

SOCOTEC GROUP ACQUIRES FOX CERTIFICATION AND GAINS A Foothold IN CERTIFICATION IN GERMANY

- **SOCOTEC Group's Certification Business Unit, a leader in the Certification field, excelling in management systems as well as in the certification of businesses and individuals, is strengthening its international presence.**
- **By acquiring FOX Certification GmbH, a German specialist in information security and cyber certification, SOCOTEC intends to reinforce both its geographical development and its span of certification service offering.**

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The certification Business Unit of SOCOTEC Group operates in 26 countries through a network of 850 auditors covering all business sectors. It has been providing a wide range of management systems, services and certifications for both companies and individuals, for more than 30 years, supporting 20,000 clients worldwide.

FOX Certification, a privately owned company, headquartered south of Munich, is a cyber and information security specialist. Most of services provided by FOX certification are DAkkS accredited (the German national accreditation body). With a client portfolio of more than 200 key accounts, the company has built its reputation in the booming market of IT, cybersecurity and information security.

“Having FOX certification joining the SOCOTEC Group is a strategic move for our certification activities”, says Xavier Daniel, General Manager of the Certification BU. “It enables us to offer additional quality, environment, safety, and CSR-third-party recognitions to FOX’s clients while developing FOX certification’s activities beyond Germany, by addressing our current customer needs in the fast-growing market of IT security certification.”

For Hervé Montjotin, CEO of the SOCOTEC Group: “FOX certification’s seasoned team of experts is a unique opportunity to consolidate our SOCOTEC footprint in Germany. We already have a strong presence in the country with more than 1,000 employees and have been delivering ETIC services (Engineering Testing Inspection Certification) for more than 15 years, with leading positions in the Building and Infrastructure sectors as well as in the EOD (explosive ordnance detection) services. A good cultural fit with real entrepreneurial spirit was a key factor to bring us together. “

“By joining forces, we will add a strong business vertical to our already successful activities in Germany” adds Ludger Speier, CEO of SOCOTEC Germany. “Our expansion and ambitions are aimed at delivering the most complete offer to clients. Our holistic approach is definitely what makes us unique”.

“As a DAkkS accredited company, FOX Certification has been offering certifications for critical infrastructures and organizations for more than 10 years. Aykut Bader, MD of FOX Certification says: "Being part of the SOCOTEC Group brings FOX Certification the opportunity to offer our long-standing customers a larger portfolio internationally. Cyber and information security required by regulations, the new European NIS 2 directive or the new ISO 27001:2022 are mandatory for a broad range of organizations in Germany and in Europe."

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ABOUT SOCOTEC CERTIFICATION BUSINESS UNIT

We are a leading provider of individual and company services, management systems certifications including ISO 9001, ISO 14001, IS 45001, ISO 22000, ISO 27001, ISO 42001, ISO 19443, ISO 50001, etc. with more than 20,000 clients currently holding a certification in 26 countries across the world. We are experienced enough to work with organisations of any size, but we strive to maintain a personal touch with each client.

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Accompanying companies for 70 years, the SOCOTEC Group, chaired by Hervé Montjotin, has built its reputation as an independent trusted third party in the fields of risk management, compliance, safety, health and environment in the Building, Real Estate, Infrastructure and Industry sectors.

As a guarantor of the integrity, sustainability and performance of built assets, SOCOTEC is developing a range of services in testing, inspection and certification, from technical control, the group's historical expertise, to technical consulting and risk management services related to construction, infrastructure and industrial facilities. Its expertise enables it to support its private and public sector clients throughout the life cycle of their buildings and equipment in order to strengthen their sustainability.

No. 1 in construction inspection in France, No. 1 in geotechnical services and construction quality control in the United Kingdom and Italy, the group is a major player in TIC (Testing Inspection Certification) services in the Construction and Infrastructure sectors in Europe and the United States. The SOCOTEC group has consolidated revenues of €1.3 billion (53% of which generated outside France) with 250,000 clients. With a presence in 26 countries and 12,000 employees, it has more than 250 external accreditations, enabling it to act as a trusted third party in many projects.

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