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PRESS RELEASE

First OBC biodiversity certificates expected in early 2027

On March 10, 2026, OBC formalized its partnership with the Ecocert group consulting branch (Transitions). The objective for OBC is to build a robust certification framework allowing for the generation of the first biodiversity certificates in early 2027. Initially launched across four ecosystems (forests and agriculture in temperate and tropical regions), the framework is designed to operate globally.

Paris, March 10, 2026 – OBC is taking another step forward: now bringing together more than 30 companies and NGOs, OBC is launching the development of its certification system with the consulting firm Transitions, part of the Ecocert group, recognized for its expertise in environmental matters. The objective is to generate the first OBC Certificates in early 2027 across four major ecosystems - forest and agriculture in both the temperate and tropical zones, with a priority given to OBC's pilot countries (France, Côte d'Ivoire, Peru, Rwanda, Cameroon, Denmark, Germany and the Philippines).

The certification framework will reward both the measurable adoption of improved, biodiversity-supporting practices by on-the-ground stakeholders (farmers, foresters, park managers, etc.), and the sustained, long-term continuity of these best practices if additionality and alignment with national biodiversity strategies can be demonstrated over time.

Since OBC's methodology is the first to be based exclusively on biodiversity-enhancing practices (and not on species counting or soil quality analysis, for example), the first building block of the certification system will be to ensure that such practices (e.g.,: plant hedges of varying quality, temperate zone) are clearly defined, measurable, and verifiable on the ground.

OBC members in the pilot countries have begun testing the operational applicability of the methodology in the field. In France, for example, members such as Biota, Ecotree, France Valley, MaForêt, Fransylva, GCF, Oklima, Le Printemps des Terres, Agoterra and Noé are already sharing initial feedback, providing valuable material for building a robust and operational certification system. Supporting projects have also been identified in Côte d'Ivoire and Peru, under the guidance of the leading country companies Agromap and Fronterra. Developers are also on a clear roadmap to begin generating certificates in 2027. Beyond methodology testing, OBC aims to support the structuring of demand for biodiversity certificates for contribution purposes, in close dialogue with relevant authorities.

OBC, a member of the European Commission Expert Group on Nature Credits, the Biodiversity Credit Alliance (BCA) and International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits (IAPB), looks forward to sharing the results of these deployments with these partner bodies and organizations, in order to accelerate the deployment of a credible market capable of channeling meaningful financial flows in support of Kunming-Montreal's objectives.

“By partnering with Transitions, the consulting branch of Ecocert group, we chose much more than a well-known and respected partner in its field. We found a team convinced of the relevance of our approach and ready to work with us to achieve our goal: generating the first OBC certificates as early as 2027. We will succeed.” - Fabiola Flex, President of OBC

“We are delighted to contribute to this innovative and meaningful project! Field operators, experts and scientists are coming together with the aim of building an operational model that we hope will promote the transition to practices that favour biodiversity. Our role is to ensure the development of robust verification processes that guarantee the implementation and maintenance of biodiversity-friendly practices in the field.” – Chloé Champion, project manager in Transitions Développement Durable (“Transitions”)

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About: The Organisation for Biodiversity Certificates (OBC) is a multi-stakeholder initiative bringing together companies, NGOs, and scientific experts aiming to build a practice-based certification system that could significantly increase private funding for biodiversity projects worldwide. OBC, part of BCA, IAPB and the European Expert group on Nature credits, also works on market mechanisms to scale both supply and demand. Its members are: Adryada, AETS (Africa Energy Transition Services), Agriforland, Agromap, Ardian, ATIBT, Biodiversité Amazonienne, BIOTA, Bouygues, Dronek, EcoTree, ExactGreen, France Valley, Fransylva, Fronterra, GCF – Groupe Coopération Forestière, Icade, IMPACTUM, Kering, Le Printemps des Terres, MaForêt, Nitidae, Noé, Oklima Groupe EDF, Pernod Ricard, Planète Urgence, Regen Studio.