Terminology glossary and useful links

Training #3: Awareness raising and community engagement

Module 6 - Associations for quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC)

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A. Main associations

Abbreviation	Full name	Role / relevance	Website
ECN	European Compost Network	European umbrella organisation promoting composting and anaerobic digestion; develops EU-level QA schemes (ECN-QAS).	https://www.compostnetwork.info/
ISWA	International Solid Waste Association	Global network working on waste management standards, including bio-waste treatment and quality practices.	https://www.iswa.org/
CEWEP	Confederation of European Waste-to-Energy Plants	Represents thermal treatment sector; relevant for broader waste system context and quality of residual streams.	https://www.cewep.eu/
BGK	Bundesgütegemeinschaft Kompost (Germany)	Leading QA organisation with certification schemes (RAL) and detailed compost/digestate standards.	https://www.kompost.de/
GKRS	Gütegemeinschaft Kompost Region Süd e.V.	Regional German QA organisation supporting certified compost producers.	https://www.gkrs.online/
RGK Bayern	Gütegemeinschaft Kompost Region Bayern e.V.	Regional QA body focused on compost quality monitoring in Bavaria.	https://www.rgk-bayern.de/
BVOR	Branche Vereniging Organische Reststoffen (Netherlands)	Sector organisation promoting quality standards and certification for organic residual streams.	https://bvor.nl/certificering-algemeen/
CIC	Consorzio Italiano Compostatori	Italian association promoting compost/digestate quality and certification (CIC Quality Label).	https://www.compost.it/
AICA	Asociación Española de Compostaje (Spain)	Spanish composting association supporting quality standards, research, and sector development.	https://www.compostaje.org/
RCC	Réseau Compost Citoyen (France)	Focuses on community composting and citizen engagement, indirectly supporting quality through better input materials.	https://www.reseaucompost.org/

B. Guidelines for quality assurance / quality control

Title	Description	Why it matters	Link
BIN2BEAN QA/QC Guidelines	Project-specific QA/QC guidance (under development).	Will support quality of innovative bio-waste-derived products.	Will be available on: https://www.bin2bean.eu/
European Quality Assurance Scheme (ECN-QAS)	EU-level scheme covering input materials, processes, and product quality.	Harmonises quality standards across Europe and supports market uptake.	https://www.compostnetwork.info/policy/quality-assurance/
Visual inspection of bio-waste (BGK)	Practical method to assess contamination in collected bio-waste.	Improves input quality → better final product quality.	https://www.kompost.de/fileadmin/docs/Qualitaetssicherung/Visuelle_Kontrolle_EN.pdf
Batch analysis of bio-waste (BGK)	Method for analysing incoming bio-waste at treatment plants.	Ensures consistent monitoring and process control.	https://www.kompost.de/fileadmin/docs/Qualitaetssicherung/Chargenanalyse_EN.pdf