

Information on France 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?

Public and free access to the name, the month and year of birth and the country of residence and nationality of the beneficial owner of legal persons as well as the nature and extent of the beneficial interest held. VIP users can access to all BO information of legal persons, trusts and other legal arrangements.

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

Yes

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

Registration is not necessary to access nominative information on legal persons' BO.

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

Yes

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

Depending on the type of digital access (API or not) searches could be performed by legal person's names or using any kind of entry.

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

Each information regarding legal person's BO is verified prior to registration by each greffier de tribunal de commerce. This information is updated following each change of the legal person's status, in accordance with the provisions of the French commercial legislation. Besides, a discrepancy reporting mechanism has been introduced and is now effective. The French tax administration also verifies the adequacy, accuracy and timeliness of information on trust's and other legal arrangement's BO prior to each registration. The timeliness of those information are verified and updated after each tax control. The registry itself is updated every three months. A discrepancy reporting mechanism has also been introduced.

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).

The trust registry is operational since 2013, the "fiducies" register since 2010 ; the legal person's BO register since 2018.