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## AFNOR Certification joins COPREC

**The French number 1 in third-party certification, AFNOR Certification joins the Confederation of independent third-party prevention, control and inspection organizations (COPREC) to contribute to the collective defense of the profession and its development.**

*“ Thousands of public and private organizations rely on the precise know-how of third-party certification to meet their current and future challenges, such as those generated by the circular economy for example. We are joining the COPREC certification delegation to contribute to the development of this confidence-generating profession ,”* says Franck Lebeugle, general director of AFNOR Certification.

Third-party certification is used by organizations of all sizes, private and public, and all sectors to support their dynamic of continuous improvement. It is awarded following independent and impartial conformity assessments, governed by international standards, under the voluntary control of Cofrac in France, via accreditation.

COPREC brings together organizations responsible for carrying out conformity assessment, control, certification and prevention missions. They certify with objectivity, independence and impartiality the conformity of approaches, manufacturing processes or methods in all sectors of the economy. This profession employs around 38,000 people in France and achieved a turnover of 3 billion in 2018.

AFNOR Certification is a leading independent third-party organization in France thanks to its certification and evaluation services for systems, services, products and skills. A subsidiary of the AFNOR association, a pioneer in the evaluation of social responsibility approaches with the Engagé RSE label, it offers a local service thanks to 40 agencies on five continents and 13 regional delegations in France. AFNOR Certification mobilizes 1,600 qualified auditors to meet the needs of its customers on more than 60,000 sites around the world. Facilitator of the NF certification system, AFNOR Certification offers several signs of confidence such as AFAQ certification and the European Ecolabel. <https://certification.afnor.org>

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