

Information on Germany 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 national beneficial ownership registers offers the possibility to access BO-information for all German legal entities and legal arrangements.

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

It is necessary to do an online registration prior to search the register.

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

Before accessing BO-Information it is necessary to authenticate and authorize the registered account.

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

No, there is a fee of 1,65 EURO plus VAT per accessed document.

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

It is possible to search for a legal entity or a legal arrangement by their name. The results could be filtered and narrowed by various filters (e.g. seat, legal form etc.).

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

There is an obligation to file changes regarding the BO-Information without undue delay. To ensure the adequacy and accuracy of the BO-information there are several mechanisms (check prior to the registration; reporting of discrepancies and solution by the registrar; sanctions for wrong or late information) in place.

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 register is operational since the 27.06.2017. The register was implemented by the German Anti Money Laundering Act (Geldwäschegesetz, https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/gwg_2017/).