

Mission Statement

As agreed on November 9, 2023 in Apeldoorn (NL)

This group was initiated as an independent group under the umbrella of the European Drinking Water Initiative as a first step towards the establishment of an institutional group of notified bodies. Therefore, the initiative is open to all other bodies that intend to be notified in accordance with the requirements of the EU Drinking Water Directive and its complementary legal acts.

We, the conformity assessment bodies listed below, strongly welcome the efforts of the EU legislators to harmonize minimum hygiene requirements for materials in contact with drinking water within the legal framework of the EU Drinking Water Directive (Directive (EU) 2020/2184).

We consider it essential to contribute the experience and expertise of the participating organizations to support this harmonization process. Furthermore, with reference to recital 45 of DECISION No. 768/2008/EC, we are committed to promoting the exchange between national organizations to ensure that the implementation of the legal requirements is uniform throughout Europe and can be put into practice.

We facilitate the implementation of the European Drinking Water Directive by developing and maintaining a guidance document that shall form the basis for the work of future notified bodies. The implementing and delegated acts are to be supplemented by the document to achieve a clear interpretation and application in the European internal market. The conformity assessment procedure for drinking water products in Europe should be uncomplicated, transparent, and practically applicable.

Signatory organizations

CARSO LSEHL FRANCE	DVGW CERT GmbH GERMANY	DVGW CERT ITALIA S.r.l. ITALY	Eurofins Dispositifs au Contact de l'Eau France SAS FRANCE
Eurofins Expert Services Oy FINLAND	Eurofins Product Testing A/S DENMARK	HyCert im Hygiene- Institut des Ruhgebiets GERMANY	Inspecta Sertifiointi Oy FINLAND
Kiwa Certification AB SWEDEN	Kiwa GmbH GERMANY	Kiwa Cermet Italia S.p.A. ITALY	Kiwa Nederland B.V. THE NETHERLANDS
National Institute of Public Health NIH – National Research Institute POLAND	NSF BELGIUM	OFI CERT AUSTRIA	RISE Research Institutes of Sweden AB SWEDEN
Safe+ Certification GmbH GERMANY	SKZ - Testing GmbH GERMANY	TÜV SÜD GERMANY	