

## Acquisition of Kooklin

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# Quality Guard strengthens its European position with the acquisition of Kooklin.

**Roeselare, [DATE] 2026** - Quality Guard announces the acquisition of French software company Kooklin, a leading provider of digital solutions for food safety and HACCP management. With this acquisition, Quality Guard accelerates its international growth strategy and reinforces its position as one of Europe's leading players in the food safety sector.

Kooklin is one of the leading players in the French market and benefits from a strong and loyal customer base across the country. Through this acquisition, Quality Guard strengthens its presence in France, one of Europe's largest foodservice and hospitality markets. The transaction forms part of the company's broader growth strategy, in which targeted acquisitions complement and accelerate the company's strong organic growth. It is the second acquisition since investment company Gimv joined Quality Guard as a strategic partner in November 2025.

Quality Guard develops software that digitalises and automates food safety, allergen management, traceability and HACCP processes for more than 9,000 customers across Europe. Its clients include hospitality businesses, supermarkets, bakeries, butcher shops, catering companies, food producers, healthcare institutions and hospitals. By combining intelligent automation with human expertise, the company helps organisations efficiently comply with increasingly stringent European food safety and compliance regulations.

"With Kooklin, we are taking an important step in our European growth strategy," says Achile Van Gierdegom, CEO of Quality Guard. "France is a key market for us. We share the same vision as Kooklin: making food safety simpler, more efficient and scalable through technology. Together, we will be able to support customers even better in a sector that is rapidly digitising."

The European market for food compliance and food safety software is growing strongly due to stricter regulations, increasing complexity and the need for digital monitoring. A large part of the sector still relies on paper-based processes. As a result, demand for automated solutions continues to grow structurally.

The acquisition aligns with the shared ambition of Quality Guard and Gimv to further grow into the European market leader in food safety software. In line with this vision, the company intends to

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continue consolidating a fragmented European market and to develop additional technological innovations.

## **About Quality Guard**

Quality Guard is a Belgian SaaS company specialised in digital solutions for food safety, HACCP, allergen management and compliance. The company supports more than 9,000 customers across several European countries, including Belgium, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Quality Guard's solutions are used by both independent local businesses and larger organisations, ranging from bakeries and hospitality businesses to supermarkets, hospitals and institutional kitchens. Quality Guard combines intelligent automation with human expertise to help companies manage food safety and regulatory compliance more efficiently.

## **About Gimv**

Gimv is a European investment company with more than 40 years of experience in supporting ambitious and innovative growth businesses. The company invests in mid-sized businesses across the Benelux, France and the DACH region. It actively supports them in sustainable growth, international expansion and value creation. Gimv operates through four strategic platforms: Consumer, Healthcare, Smart Industries and Sustainable Cities. The company combines a strong local presence with international expertise. As a long-term partner, Gimv supports entrepreneurs with capital, strategic guidance and extensive operational experience. Gimv is listed on Euronext Brussels. For more information: [www.gimv.com](http://www.gimv.com).