

PRESS RELEASE

Certisys and the CdL have formed a strategic alliance to foster new synergies and enhance their respective expertise.

Brussels, November 12, 2025, Certisys, a pioneer and leader in organic certification in Belgium and the CdL, a key player in quality assurance across all agricultural and agri-food sectors, have announced the launch of a unique strategic partnership.

This marks the first-ever partnership between two certification bodies in Belgium. Rather than operating in parallel or in competition, they have opted for collaboration.

Starting **February 1st, 2026**, both bodies will deepen their complementary roles.

- **Certisys** will further its benchmark role in organic certification and sustainable guidance.
- **The CdL** will concentrate its efforts on certifying other standards across all agricultural sectors, with a strong focus on food chain safety.

One of the key objectives of this partnership is to enable both entities to concentrate on their core competencies in certification. It is built on mutual trust and a shared commitment to pooling their expertise, in a spirit of cooperation that serves the agricultural and food sectors.

Key figures

Certisys

- 59% of Belgian organic farms certified
- 3,500 clients guided
- Over 20 sustainable standards
- 21% growth in the client portfolio over 5 years

CdL

- 2,500 farms certified, mostly agricultural
- Around 4,300 audits per year
- Over 3,000 labo clients
- Over 5 millions analyses conducted every year

Thanks to this alliance, Certisys and the CdL now offer a comprehensive and consistent range of services, enabling businesses who wish to do so to benefit from integrated support that combines organic certification with the certification of conventional specifications. It will enable producers who request it to consolidate their audit and certification processes, thereby reducing administrative burdens and saving valuable time.

In total, nearly 3,800 Belgian producers could potentially benefit from this solution.

Beyond this certification partnership, other forms of collaboration are also being considered, particularly in logistics and food product analysis.

“Both organizations are united by common values and a shared ambition: enhancing our expertise while better supporting agricultural operations and businesses in their efforts toward quality and

sustainability. By joining forces with the CdL, we are choosing complementarity. This partnership will also allow us to offer our range of sustainable certification services to CdL's clients, and in return, provide our own clients with access to CdL's expertise.”, explains Franck Brasseur, Managing Director of Certisys

For Jean-François Heymans, Director of CdL, *“It is very important for CdL to continue delivering high-quality services and support to the agricultural and agri-food sectors. In terms of certification, this partnership will allow us to strengthen existing services while combining our strengths to further develop them—remaining true to our core expertise, our mission, and our values of support and service to the agricultural sector.”*

About Certisys

Certisys® is the Benelux subsidiary of the Ecocert Group and the leading organic certification body in Belgium. Active for over 30 years, Certisys supports numerous companies in implementing and promoting sustainable practices through a wide range of inspection and certification services—organic, ethical, and sustainable—across the agriculture, food, cosmetics, textile, and eco-product sectors. With its team of 55 employees, including a large group of field auditors, Certisys combines strong local roots with the international reach of the Ecocert Group, which operates in more than 130 countries.

Learn more at: www.certisys.eu

About the CdL

The CdL (Comité du Lait) is an interprofessional organization established in 1964, originally active in the dairy sector. It is a non-profit association headquartered in Battice.

Over the years, it has significantly diversified and expanded its scope of activities. Today, it plays a central role in food quality and safety, serving more than 3,000 clients across the agricultural and agri-food sectors. The CdL employs around 45 people and operates through three departments, each representing a core area of activity:

1. The Certification Department (CdL Certif), responsible for auditing and certifying agricultural operations according to the specifications requested.
2. The Laboratory Department (CdL Lab), which includes two on-site laboratories: one for raw milk and another for the analysis of other food products.
3. The Technical Department (CdL Tech), which oversees milking equipment and techniques on dairy farms, as well as the collection of raw milk at the farm level.

Learn more at: www.cdl-battice.be

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