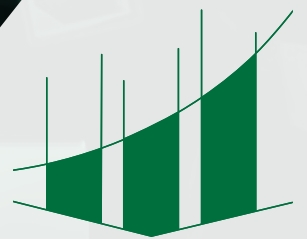


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# PREFACE

*The year 2025 will be remembered as a pivotal moment, not only for the construction sector, but also for BCCA. In an environment marked by stabilisation at a lower level of activity and by increasing complexity, we made a clear choice: to transform ourselves in order to remain fully relevant and valuable to all our stakeholders.*

*This transformation is not a temporary response to short term fluctuations. It reflects a structural evolution within the sector, where value creation no longer depends solely on volume or technical compliance, but increasingly on reliability, transparency and demonstrable performance over time. In this context, certification and technical approval are becoming strategic levers that support trust and informed decision making.*

*At BCCA, we have fully embraced this shift. Our ambition is to strengthen our role as a facilitator and partner by developing an integrated service offering that connects technical expertise, regulatory requirements and data management. This direction translates into accelerated digitalization, the integration of new services and a continuous focus on reducing lead times and ensuring the quality of our deliverables.*

*At the heart of this transformation stand our people. The expertise of our teams is our greatest asset. Engineers, architects, scientists, auditors and sector specialists all contribute daily to translating complexity into clear, reliable solutions for our clients. Their commitment, precision and adaptability are essential to supporting a sector undergoing rapid change and to enabling innovation without compromising quality or safety.*

*We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of our external experts, partners and committee members, who actively help shape a robust and evolving quality framework. Their involvement is invaluable in ensuring the relevance, credibility and independence of our activities.*

*Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to all BCCA teams. In a demanding context, you have demonstrated professionalism, engagement and a spirit of innovation. Thanks to you, BCCA continues to play a key role in building a construction sector that is more reliable, more sustainable and future oriented. More than ever, we remain committed to supporting this transition alongside our clients and partners, making quality and trust the foundations of long term value creation.*



**Bernard Heiderscheidt**  
Chair Board of Directors



**Olivier Delbrouck**  
Managing Director



***Our ambition is to strengthen our role as a facilitator and partner by developing an integrated service offering.***



# 1. PERSPECTIVES AND CHALLENGES

## TOWARDS A NEW BALANCE BETWEEN RELIABILITY, COMPLEXITY AND VALUE CREATION

In 2025, the construction sector is not experiencing a traditional cyclical downturn but undergoing a genuine structural transition. Whereas activity once relied primarily on volume and technical compliance, it now increasingly centres on reliability, transparency and demonstrable performance throughout the life cycle.

In a context of rising complexity and economic pressure, the need for clear reference points is growing. Certification and technical evaluation are evolving from simple control

instruments into strategic tools that build trust, support decision making and facilitate market access.

For BCCA, this shift requires a clear choice: to **actively support** the transition by connecting expertise, data and regulation within **integrated services**. In doing so, we contribute to a sector where innovation remains possible without compromising quality, safety or credibility.

## 1.1 KEY TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE BELGIAN CONSTRUCTION SECTOR

After a challenging 2024 marked by a significant decline in activity and a first shock to the sector, 2025 was expected to bring gradual recovery. In practice, this rebound did not materialise. Instead, 2025 became a year of **stabilisation** at a relatively low level, with activity remaining under pressure.

At the same time, several structural trends already visible in 2024 have continued and strengthened. The sector is undergoing profound transformation driven by European and national regulations, **evolving expectations regarding housing and construction**, and an increasing focus on **sustainability**. Energy renovation remains a key driver, while **industrialisation** and **prefabrication** continue to expand to improve quality and control costs. **Digitalization** acts as a catalyst for greater efficiency.

The Belgian context shows clear developments as well. New residential construction remains weak, while **renovation** activities help stabilise the market. Infrastructure works and public investment form an essential pillar supporting overall sector activity, partially offsetting declines in other segments.

The sector is also confronted with **growing complexity**: stricter regulations, higher requirements for sustainability and traceability, and longer permitting procedures. This increased complexity means that decisions are no longer based solely on technical compliance but also on broader performance and sustainability criteria.

For BCCA, this reality has two sides: on the one hand, traditional volume based activities are under pressure; on the other, demand is rising for services that better substantiate technical performance, sustainability, circularity and compliance, and that **help companies differentiate themselves in a more challenging and complex market**.

## 1.2 TRANSITION OF THE REGULATORY FRAMEWORK: IMPLICATIONS FOR THE SECTOR AND FOR BCCA

Market developments are being reinforced by a regulatory framework undergoing profound transformation. The year 2025 marks the transition to a renewed European framework for construction products. Following the publication of the **new Construction Products Regulation (CPR) at the end of 2024** and its partial entry into force at the beginning of 2025, the sector finds itself, at the end of 2025, in a transitional phase. The implementation of CPR 2024 is still ongoing, and **most obligations will be introduced progressively from 2026 onwards**.

CPR 2024 introduces a broader approach to performance and compliance, integrating sustainability, circularity, digitalization and traceability. The development of the CPR Acquis plays a central role in this evolution, adapting technical specifications and assessment methods to the new European objectives.

### IMPACTS OF THE REGULATORY TRANSFORMATION ON THE SECTOR

In parallel, other regulatory developments are reshaping the landscape: **revision of the EPBD Directive, new ecodesign initiatives, increased focus on life cycle analysis, data quality and energy performance**. This increases complexity

for the sector but also heightens the need for clear and reliable interpretation.

In this context, **BCCA plays an active role. By participating in the CPR Acquis** and various European expert groups, we contribute to defining the new assessment frameworks and can rapidly translate upcoming requirements for our clients. The knowledge gained is shared proactively to help companies anticipate changes.

These developments are driving a shift towards a more dynamic, data driven system in which information exchange, transparency and life cycle considerations take centre stage. Tools such as the Digital Product Passport (DPP) will play a key role. **BCCA is adapting its services to prepare its clients, and itself, for this new reality.**

### IMPACT OF THE NEW REGULATORY FRAMEWORK ON BCCA

In this context, our role as facilitator is indeed strengthened, and the traditional **role of** evaluator is evolving into that of a **partner** who translates regulation into practical, forward looking solutions for the sector.

## 1.3 THE EVOLVING ROLE OF CERTIFICATION IN A COMPLEX AND RAPIDLY CHANGING MARKET

In a market that is not growing, marked by increasing complexity and pressure on margins, voluntary certification is becoming an essential instrument. While regulation sets minimum requirements, **certification makes quality, reliability and sustainability visible, and therefore enables differentiation**.

Demand for certification is rising particularly in areas where regulation is still being developed or where innovation is evolving rapidly. This is especially true for **circular materials, climate adaptation solutions, energy performance and indoor air quality**. In addition, demand is increasing for **certification of construction processes**, which are becoming more complex and industrialised. This industrialisation results in shorter execution times and greater process predictability, an evolution that our certification actively supports.

### THE ADDED VALUE OF VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION

Through certification, complex products and processes become more **transparent and understandable** for the end customer, making decision making easier. At the same time, certification allows our clients to avoid having to demonstrate or defend the value and performance of their products from scratch each time; instead, they can rely on a recognised and reliable reference framework. In a more challenging market context, certification also helps **build trust, limit risks and objectify commercial discussions**.

At the same time, the market is moving towards **integrated services**. BCCA is firmly committed to this direction. The combination of certification, attestation, testing and digital data services is clearly evolving towards a **one stop shop** model. By explicitly integrating testing into our offering, we are building a single, central point of contact for our clients in an increasingly complex environment. At the same time, we are striving to **significantly reduce certification lead times** in order to respond more quickly and effectively to market needs.

**Digitalization** initiatives, **data management, process optimisation and new forms of auditing** form an essential foundation for these developments. They enable faster, more efficient and more data driven work, and allow us to better meet the sector's evolving expectations.

**Voluntary certification is therefore becoming not only a compliance instrument but also a lever for innovation and value creation.**

For BCCA, the mission is clear: to further develop an integrated service platform that unites technical expertise, regulation and data management, and contributes to a construction sector that is sustainable and future oriented.

**BCCA IS ADAPTING ITS SERVICES  
TO PREPARE ITS CLIENTS, AND ITSELF,  
FOR THIS NEW REALITY.**

**ONE STOP  
SHOP**

# 2.

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

## 2.1 SUPPORTING INNOVATIVE SECTORS

As mentioned earlier, the year 2025 **marks the transition to a renewed European framework for construction products (CPR 2024)**. BCCA is particularly active on this topic through its participation in the CPR Acquis and various European expert groups. Thanks to this involvement, we not only contribute to defining the new assessment frameworks but can also rapidly translate upcoming requirements for our clients.

The knowledge acquired in this context further strengthens **the expertise of our engineers, architects and scientists**, who put their skills at the service of companies to anticipate changes and meet expectations.

BCCA continuously adapts and revises its model to better respond to developments in the construction sector and to the needs of the various stakeholders.

Thanks to its expertise and impartiality, BCCA's involvement ensures that the solutions proposed to the different actors in the construction industry achieve the intended objectives. In a world where innovation has become the norm, this notion of **expertise and impartiality is also a guarantee of safety**.

**Sustainability** topics are already an integral part of BCCA's services and represent no less than **30% of the 2025 turnover**.

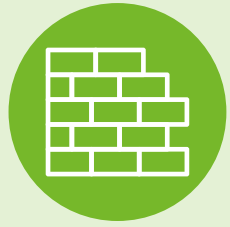
Concrete responses to new expectations, and the way these responses take shape, are illustrated in the following pages through examples drawn from several key sectors.

NEW

TRENDS -

ADAPTED

RESPONSES



## THE MASONRY AND BRICK SECTOR

For masonry, the year 2025 saw the publication of new ATGs for innovative masonry elements designed to reduce the environmental impact of buildings.

On the one hand, two ATGs were published for elements whose production process allows CO<sub>2</sub> to be captured. On the other hand, the sector can now rely on a new solution to ensure continuity of the building's thermal envelope, thanks to an additional ATG for an insulating base element similar to those already available.

From a certification perspective, and regarding the framework on which certification is based, the changes initiated by CPR 2024 and the discussions within the CPR Acquis continued in 2025. BCCA is actively involved, both in the masonry standardisation committees (**CEN TC 125 and NBN E 125**) and in the CPR Acquis expert groups. Our presence is essential to follow developments such as product recycling and reuse.



## THE INSULATION MATERIALS AND SYSTEMS SECTOR

### CIRCULARITY AT THE CENTRE OF ATTENTION

The management of mineral wool waste, particularly from building deconstruction or 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 classified as carcinogenic.

To help companies manage these risks, BCCA, in collaboration with EUCB, has developed a **new tool**. BCCA provides an attestation that includes an assessment of the analysis report of a fibre, confirming whether the chemical composition of the tested sample falls within the chemical range of at least one EUCB reference fibre, thereby confirming the absence of health risk.

Regulations concerning the disposal of mineral wool are expected to become stricter in Europe in the coming years. In this context, this new assessment tool is likely to meet a growing demand for confirmations.



### INSULATION: A SECTOR AT THE FOREFRONT OF SUSTAINABILITY

BCCA closely monitors developments in product innovation, national and international standardisation, new applications and market needs. Based on this, **certification rules** are regularly updated. In 2025, the use of **recycled raw materials** continued to grow, and certification rules were adapted accordingly.

After signing the "Climate Protocol" launched by Embuild Vlaanderen and Buildwise in 2024, BCCA undertook the necessary steps to issue **ATGs with certification** for insulation materials aligned with this approach.

In 2025, particular attention was given to ATGs with certification for **bio based insulation materials**. BCCA participated in a roundtable organised by UBAtc entitled "Towards a level playing field for bio based insulation." A broad panel of stakeholders exchanged views, experiences and perspectives on market acceptance criteria for bio based insulation.

### CERTIFICATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL REACH

For several types of insulation materials, **CE marking** is mandatory. The manufacturer determines the **AVCP level (Assessment and Verification of Constancy of Performance)** based on the fire behaviour of the products. In this context,

BCCA is recognised as a **notified body (AVCP 1)** for a wide range of harmonised European standards relating to thermal insulation products.

BCCA closely follows developments in this field, notably through active participation in the **CPR Technical Acquis** expert group for thermal insulation products and in **Sector Group 19 of the Notified Bodies** dedicated to these materials.

In addition to Belgian ATGs with certification and CE related certifications, insulation manufacturers also express demand for the **voluntary European quality label CEN Keymark**.

This label certifies insulation products (not applications) according to a harmonised European product standard, by an independent third party empowered certification body.

In 2025, around **160 manufactured insulation products** were CEN Keymark certified by BCCA.

### IN SITU SPRAYED POLYURETHANE FLOOR INSULATION SYSTEMS

This insulation system continued to evolve in 2025 and included:

- **3 valid ATGs with certification** for in situ sprayed PUR floor insulation systems using an HFO blowing agent
- **3 valid BCCA raw material certificates** for the raw materials used in these systems
- **7 ATG installer certificates**, recognised by the ATG holder for the application of the in situ sprayed PUR system and certified by BCCA

The **performance values stated in ATGs with certification** for in situ sprayed PUR floor systems are **only valid if installation is carried out by certified installers**, and only for the insulation system as applied **directly on site**. This approach ensures **full confidence** in the performance described in the ATG.

In 2025, there were also **4 valid CEN Keymark certificates** for in situ sprayed PUR floor systems using an HFO blowing agent. In addition, BCCA carried out **independent third party** inspections (in situ) as part of **Technical Opinions** relating to these systems.

CAVITY WALL POST INSULATION, IN SITU

The **BCCA quality framework for cavity wall post insulation** is based on **STS 71 1**, published by the FPS Economy. In 2025, several working groups were organised to revise STS 71 1 (2012 version), and an updated version was published in October 2025. Few major changes were introduced, except for a new requirement concerning the long term water **absorption behaviour of MW products** under alkaline conditions.

Since the launch of the BCCA quality framework in March 2012 until **31/12/2025, 148,036 post insulation works** were carried out by BCCA certified installers, representing a total surface area of approximately **18,008,222 m<sup>2</sup>** of insulated façades.

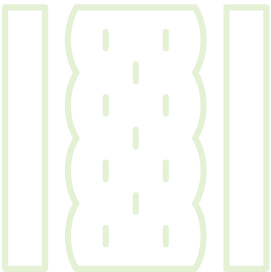
In **2025**, the sector faced a **sharp decline in private demand**, resulting in a **29% decrease** in the number of installations compared to the previous year. For **2026**, a further decline is expected due to the removal of subsidies for higher income households, as decided by the Flemish Government. Despite the end of subsidies, the need to insulate poorly performing buildings remains essential, and rising energy prices further

reinforce the need to protect against heat, cold and excessive heating costs.

AN INTEGRATED OFFER FOR PERFORMANCE AND CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

In the insulation sector, BCCA auditors have recognised expertise enabling them to carry out, in a coordinated manner, all certification activities related to **ATG, CE marking, CEN Keymark and EUCB**. Their thorough understanding of the requirements of each certification scheme ensures optimal and highly efficient execution of audits and certification processes for manufacturers.

This integrated approach results in significant gains, both in audit duration and testing costs, while ensuring high performance service fully aligned with client expectations.



THE ROOF SECTOR

**In 2025, the developments initiated in previous years continued steadily, and several new projects were launched. Almost all of these projects relate to ATG technical approvals and focus on the following points.**

BCCA is actively participating in the optimisation and digitalization project for ATG technical approvals led by UBAtc.

These developments will lead to a broader scope of application and a better alignment of ATGs with the needs of a **construction sector undergoing profound transformation and rapid evolution.**

REVISION OF WIND RESISTANCE PERFORMANCE FOR FLAT ROOF WATERPROOFING SYSTEMS

This revision concerns:

- **Bonded systems (EN 17686)**, for which the first steps have been taken towards translating the new standard into an adapted UBAtc directive
- **Mechanically fastened systems (EN 16002)**, for which the extrapolation rules described in CEN/TS 17659 still need to be compared with the usual ATG principles



THE RISE OF MULTIFUNCTIONAL / CLIMATE ROOFS

This concept is gaining increasing importance in the roofing sector and offers significant advantages compared to traditional flat roofs:

- **Biodiversity (green roofs)**: improved thermal comfort, increased ecological value, reduced heat island effect
- **Water management (blue roofs)**: retention / buffering of rainwater to reduce flood risk, irrigation possibilities for vegetated roofs
- **Energy production (yellow roofs)**: integration of renewable energy systems (solar panels, etc.)
- **Recreation (red roofs)**: use of the roof for functional or recreational activities (terrace, relaxation, parking, etc.)

BCCA is actively involved in various projects aimed at **defining codes of good practice, innovative solutions and minimum technical requirements**, in collaboration with the different stakeholders in the sector. A central question is how to integrate these new concepts into ATGs.

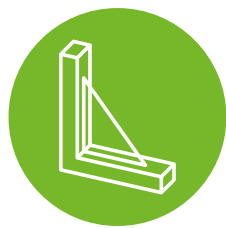
CIRCULARITY OF PRODUCTS AND SYSTEMS

This includes the use of recycled materials, product reuse, dismantlable waterproofing systems, modular construction, etc. These themes will be further strengthened in **2026**.

Many products already incorporate circularity aspects, but this is not yet clearly reflected in ATGs. The challenge is to qualify these aspects and develop **appropriate verification tools** to enable certification of circular dimensions (durability, impact, etc.).

CE MARKING

In a stable market, BCCA continues its activities while responding to growing demand for **CE marking**, particularly among rebranding manufacturers and in the context of changes linked to the introduction of the new CPR.



### THE FACADES SECTOR - EXTERIOR JOINERY

#### EXTERIOR JOINERY

In March 2025, the **Sustainable Joinery v2.0** certification was officially launched during a sector event bringing together numerous manufacturers, system suppliers, federations and specifiers. During this event, the first companies received their certificates, making sustainability not only an ambition but also a **concrete, recognised and independently validated commitment**.

This certification combines a high level of technical quality with environmental and social criteria, and assesses joinery across its entire life cycle using a transparent points based system. For more information, you can consult the [video](#) or the dedicated [website](#).



In addition, **regulation** remains a key driver in the sector. CE marking for **fire resistant and emergency exit doors** has been mandatory for many years for manufacturers. In this context, the manufacturer's FPC (Factory Production Control) must be verified by a notified body (such as BCCA).

Over the past year, more and more companies have ensured compliance with these obligations, reflecting growing maturity and increased attention to conformity and quality. This trend is expected to continue in 2026, and BCCA will play an active role in informing the sector.

We are also seeing a clear increase in the number of ATGs issued for the extrusion of **thermal breaks in aluminium joinery profiles**. The ATG(H) is a **recognised international quality label** in this field. This growth confirms the importance and market value of a performance based approach supported by strong technical expertise.

In the short and medium term, **sustainability** will become increasingly embedded in our sector, driven by both **regulatory developments and market expectations**. Against a backdrop of constantly evolving European regulations and growing market expectations, BCCA continues, in consultation with the sector, to build **a reliable and forward-looking quality framework**.



### ETICS SECTOR (EXTERNAL THERMAL INSULATION COMPOSITE SYSTEM)

**ETICS systems combine energy performance, quality and reliability, a crucial trio in today's renovation landscape.**

They are now widely used and have a significant impact on the energy consumption of buildings. When combined with roof insulation and high performance joinery, ETICS form the core of a well designed renovation strategy.

**For apartment buildings**, ETICS offer **a versatile, future proof solution for energy renovation**. By choosing a closed system with an ATG technical approval, ensuring correct installation, and working with trained contractors (and in the future, BCCA certified contractors), owners and co owners can rely on a durable investment with strong added value.

**There are three main ways to insulate an existing building:**

1. External insulation (such as ETICS)
2. Internal insulation
3. Cavity wall insulation (where a cavity exists)

In Belgium, the use of a closed ETICS system with an **ATG approval** is strongly recommended. A closed system means that all components have been tested and approved as a whole, and that they are supplied by the ATG holder or its Belgian distributor. This ensures **compatibility, durability and reliability**. All ATG approved systems can be consulted on the [UBAtc](#) website.

A high performing ETICS solution also depends on correct installation. To further strengthen implementation quality, **BCCA is currently developing a voluntary process certification for contractors installing ETICS**. This certification will cover staff competence, internal quality assurance and compliance with execution guidelines.

### ENGAGEZ-VOUS POUR UN AVENIR DURABLE AVEC DES PRODUITS CERTIFIÉS

Faites la différence avec une certification qui témoigne de votre engagement pour la qualité, l'environnement et le bien-être social.





### THE PLASTIC PIPING SYSTEMS SECTOR

In the sector of plastic piping systems, no major developments were observed in 2025, with the exception of the creation of PTV 1011 for multilayer PVC wastewater pipes containing an intermediate layer made from recycled material.

This initiative responds to evolving regulation (Vlarem), which will require a **minimum percentage of recycled content** for this type of piping in future public procurement.



Following constructive collaboration between the various stakeholders in the sector, the technical requirements were defined in PTV 1011, based on the **NBN EN 13476-2** standard (multilayer pipes with smooth inner and outer walls). From a technical standpoint, the same requirements as for traditional solid wall PVC wastewater pipes were retained. The **first certificate was issued in 2026**.

In addition, the **technical annexes of the BENOR Application Regulation** were aligned with the latest evolutions in European standards. As a result, the sector transitioned from the **NBN T42-116** standard to the updated **NBN EN 12201** (pressure piping systems in PE) for **PE 100 RC**.

For **GRP piping systems**, a working group was launched to develop technical specifications enabling BENOR certification of channels and segmental elements (around the circumference), particularly in the context of sewer network renovation.

In the field of **sanitary piping systems under ATG**, it is clear that manufacturers are actively seeking alternative materials to continue meeting market developments and European requirements for drinking water.

On **1 January 2025**, the certification of contractors active in **sewer renovation** became applicable through the Flemish **Standard Specifications 250**, following the approval of the technical rules and certification rules at the end of 2024.

During the second half of 2025, the first certificates were issued, and the first construction sites were monitored through a **digital system** providing full transparency on all information related to certified construction sites. The contracting authority, the certified contractor and the engineering office have access to the relevant data, on the basis of which BCCA performs targeted on-site inspections.

This sector is expected to **continue growing in 2026**, given the significant challenges associated with renovating the sewerage network.



### THE AIRTIGHTNESS AND VENTILATION SECTOR

#### AIRTIGHTNESS

As the organiser of the **quality framework for air tightness testing**, BCCA closely monitors international developments through its membership in **TAAC (TightVent Airtightness Associations Committee)** and as a **Gold Partner of TightVent**, an initiative of the **Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre (AIVC)**.

As a result, we are able to follow the revision of **ISO 9972, the international standard** governing airtightness testing. Thanks to this quality framework, we have extensive field testing experience, which is a valuable contribution to these platforms.

Thanks to this quality framework, we have extensive field experience. Measurement results collected during practical examinations were used in a **scientific article on repeatability, reproducibility and the quantification of measurement uncertainty**. This article was presented at the **45th joint AIVC-ASHRAE IEQ conference** in Montreal in September 2025 and has since been published in the **Rehva Journal**.

#### VENTILATION AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY

BCCA has more than **10 years of experience** in improving building ventilation, both in product evaluation and in the upskilling of ventilation reporters.

BCCA acts as a neutral inspection body for the assessment of:

- adjustable ventilation louvres (RTOs)
- ventilation units
- demand controlled ventilation systems that are accepted under EPB regulations.

Products and systems deemed compliant are listed in the PEB recognised products database ([www.epbd.be](http://www.epbd.be)).

Ventilation is not an end 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 given it special attention with the publication of the **revised EPBD Directive in May 2024**. It is therefore clear that indoor air quality will remain a top priority.

In practical terms, BCCA has shared its expertise in **ventilation system inspections** and monitoring **indoor air quality** in a number of **webinars organised by the AIVC**.

At regional level, **indoor air quality in public buildings**, and more specifically in care homes, is also a priority. In collaboration with **KU Leuven** and in close cooperation with the sector, BCCA has developed **quality manuals** for the department zorg (care sector).

This work demonstrates that BCCA's expertise in quality improvement can also be applied to **initiatives supporting public policy**, working in tandem with partners specialising in basic research.





### THE RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR

More than ever, renewable energy plays a crucial role in our society. In a context marked by increasing electrification and the ambition to reduce dependence on fossil fuels, regulation is tightening and the pathways toward 2050 are becoming clearer.

Renewable energy installations, **photovoltaic panels, solar water heaters, heat pumps,** and their interaction with **batteries, buffer tanks and electric mobility** must be deployed on a large scale. As a result, this domain is gaining increasing importance within BCCA.

Through **RESCert**, a BCCA-BPAC consortium, we contribute to the **certification of installers of small scale renewable energy systems**, mandated by the three Regions.

BCCA acts as the certification operator and the **first point of contact** for installers seeking to obtain a certificate. RESCert is a reference in the sector, as demonstrated by the **575 new certificates issued in 2025**, as well as the obligation introduced in Wallonia: since **June 1st 2025**, any company

installing or designing a PV installation must have **at least one RESCert certified person on staff**.

In 2025, an **advisory council dedicated** to the renewable energy sector was created: the **Quest Commission**, marking the full integration of the non-profit organisation Quest into BCCA. This forum has already enabled two half day sessions of rich exchanges on **quality assurance in renewable energy installations**.

BCCA also contributed to the **translation of the Europe “Skillsafe” guidelines**, relating to the safe handling of heat pumps using more flammable refrigerants.

### SMARTER BUILDINGS

Buildings are increasingly integrating technologies and sensors to optimise energy consumption without compromising comfort (light, air, acoustics).

To meet rising requirements while reducing consumption, buildings are becoming “smart” through **Energy Management Systems (EMS) or Building Automation Control Systems (BACS)**.

These systems combine data from multiple sensors (including the dynamic price of electricity) to control installations in an optimal way.

Since 2025, BCCA has been participating in the **Smart Buildings Commission of Buildwise** and has obtained the certification required to perform the **Smart Readiness Indicator (SRI)** assessment of buildings.



### THE BUILDING INSPECTION SECTOR

A **standardised condition assessment** provides real added value for establishing a **multi-year maintenance plan (PEP/MJOP)**.

These assessments are carried out by building inspectors following the **NEN 2767** standard, on behalf of building managers, co ownership associations, property management firms, cities, municipalities, the VEB, the Facilitair Bedrijf, and others.

Inspectors can obtain **BCCA certification** and, for each registered inspection, issue a **declaration of conformity** confirming that they comply with the standard and the certification scheme. The first certificates were issued in **2018**.

Since 2025, BCCA has been developing this scheme in collaboration with **IFMA**, which is responsible for training and examinations.

In 2025, **141 declarations of conformity** were issued by **26 active inspectors**.

Interest in these certified inspectors had already been confirmed in 2024 through the **Condoreno** project and the presentation of the scheme at the **Salon de la Copropriété**.

Given the significant need for energy renovation in multifamily residential buildings, an objective assessment of the building’s condition helps co ownership associations make informed decisions.

In 2025, several workshops helped identify the specific needs of the sector, and BCCA is now developing an **extension of the scheme** based on the **BOEI** methodology, adapted to the Belgian context of apartment buildings.



## 2.2 PROFESSIONAL EVENTS

### ENERGIE CONGRES

In March of last year, BCCA was a partner of the Energie Congres for its 16th edition, themed "De renovatierace naar 2030" (**The race to renovation by 2030**).

We highlighted the certification of building inspectors performing building condition assessments in accordance with NEN 2767. The



event is organised annually by Embuild Vlaanderen, and we will, of course, be present again in 2026.

### VILLAGE QUALITÉ

In 2025, BCCA took part in the Village Qualité initiative, alongside other Belgian voluntary certification bodies: COPRO, Procetus and ANPI, with the support of the voluntary certification labels ATG and BENOR.

In April, we were present at the *Salon des Mandataires – Municipalia*, held on 17 and 18 April at the WEX in Marche-en-Famenne. This event provided an opportunity to present the Q2B platform, the mechanism and benefits of certification under the CO<sub>2</sub> Performance Ladder, as well as two possible ways to support innovation: either through an IIDI (Idée Innovation of UBAtc), the solution chosen for flood protection systems and the first step towards an ATG; or through an Innovation Attestation, the first step towards future

certification. There were also many questions and exchanges during the informal networking drink at the stand. The visibility of Village Qualité was undoubtedly strengthened among public decision makers and local stakeholders.

On 16 October, the same "Village Qualité" stand was present at the **45th edition of Concrete Day**, organised by the **Belgian Concrete Group** (GBB) in Leuven.

This presence allowed us to meet concrete sector professionals and highlight the importance of a coherent quality framework within the construction industry.



### SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF MENUISERIE DURABLE V2.0!

**A new step towards sustainable construction projects**

On 27 March 2025, the new version of the Menuiserie Durable v2.0 product certification was officially launched during a major event in Diegem. More than 120 construction sector professionals attended to discover this renewed label.

The first certified companies: manufacturers, businesses and suppliers received their certificates from Olivier Delbrouck, Managing Director of BCCA. With the launch of Menuiserie Durable v2.0, a solid foundation has been laid for the future of the construction sector.



ENGAGEZ-VOUS POUR UN AVENIR DURABLE AVEC DES PRODUITS CERTIFIÉS



## CO OWNERSHIP FAIR: ETICS

On **20 November**, BCCA took part in the **Salon de la Copropriété**, an essential event for professionals in property management and building renovation.

Our stand, hosted by two of our engineers specialising in ETICS, attracted a large number of visitors throughout the day, reflecting the growing interest in certified renovation solutions and in the quality of the building envelope.

BCCA also contributed to the conference program with **two presentations dedicated to ETICS façade systems**, presented as a sustainable and high performance solution for improving the energy efficiency of co-owned buildings.

These presentations highlighted:

- the essential combination of **energy performance, quality and reliability**,
- the **decisive role of certification** and the support provided by property managers in ensuring the success of insulation projects.

The day was marked by numerous constructive exchanges with participants, confirming the central importance of quality and compliance in renovation projects within co ownerships.



We look forward to meeting sector stakeholders again at the next edition in **2026**.



Major changes and challenges facing  
the construction sector serve  
to strengthen BCCA's mission

PROVIDE **CONFIDENCE IN QUALITY**  
IN ITS BROADEST SENSE

SUPPORT **INNOVATION**

RISK MANAGEMENT – FITNESS FOR USE

3.

# EVOLUTION OF THE ACTIVITY

## 3.2 BCCA IN FIGURES



28  
SECTORS

11

SYSTEMS



WORLDWIDE PRESENCE IN THE FIELD

OPERATES IN

52



COUNTRIES

MEMBER OF A NATIONAL  
AND INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

12



ORGANISATIONS



MANAGING MORE THAN

8.800

CERTIFICATES,  
ATTESTATIONS AND LABELS

219

DIFFERENT  
CERTIFICATION  
SCHEMES



512

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 CENTRES

50

LABORATORIES

10

INSPECTION  
AND EVALUATION  
BODIES

ACTIVITIES RELATED TO  
SUSTAINABILITY

15,28 Mio €

IN TURNOVER 2025



62

TRAINING  
DAYS PER  
YEAR

233

PARTICIPANTS



## 3.2 CERTIFICATION AND ATTESTATION ACTIVITIES – 2025 RESULTS

### 3.2.1 MAIN SERVICES & ADDED VALUE

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**. BCCA's mission is clear: to further develop an integrated service platform that brings together technical expertise, regulatory knowledge and data management. These services are continuously evolving to meet the needs of the sector.

In Belgium, only CE marking is mandatory; all other certifications result from voluntary initiatives by companies. The process through which an independent third party validates quality, risk management and sustainability requirements represents real added value for beneficiaries.

#### THE MAIN ADVANTAGES OF VOLUNTARY CERTIFICATION ARE:

- **Transparency** and **strengthened credibility and reputation for the company** among clients, partners and investors;
- **Improved internal performance** through continuous improvement processes, giving management a clear view of risk control and product and/or process compliance;
- **Easier access to new markets**, particularly public procurement where certain labels are required, without having to repeatedly demonstrate the value and performance of products;
- **Increased real and perceived value** of the certified products or services, generating greater interest in solutions whose reliability has been validated;
- **Competitive differentiation** by providing additional guarantees in terms of quality, safety or sustainability;
- And finally, **enhanced support for innovation** through early stage validation of quality and risk control during the development of new products, services or construction systems.

The main services offered by BCCA in 2025 were as follows:

#### 1. PRODUCT CERTIFICATION

##### ATG CERTIFICATION



A favourable assessment of the fitness for use of construction products and systems, including production monitoring, implementation monitoring, and, where applicable, qualification of users (individuals and companies). **This certification is particularly suited to innovative solutions.**

To address concrete requests from sector stakeholders and authorities regarding sustainability and circularity, **ATG with certification** now allows interested manufacturers to account for the presence of a percentage of **recycled and renewable content** in construction materials, as well as criteria relating to the **dismantlability** of the materials and systems concerned.

#### NEW



#### IIDI

“L’Idée Innovation” provides genuine support for the **rapid introduction of innovative materials to the market** by confirming the fitness for use of the most relevant performance characteristics of the material or system concerned. The **IIDI** represents a first step towards ATG certification.

Empowering  
building innovation  
through **attestation**



#### BENOR CERTIFICATION

Aims to certify the conformity of a product, process or service with a standard or normative document within the Belgian context. It is mainly used by **public-sector specifiers**.



#### CE MARKING

Ensures the free circulation of construction products within the European single market, where this marking is **mandatory**.



#### KEYMARK

A voluntary mark of conformity with a European standard, used primarily for insulation products.



#### EUCEB

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

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



#### MENUISERIE DURABLE

Certification combining quality with environmental and social criteria for exterior joinery.

## 2. ATTESTATION / INNOVATION ATTESTATION

NEW

A service designed to support **projects** from the earliest stages of their development.

This support includes defining a **relevant normative** framework for the product/system concerned, or drafting an **attestation** aimed at establishing the **fitness for use** of a product/system for a **specific application** on a clearly defined construction site.

The attestation may also constitute the first step towards future product/system certification.

## 3. CERTIFICATION OF PROCESSES AND SERVICES

NEW

At the end of 2025, we finalised the technical requirements and certification rules relating to the process certification for the treatment of **rising damp** in masonry.

This work was carried out in collaboration with numerous sector stakeholders, and an informational webinar as well as the first training sessions (in collaboration with Buildwise) were organised at the beginning of 2026.



## EXECUTION CERTIFICATION MY BCCA

In 2025, this certification covered concrete repair works, sewer system renovation and the installation of foundation piles.

### 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

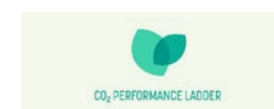
**ISO 45001:** Occupational health and safety management systems



**VCA:** Occupational health, safety and well-being



**Achilles:** Soil remediation systems



**CO<sub>2</sub> performance ladder:** Certification for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

## 6. TRAINING



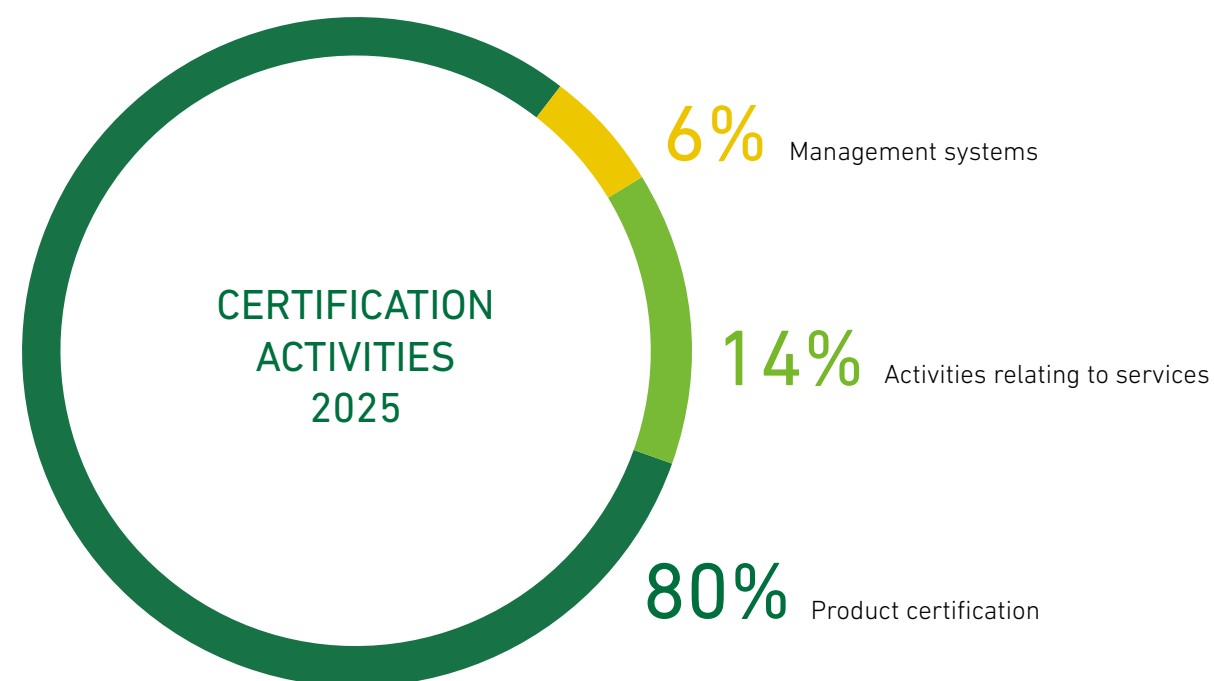
**BCCA ACADEMY** : A training offer covering technical, environmental and normative topics within the framework of existing certifications (such as quality frameworks), as well as outside specific certification schemes.

This service aims to meet the growing need for continuous training and information among staff in construction sector companies. These needs have increased dramatically, creating a major challenge to train the relevant personnel in a timely manner.

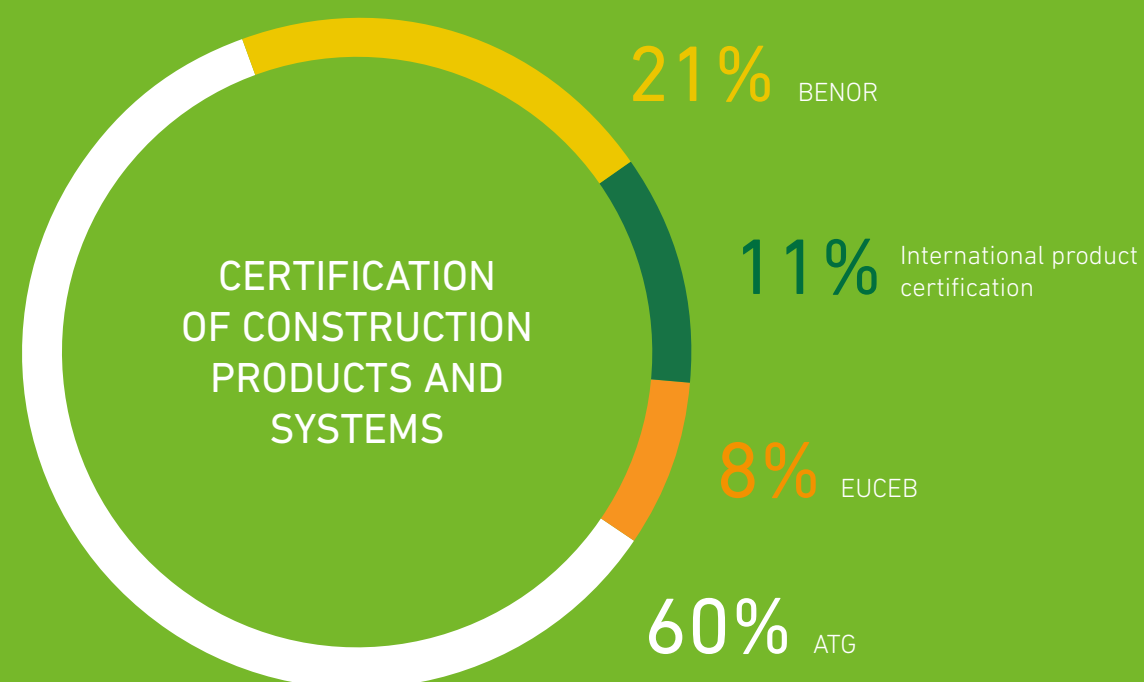
BCCA is recognised as a training provider by **VEKA** (Flanders) for continuing education for PEB reporters for the relevant courses they must follow.

BCCA is also recognised as a training provider by **Vlaio** (Flanders) for the SME portfolio, under approval number **DV.0248435**.

### 3.2.2 2025 RESULTS

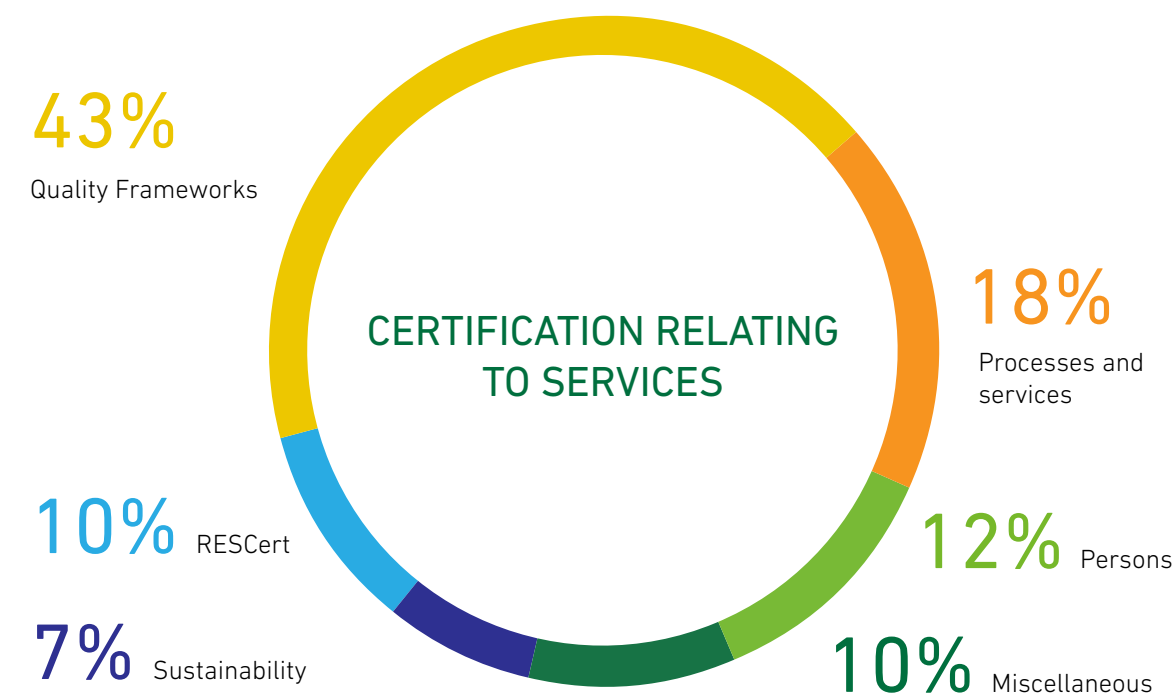


**Voluntary certification** for construction products and systems continues to represent the vast majority of certification requests within the construction sector. This reflects not only the need for verified quality and compliance, but also the desire of companies to differentiate themselves from competitors and to bring an increasing number of innovations to the market.



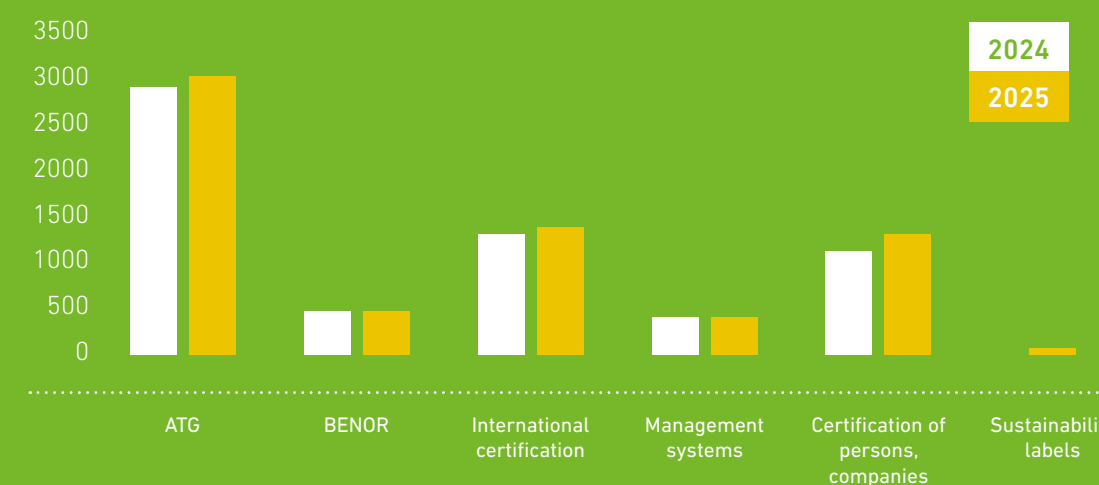
**ATG certification** and the **BENOR mark** together account for 81% of BCCA's core activity and serve a wide range of sectors. The relative weight of each product certification scheme remains stable, although ATG continues to grow due to the rising number of innovative products and systems designed to meet new technical, environmental and sustainability requirements.

### 3.2.2 2025 RESULTS



The share of service related certification (14%) is largely driven by quality frameworks. Competence certification for individuals continues to grow, as do certifications linked to sustainability, such as *Menuiserie Durable*. Requests for attestations, inspections and innovation support services, often stepping stones toward future certification, are also on the rise.

### EVOLUTION OF CERTIFICATION ACTIVITIES (IN NUMBER)



The need for recognition of high technical quality, and increasingly, of environmental performance, is reflected in the growing number of requests for validation of the fitness for use of construction products and systems. Designers and specifiers in particular are seeking independent confirmation that solutions meet evolving expectations. This trend translates into a continued rise in ATG certification requests. For the first time, sustainability labels such as *Menuiserie Durable* appear in the activity overview, with 47 certificates issued in 2025. Competence certification for individuals also continues to grow, particularly in sectors such as renewable energy and building condition assessment. The diversity of services requested illustrates BCCA's ability to innovate by integrating new evaluation criteria and responding to emerging market needs.

# 4. OUR ORGANISATION

## 4.1 MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The **General Assembly** took place on 5 June 2025.

An **Extraordinary General Assembly** was held on 27 November 2025, during which the amendment of the Articles of Association of BCCA npo was approved. This amendment includes, in Article 2 (registered office), the transfer of the registered office to the Flemish Region, as well as an adaptation of Article 5 (categories of members), in which the names of individual members are removed to avoid having to modify the Articles of Association each time the membership composition changes.

The **Board of Directors** met on 15 May and 27 November 2025.

The **Executive Committee** met 37 times in 2025. Its functioning is described in internal regulations. By delegation of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee proactively monitors the implementation of BCCA's strategy and operational activities and reports on these. In 2025, particular emphasis was placed on implementing the **2025–2027 strategy**, including the launch of the organisation's **transformation** plan.

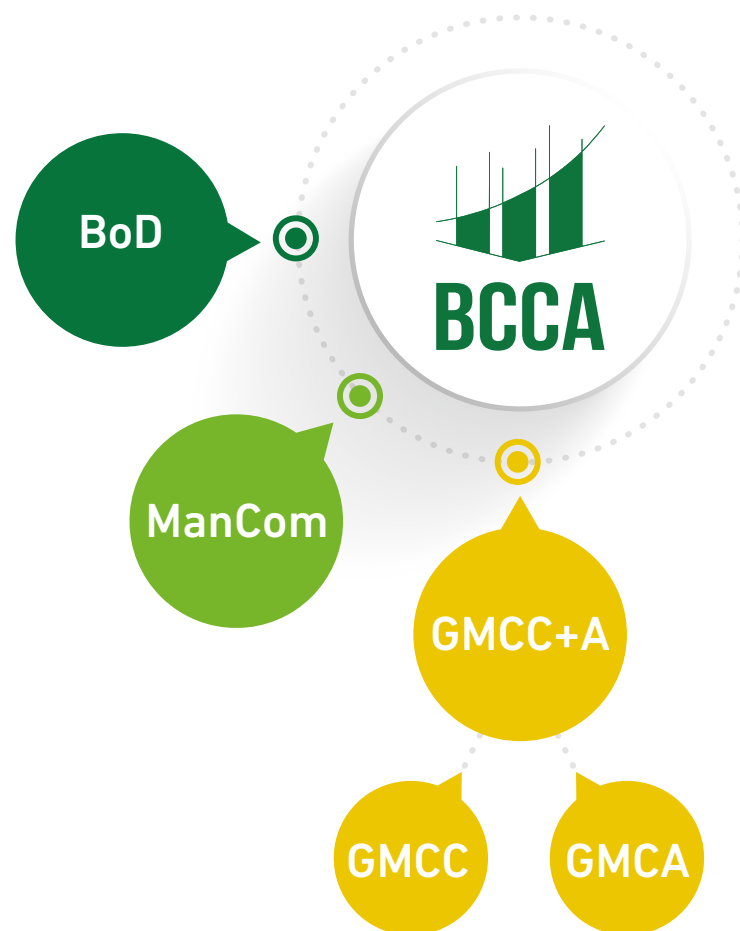
The **General Certification Management Committee (GMCC)** operates by delegation of the Executive Committee and reports back to it. Its mandate includes the overall management of certification rules, the validation of certification concepts, certification activities, and certification decisions.

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

The ABC met 16 times in 2025, while the ABG met 10 times in 2024.

Throughout 2025, particular attention was devoted to accreditation, the follow up of action plans, staff qualification, the development of new certification schemes, the implementation of new templates, regulations and internal procedures, updates to the General Terms and Conditions of BCCA npo (including the integration of clauses relating to non-contractual liability and complaint handling), the deployment of new digital tools, relations with public authorities and partnerships, the new CPR, and the revitalisation of UBAtc, with a specific focus on reducing the lead times for obtaining an ATG.

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|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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 |
|                     | Managing Director                  | SECO                     | O. Delbrouck                                                |
|                     | Director                           | BUILDWISE                | O. Vandooren                                                |
|                     | Director                           | SECO                     | FFLOW CommV, with permanent representative 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                                             |
|                     | Head of Quality Management         | SECO                     | J-F. Labrouche                                              |
|                     | Business Controller                | SECO                     | S. della Faille                                             |



#### 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

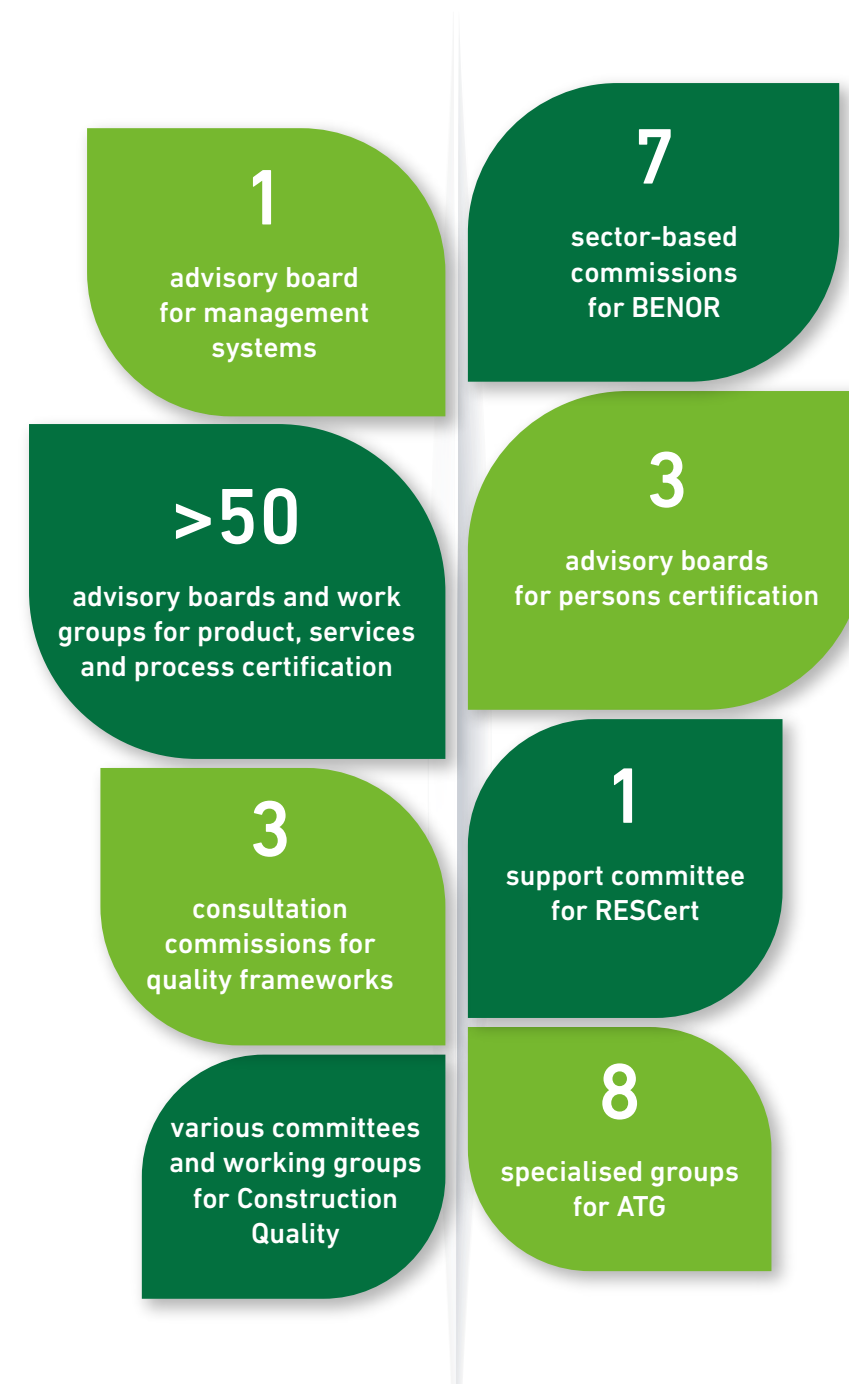
The **GMCA** is made up of the following members:

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 2025 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                                                                                                                                   |
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| <div>ISO 9001<br/>ISO 14001<br/>ISO 45001<br/>VCA</div> <div>Achilles</div> <div>CO<sub>2</sub><br/>performance<br/>ladder</div>                                                                                                                  | <div><br/>LA QUALITE EN CONFIANCE</div> <div></div> <div></div> <div>U-value<br/>certification</div> | <div>Professional<br/>painters and<br/>welders</div>                                                                                  | <div>Various<br/>schemes</div>                                                                                                         | <div>Calculation<br/>of thermal<br/>conductivity<br/>values for<br/>external<br/>joinery</div>                                          |

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