European Business Register (EBR)

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What is EBR?

• An association of national business registers
• The hub of an online network
• One-stop-shop to official company information
• Access to over 20 million companies
• Spanning 26 countries
  - Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom
Key Milestones

• 1998  Foundation of EBR Network - **10 countries**
• 1999  Launch of first EBR Service
• 2004  New Customer Interface
  • Common user interface
  • Upgrade of platform
• 2006/09 BRITE project
• 2011  Central platform established - **26 countries**
  • Rationalised network
  • Improved performance
  • Central control
How does it work?

- 26 EBR members
- 13 distributors
What business information is available?

- **Standard products**
  - Company search
  - Company profile
  - Company appointments
  - Person search
  - Personal appointments
  - Product search and order

- **National products**
  - Annual accounts
  - Memorandum and Articles of Association
  - Incorporation documents
  - Certificate of registration
Legal Framework and Governance

• Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)

• A European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG)
  ➢ Articles of Association
  ➢ Not all partners are EEIG members (not always legally possible)
  ➢ Managed by a Board of 5 persons

• ISA and EEIG Members meet twice a year
  ➢ Joint decisions about strategy, financials, new members, new board

• EBR Support team
  ➢ Manages service and coordinates members activity
  ➢ Product manager; technical manager; team coordinator
Funding Model

- **Joining fee**
  - for new members

- **Annual fee**
  - for all members

- **Royalty fee**
  - paid by distributors for each successful, chargeable transaction
From BRITE to BRIS

• BRITE-project: Business Registers Interoperability Throughout Europe (2006-2009)
  ➢ Research project

• EU Directive Interconnection of Business Registers
  ➢ 2012/17/EU
  ➢ Based on 1st Company Law Directive

• BRIS (Business Register Interconnection System)
  ➢ June 2017 live; run by EC
  ➢ Information from registers available through e-Justice portal website
  ➢ Information exchange between registers
    • On branches abroad
    • On cross border mergers
BRIS vs EBR

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Cross-Border Merger Notification

Legal Basis to Alter Register Following Notifications

Supported use cases / Information Services

Company Search

Company Information/profile

Branch Disclosure Notification

Document Retrieval

Person Search

Personal Appointments Notification

Company Appointments Notification
EBR Future

- BRIS will take over part of EBR services
- Discussion in EBR GM on the future
- Depends on real BRIS operations

- Added value for members and their customers
- Third party distributors
- New developments
Thank you!