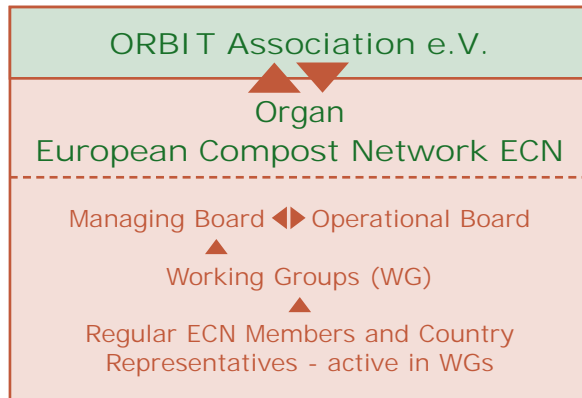


Organisation of the ECN

The ECN is a branch of the ORBIT Association e.V., a not-for-profit organisation that promotes the scientific development of environmental biotechnology worldwide.

Membership of the ECN encompasses organic waste experts, treatment plants and biowaste organisations working for, or with, the sustainable recovery of biomass. Members stem from almost all European and Candidate Countries.



The ECN is managed by a Board of Country Representatives, who are either experts or representatives of national biowaste organisations in their respective country. Each representative is responsible for providing the Network with relevant information about their national biowaste management status.

A number of working groups have been established to address specific issues and topics. These are managed by the Board of the ECN.

Membership is available to all persons, companies and organisations interested in promoting the sustainable management and recycling of biological wastes.

All members gain access to the ORBIT and ECN web sites, the ECN working groups, and the electronic forum, as well as the ECN Newsletter about biowaste developments across Europe.

A Network to

- *Exchange Knowledge and Practical Experience*
- *Circulate Information*
- *Identify Common Strategies*
- *Discuss European Standards*

For composting, anaerobic digestion and mechanical-biological treatment, for separate collection, product quality, utilisation and marketing.

The network represents over 1000 plants with more than 20 million tonnes annual treatment capacity and experts in most European Countries.

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European Compost Network ECN



The Network to Promote Sustainable Biowaste Management Practices



An initiative of the
ORBIT
ASSOCIATION

The Network is a collaboration of partners, promoting sustainable practices in composting, anaerobic digestion and mechanical biological treatment procedures for organic residues across Europe. It aims to address the needs of both practical operators and decision makers.

Network's Ongoing Activities

The sustainable management of biowaste relies upon efficient source separation, effective processing standards carried out by well trained plant operators, robust quality monitoring, high quality composts and safe compost and digestate application. Biowaste management strategies include proper stabilisation of residual waste by mechanical biological treatment.

The EU Commission has embraced these concepts in a number of documents for a biowaste legislation. With these in mind, the ECN has established several working groups:

European Affairs

This includes the work on a number of European policy areas like Biowaste Legislation, Animal By-Products Regulation, Soil Thematic Strategy, Climate Change Programme. Therefore ECN seeks to identify common strategies for Europe by providing scientific expertise.

ECN aims, in addition, to provide working examples of relevant practices and technical operations, with the overall aim of supporting the development across the EU e.g. of markets for quality composts, of soil protection or the fulfilment of the EU Landfill Directive.

Standards for Quality Monitoring

Providing assistance to the Commission and standard setting bodies tasked with the development of quality assurance systems and standards for biowaste-based products.

Quality Management at Treatment Plants

Develop good practice guidelines and guidance notes for biowaste facility managers on e.g. separate collection, operation or odour control.

Compost Application and Marketing

Information about the practice of compost marketing with marketing tools and campaigns, sales strategies, product specification, information about compost and digestate application.

Supporting European Developments

Assist the Mediterranean and new European Member States to establish biowastes treatment according to forthcoming EU legislation.

