

Consulting Belgian business data by foreign administrative bodies



General

The Belgian business register ([Kruispuntbank van ondernemingen – KBO](#)) is a database in which all basic data of companies and their business units are collected. Via [kbopub.economie.fgov.be](#), foreign governing bodies can access both the public search functions and the private search functions. Access to the private search functions is only possible after authorisation and application.

Public data (without authorisation)

Search criteria

On the basis of address details, the name of the registered entity/legal person or the company/branch number, access can be gained to the information below.

Consultable data

- The company number
- The starting date of the legal entity
- The address of the registered office
- Type of entity (private and public limited (liability) company, etc.)

- Number of registered offices of this legal entity
- The directors
- Publication of the annual accounts

Using the public search function, it is not possible to search by the name of a natural person.

Non-public data (with authorisation)

Search by name

Similar search criteria as for public data but in principle it is also possible to search by the name of a natural person.

Consultable data

Access to the same data as the public search function but also access to:

- List of legal entities in which the subject is involved
- Details of the representative of the legal person
- Legal status of the company, in bankruptcy proceedings or not
- Details of the underlying business

Access to the private search function for foreign municipalities

Access to the private search function is subject to prior authorisation from the Monitoring Committee. Such authorisation may be given to public authorities and administrative bodies if such data are necessary for the performance of their legal or regulatory duties.

No distinction is made here between Belgian and foreign authorities, as a result of which foreign administrative bodies can also submit an application for authorisation and, in principle, obtain the authorisation in the context of combating organised crime.

A nuance here is that it is only possible to search by name if the foreign municipality also has the person's Belgian national registration number. In many cases, however, this number is not available to foreign municipalities. Foreign administrative bodies do not have access to the Belgian National Register (*Rijksregister*) and are therefore not able to trace this number.



The application form

This form is available on the website of the [Federal Public Service Economy](#). For the time being, the form has not yet been fully adapted to applications from foreign administrative bodies, since, among other things, the company number of the authority is requested. However, this does not prevent foreign governments from making such applications. A step-by-step guide is available on the [EURIEC website](#). This step-by-step guide is for the moment only available in Dutch and French.

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