



## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION MANAGEMENT FOR SMALL, LOCAL CERTIFICATION BODIES

Nuremberg, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Organic Services, the international consultancy firm for the organic food industry, is looking forward to meeting BIOFACH visitors from around the globe at stand 653 in hall 1. The consultancy will award a free implementation of their easy to use audit and certification management tool Ecert Basic, valued up to 4.950€. On Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of February at 11.30 am, Organic Services invites all interested parties to learn more about Ecert Basic at a supporting event in NCC Ost, room Prag.

### **Increasing requirements for certification processes: a challenge for certification bodies worldwide**

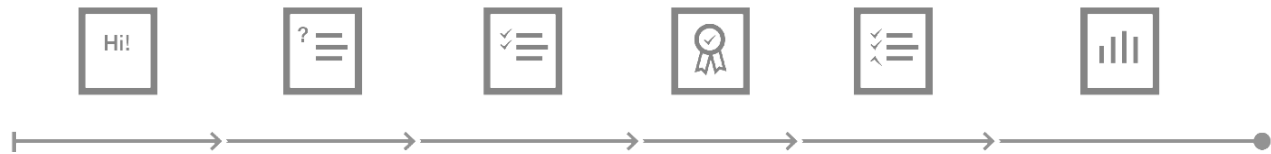
Compliance with quality standards such as EU- and NOP-organic, GlobalG.A.P, ISO, HACCP and others is the key market entrance factor for most growers, processors and traders. Certification bodies (CBs) worldwide are responsible for maintaining the integrity of these standards by checking the compliance on a regular basis. Unbiased and conscientious audit, accreditation, certification and inspection processes involve a **tremendous effort in collecting, administering and processing quality-related data**. Where globally operating CBs have the resources to afford high-end software and specialised staff to deal with these challenges, smaller, local CBs often struggle to meet all the requirements. For those, **Ecert Basic** offers an **easy** to use and **affordable solution**.

### **Enabling small, local CBs to play at the same level as large, global entities**

Ecert Basic builds on Ecert®, the globally leading software for database driven audit management, administration and customer relationship management (CRM). It comprises the **core functions of Ecert®** and helps small CBs to comprehensively manage all processes within certification workflows. **Real-time-data** for administration, preparation, inspections, audits, certifications and review processes are centralised in this professional **web-based** tool. The multilingual system needs web access only and requires no installation package or software. Information can easily be entered, exported, processed and shared, whilst security is guaranteed by a professional data hosting centre. Furthermore, Ecert Basic's user rights, roles and views can be set according to data privacy requirements.

### **Professional set-up, support and regular updates**

Organic Services guarantees a professional systems set-up by providing CBs with time- and cost-conscious trainings and support. Ecert Basic is updated on a regular basis – the last update took place in January 2019.



### BIOFACH special: free implementation of Ecert Basic

At this year's BIOFACH, Organic Services awards a free implementation of Ecert Basic worth up to 4.950€ to the organisation that most convincingly explains how the tool would help them to improve their audit and certification management. Applicants can send their proposals to Ms. Gemma Julia ([g.julia@organic-services.com](mailto:g.julia@organic-services.com)) or hand them in directly at the Organic Services booth, hall 1, Stand 653. The winner will be announced within a few weeks from the trade show.

### About Organic Services

**Organic Services** is an international **consultancy** firm based in Germany. Its services enhance sustainability, integrity and business success throughout the organic food industry. Since its foundation in 2004, Organic Services has specialised in providing **software-based solutions** which enable producers, processors, traders and CBs to manage **traceability, quality, auditing and certification** processes along the supply chain. Following an interdisciplinary approach, the consultancy also offers strategic and organisational **business development, market research, trade support, project and event** management. As a competent partner, Organic Services has been organising the BIOFACH Congress since 2006 and helped to set up the BIOFACH fairs in China, Brazil and India.

### BIOFACH-Events by Organic Services

Ecert Basic as tool for local and small certifiers	13.02.2019 / 11:30 am - 12:30 pm / Room Prag / NCC Ost
Blockchain, remote sensing and non-analytical tools for enhancing integrity in supply chains	14.02.2019 / 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm / Room Oslo / NCC Ost
Promoting excellence and fighting fraud with Check Organic	14.02.2019 / 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm / Room Prag / NCC Ost
Group Integrity as data management tool for ICS grower groups	15.02.2019 / 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm / Room Prag / NCC Ost

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