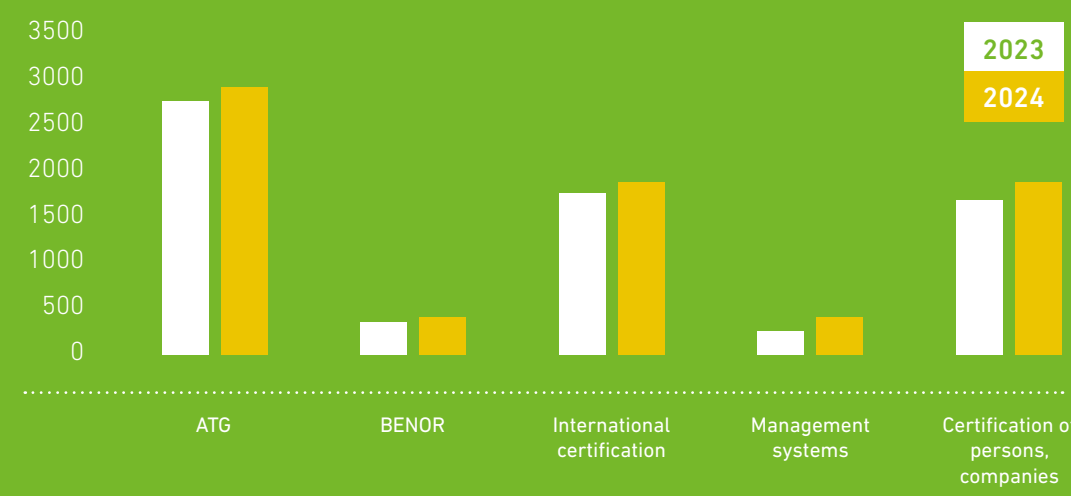
ATG certification and the **BENOR mark** together account for 82% of BCCA's main activity and meet the needs of a large number of sectors. The weight of each type of product certification as part of BCCA's activity is relatively stable even if applications for ATG certification continue to rise following an increasing number of product/system innovations designed to meet new technical, environmental and sustainability requirements.

3.2.2 2024 RESULTS



The 16% of certification activities relating to services are mainly generated by quality frameworks. The growing share of inspection, attestation and innovation support activities is now noticeable, and accounted for 15% of service-related activities in 2024.

EVOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES
(IN NUMBER)



The high technical quality needs to be recognised, but also, increasingly, the environmental quality of products. This leads designers and specifiers to seek validation that construction products and systems are fit for their intended use. Demand for validation and recognition of skills in the renewable energy sector and for building performance measurement confirms a trend that began last year.

The different services illustrate BCCA's ability to innovate, integrating new assessment criteria or new obligations to respond to increasingly varied requests.

4. OUR ORGANI SATION

4.1 MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The **General Assembly** took place on 6 June 2024.

The **Board of Directors** met on 5 June and 4 December 2024.

The **Executive Committee** held 10 meetings in 2024. How the Executive Committee functions is described in the internal rules. For instance, under the authority of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee proactively monitors and reports on the implementation of BCCA's strategy and operations.

The **General Management Committee for Certification (GMCC)** works under the authority of the Executive Committee and reports to it. Its task includes the general management of the rules for certification and the validation of certification concepts, certification operations and certification decisions.

The **General Management Committee for Approval (GMCA)** focuses on SECO-BUILDWISE operations as the approval operator for the UBAtc.

In 2024, the GMCC held 25 meetings and the GMCA held 34 meetings.

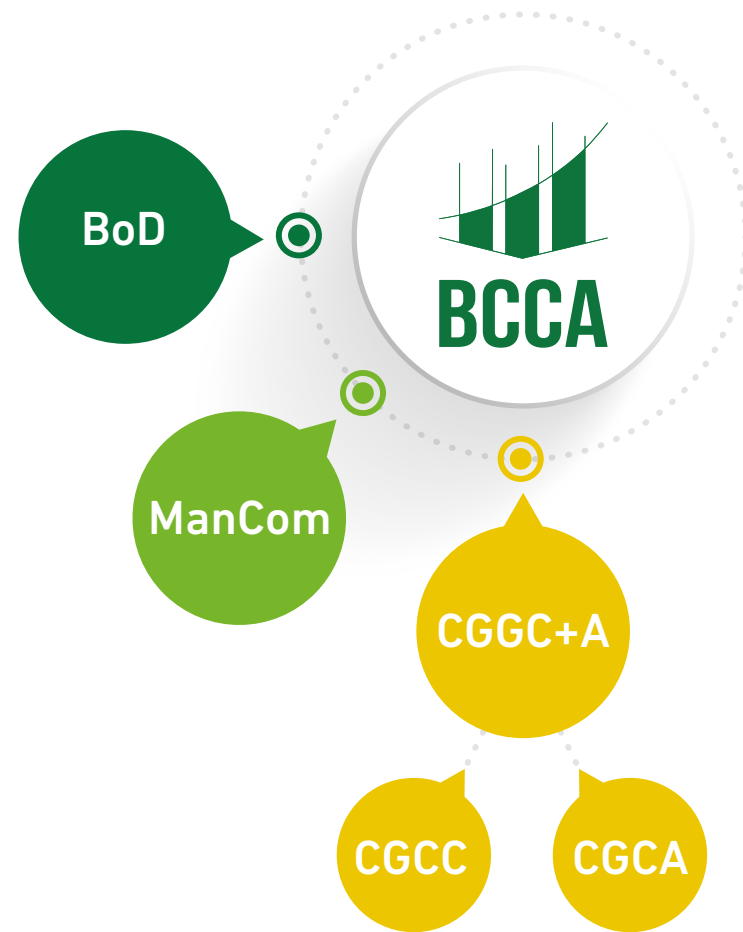
Throughout 2024, particular attention was paid to accreditation, monitoring action plans, training employees, implementing new document templates, the new CPR, making the UBAtc more dynamic, monitoring complaints about the quality framework for cavity wall insulation and supporting innovation as a UBAtc operator.

NPO BCCA MEMBERS		
SECO Belgium sa	Full member, category A	
Buildwise npo	Full member, category B1	
Embuild npo	Full member, category B2	
Steven Beckers	Full member, category B2	
Frank Louwers	Full member, category B2	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Position	Organisation	Name
Chair	SECO	BH Group SA, with permanent representative B. Heiderscheidt
Director	BUILDWISE	O. Vandooren
Managing Director	SECO	O. Delbrouck
Director	SECO	F. Foncke

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
Position	Organisation	Name
General Manager	SECO	O. Delbrouck
Technical Manager	SECO	F. De Meyer
Innovation & Communication Manager	SECO	C. Hiernaux
Operations Manager	SECO	J. Van de Velde ⁽¹⁾
Head of Quality Management	SECO	J-F. Labrouche ⁽¹⁾
Management Controller	SECO	S. della Faille ⁽¹⁾

(1) since 08/05/2024



GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR CERTIFICATION

The **GMCC** is made up of the following members:

The General Manager, Technical Manager, Head of Quality Management along with experts depending on subjects for discussion on the agenda.

GENERAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
FOR APPROVAL

The **GMCA** is made up of the following members:

The General Manager, Technical Manager, Innovation and Communication Manager, Head of Quality Management and representatives from the approval operator Buildwise, and, if necessary, experts depending on subjects to be treated.

4.2 CONSULTATION PLATFORM

BCCA plays a central role as a **facilitator** in organising consultations between stakeholders. They rely on BCCA to set up the advisory councils and relevant sector-based technical commissions that will set the certification rules, reflect on quality management, evaluation rules, risk prevention management, standardisation and any aspect pertaining to quality.

The operating structure in 2024 was as follows:



4.3 ACCREDITATION AND NOTIFICATION

Where accreditation is possible or has been granted, BCCA carries out its activities under **BELAC** (Belgian Accreditation Body) **accreditation**. Accreditation confirms the reliability and impartiality of BCCA activities. BELAC accreditation indicates that our services meet international standards (ISO/IEC 17065, 17021-1, 17024, 17020 et 17025) and are recognised accordingly.

BCCA is **notified** as a **certification body for Construction Products Regulation**. This means that the FPS Economy notified it as a certification body before the European Commission, meaning manufacturers can use our services to fulfil their obligations under European legislation on construction products.

MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS	PRODUCTS, PROCESSES AND SERVICES	PERSONS	INSPECTIONS	TESTS
under ISO 17021-1	under ISO 17065	under ISO 17024	under ISO 17020	under ISO 17025
 021 QMS	 021 PROD	 021 PERS	 021 INSP	 021 TEST
 021 EMS				
ISO 9001 ISO 14001 ISO 45001 VCA Achilles CO ₂ performance ladder	   U-value certification	Professional painters and welders	Various schemes	Calculation of thermal conductivity values for external joinery

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