This section briefly introduces the cooperation of business registers at European level.

**Interconnection of EU Business Registers**

From June 2017, business registers in all EU countries are interconnected.

This means:

- you can search for information on companies registered in any EU country, Iceland, Liechtenstein or Norway
- the registers can share information on foreign branches and cross-border mergers of companies.

This system – **Business Registers Interconnection System** (BRIS) – is a joint effort by EU governments and the European Commission.

**Legal basis**

- [Directive 2012/17/EU](#)
- [Regulation (EU) 2015/884](#)

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