

Information on Greece national BOR

The information below has been provided by the countries participating in BORIS in relation to the following questions:

Question 1: What does your national central beneficial ownership register(s) offer?

Corporate and other legal entities that either have a permanent establishment, in accordance with the provisions of the national Tax Law and are required to file an income tax return or are based in Greece, are required to provide to the BO Registry adequate, accurate and up-to-date information about their beneficial owners

This information shall include at least the name, surname, date of birth, nationality and country of residence of the beneficial owners, as well as the nature and extent of the rights they hold. They are supplemented with every necessary information for the identification of the beneficial owner, as well as the registration of changes in the data of the beneficial owners .

The beneficial owners of corporations or other legal entities, including through shares, voting rights, property rights, bearer shares, or control by other means, are required to provide those entities with all the information which is necessary for them to comply with the requirements thereof.

The BO Registry also provides a special field for the Politically Exposed Persons.

Question 2: Is registration and/or authentication and/or authorization required to search in your national central beneficial ownership register(s)?

Authentication via codes-credentials (taxisnet) of the General Secretariat of Information Systems of Public Administration in the Ministry of Digital Government (GSISPA)

Question 3: Is registration and/or authentication and/or authorization required to access beneficial ownership information in your national central beneficial ownership register(s)?

Authentication via codes-credentials (taxisnet) of the General Secretariat of Information Systems of Public Administration in the Ministry of Digital Government (GSISPA)

Question 4: Is access to your national central beneficial ownership register(s) free of charge?

Yes, it is free only for the Authority, the competent prosecuting or other authorities with investigative or supervisory powers in the area of money laundering, predicate offences and terrorist financing, the competent authorities in the exercise of supervision and the obliged persons exclusively in the context of due diligence measure implementation.

Question 5: How can you perform searches in your national central beneficial ownership register(s)?

By name and by TIN (Tax Identification Number)

Question 6: How do you ensure adequacy, accuracy and timeliness of the information held in the national central beneficial ownership register(s)?

The Greek BO Registry is tax based designed which ensures accuracy since the data is extracted automatically by the tax registry, which is the most updated and accurate due to the tax imposition.

At the same time, the authorities having access to the Central Register of Beneficial Owners, the supervisory authorities, the obliged persons and the competent authorities responsible for investigating or prosecuting money laundering, the predicate offences and the financing of terrorism are obliged to report to the Central Coordinating Unit and to the Secretariat General of Information Systems of Public Administration of the Ministry of Digital Government any discrepancy between the information on the beneficial owner held in the BO Registry and the information at their disposal.

In this direction, the AML Law has provided that the GEMI – Business Register can be interconnected with the BO Register, so as to benefit from all the available information.

Question 7: Since when is the national central beneficial ownership register(s) operational? Please also provide the link(s) to the national law(s) implementing the national central beneficial ownership register(s).

Regarding the implementation of the BO Register, after the pilot phase for the obliged entities, obliged persons were divided into 3 categories and were invited to electronically submit the beneficial ownership information into the BO Register. The first group included notaries, lawyers (as legal representatives of companies) and shipping companies, the second group non-profit organizations, associations, foundations and unions and the third group, SAs and partnerships.

Since May, the BO Register has undergone a pilot phase rollout pilot phase for the Hellenic FIU and the supervisory authorities.