



Association of Belgian Horticultural Cooperatives
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Mission

- VBT represents and defends, both nationally and internationally, the interests of Belgian producer cooperatives in the fruit and vegetable sector.
- Where necessary VBT works in conjunction with other organisations, federations or relevant stakeholders.
- VBT also offers its members a platform for consultation and exchange of views.
- VBT provides sector-relevant information to its members
- VBT may, in specific domains, act as service provider.

Members

VBT has 9 members who together generated a turnover in 2018 exceeding € 1 miljard – with 60% vegetables for the fresh market, 31% fruit and 9% processed vegetables.



Structure and activities

- VBT represents and defends the interests of Belgian producers' cooperatives in the fruit and vegetable sector. VBT was formed in 1991 by the merging of two sector organisations in the fruit and vegetable sector.
- The General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee are responsible for the strategic policy of the VBT.
- With representatives of the members, specific and technical consultations take place in various working groups. The discussions are conducted in view of reaching progress in consensus.
- VBT is represented in various national and international organisations. In this way there can be direct consult with partners and policy-makers– of amongst others: Agentschap Landbouw en Visserij (ALV), Departement Landbouw en Visserij (DLV), Strategische Adviesraad voor Landbouw en Visserij (SALV), Nationale Raad voor de Coöperatie (NRC), Federaal Agentschap voor de Veiligheid van de Voedselketen (FAVV), VLAM, advisory groups of the European Commission, COPA-COGECA, Assemblée des Régions Européennes Fruitières, Légumières et Horticoles (AREFLH), VCBT, Freshfel, World Apple & Pear Association (WAPA), OVPG and Vegaplan, GlobalGAP, Qualiät und Sicherheit (QS) and COMEOS.
- The VBT is administrator of the Responsibly Fresh collective sustainability label. It is a commitment of the producers and the producers' cooperatives in the context of sustainable development.
See our website: www.responsiblyfresh.eu



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