Information on Bulgaria 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?

The BO registers contain data and information on the natural persons - beneficial owners and on the legal persons or other entities where through direct or indirect control is exercised over the persons referred to in Article 61 (1) and in Article 62 (1) of the LMML, as well as data on the natural contact person permanently resident within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where no data on a natural person - legal representative permanently resident within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is entered on the record of the person under Article 61 (1) herein or, respectively, under Article 62 (1) herein.

According to Art. 63(4) of the LMML, the following data and information that shall be entered in the national BO Registries:

- 1. the identification data of the natural persons beneficial owners, including:
- (a) names;
- (b) citizenship;
- (c) Standard Public Registry Personal Number, applicable to the persons referred to in Article 3 (2) of the Civil Registration Act;
- (d) date of birth, applicable to persons other than the persons referred to in Littera (c);
- (e) country of residence, if different from the Republic of Bulgaria or from the country referred to in Littera (b);
- 2. data on the legal persons or other entities where through direct or indirect control is exercised over the persons referred to in Article 61 (1) and in Article 62 (1) of the LMML, including business name, number in the national register, legal form under the national legislation, seat and registered office and the identification data referred to in item 1 for the persons representing the said legal persons or entities (due to GDPR reasons only names and citizenship for these natural persons are publicly available);
- 3. the data referred to in Litterae (a) to d) of Paragraph 1 on a natural contact person permanently resident within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, where no data on a natural person legal representative permanently resident within the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria is entered on the record of the person under Article 61 (1) herein or, respectively, under Article 62 (1) herein;
- 4. any change in the circumstances referred to in Items 1 to 3. When the BO interests of the persons referred to in item 1 are entered in the registers, they are publicly available.

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

The Bulgarian BO register is a part of the Commercial Register (the information is available on the Registry Agency Portal - https://portal.registryagency.bg/en/commercial-register) and of the BULSTAT Register (www.bulstat.bg) which are public and every user could make basic registration and make searches using different criteria

Please be informed that the Registry Agency Portal and the BULSTAT Register are available only in Bulgarian and the documents must be submitted in the registers in Bulgarian as well.

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

To access the Beneficial owner's information in the Commercial Register and to review the documents attached therein, the user should make basic registration as a new user to the Registry Agency Portal at https://portal.registryagency.bg/en/ and to add an authentication tool to its profile.

The authentication tools could be the following:

- 1. Qualified electronic signature QES, according to the List of certification service providers established / accredited on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria:
- 2. Certificate from the Registry Agency: issued only in person at the Registry Agency's local offices upon submission of an application and after providing of an identity document.
- 3. Personal identification code (PIC) issued by the Bulgarian National Revenue Agency (NRA)

To access the Beneficial owner's information in the BULSTAT Register and to review the documents the user should make basic registration as a new user to the following address www.bulstat.bg

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

The Bulgarian BO Registers are public and the access to its data is open to every user with registration and it is free of charge.

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

The BO Registers are accessible 24 hours a day on the Registry Agency Portal and on the BULSTAT Register.

Our registers are public and every user could make registration and make searches using different criteria – by UIC, Company name, Owner's name or Owner's personal number at the following addresses: https://portal.registryagency.bg/CR/en/Reports/VerificationPersonOrg
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Question 6: How do you ensure adequacy, accuracy and timeliness of the information held in the national central beneficial ownership register(s)?

The obliged entities shall request the entry of the information under art. 63(4) of the LMML and all further changes in the BO registers therein within 7-days term as of the occurrence of the respective circumstances. Pursuant to Article 19(2) of the Act on the Commercial Register and the Register of Non-Profit Legal Entities, the registration official issues a decision on applications for registration or deletion and applications for the posting of a document immediately upon expiry of three working days after their submission, unless the law provides otherwise.

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 possibility for the legal persons and other legal arrangements to submit data on their BO as well as data on the natural contact persons (where applicable) in BO registers as described in Art. 63 of the LMML is ensured as of 01.02.2019.