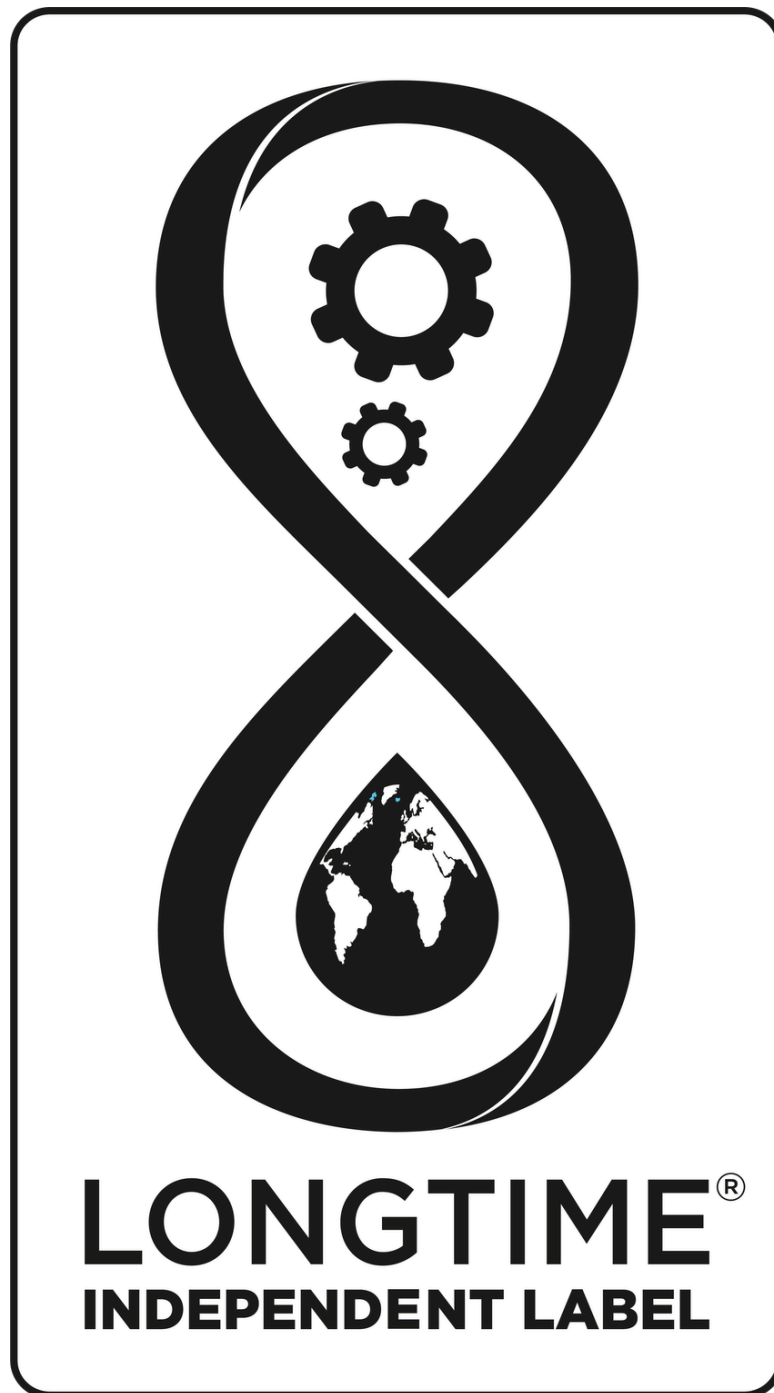




LONGTIME® Certification Programme Costs

■ COST STRUCTURE 1 — INITIAL SUPPORT

The initial support fees are payable only once, upon joining the certification programme. A fixed fee of €1,900 excluding VAT per product category applies.

These fees cover access to the tools needed to prepare for the audit, guidance from a dedicated LONGTIME® account manager, and the preparation of a report including a detailed timeline and support for the early identification and resolution of non-conformities.

Technical assessment fees are also charged to contribute to the development of sector-specific certification standards. Ranging from €650 to €1,950 excluding VAT per product category, these fees are calculated based on product complexity and data availability. They also contribute to the ongoing maintenance and updating of the standards.

■ COST STRUCTURE 2 — ASSESSMENT FEES (AUDIT)

Audit fees are paid directly by the applicant to the assessment body. The programme operator, Ethikis ad Civis, has no influence over these fees and receives no remuneration for the assessment phase.

The cost of the audit depends on the scope of the assessment, particularly the number of products, their complexity, and the number of sites to be audited.

The initial assessment includes the documentation review, the on-site audit and the auditor's travel time, preparation of the audit report, follow-up of corrective actions, the certification decision, and issuance of the LONGTIME® certification certificate.

A minimum of 1.5 assessment days is required for a single product or a complete product range. Several products may be assessed during the same on-site audit.

For information purposes, the following estimates provide an indication of the budget required for an initial assessment, valid for three years.

Example: Initial assessment of an electric kettle or similar product range, based on a 1.5-day audit
Initial assessment: €2,250 excluding VAT, plus meals, travel expenses and accommodation costs, where applicable.

These assessment fees cover the first three years of certification. A surveillance assessment must be carried out in year 4 to maintain certification for the following three years.

■ COST STRUCTURE 3 — ANNUAL LICENCE FEE

LONGTIME® is a certification mark, and its use is subject to the payment of an annual licence fee. This fixed fee is calculated based on the sales revenue generated by the LONGTIME® certified product(s). The fee is reviewed annually on the anniversary of the certification agreement.

Fee category	Annual revenue from LONGTIME® certified products (€ million, excl. VAT)	Annual licence fee (€, excl. VAT)
1	Less than 0.25	500
2	Between 0.25 and 1	1000
3	Between 1 and 2.5	1500
4	Between 2.5 and 5	3000
5	Between 5 and 10	4000
6	Between 10 and 15	5000
7	Between 15 and 20	6500
8	Between 20 and 25	7500
9	Between 25 and 40	9000
10	Between 40 and 60	12000
11	Between 60 and 100	15000
12	More than 100	18000

The amount of the annual licence fee is specified in the contractual terms and conditions before any commitment is made, taking into account the applicant's specific circumstances and the scope of the certification project (company, number of product ranges and scope of use).

The annual licence fee covers, in particular, the following activities:

- Protection of the LONGTIME® certification mark.
- Research and development (R&D) and monitoring of standards and regulatory developments to support the ongoing improvement of the cross-sector certification standard.
- Development of communication materials and tools.
- Participation in press and media communication activities, as well as initiatives to increase the visibility and market recognition of certified products.
- Coordination of the network of LONGTIME® certified companies and development of business opportunities.
- Promotion and recognition of LONGTIME® certification within public policies and corporate sustainability initiatives (CSR policies, ecodesign action plans, etc.).

■ Example LONGTIME® Quotation

- **Geographical scope of certification:** Worldwide
- **Product or product range:** Electric scooter
- **Audit location:** Germany
- **Annual worldwide product revenue:** €4 million (fee category 4)

Description	Quantity	Price (€)
Initial support	1	1900
Contribution to the development of a certification standard	1	950
On-site audit at the production facility in Germany	1	3000
Annual licence fee (category 4)	3	3000
Total for 3 years of certification		€8,850 excl. VAT

For further information or a personalised quotation, please contact your LONGTIME® representative or email us at contact@ethikis.com