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Abstract

The statistical organizations all use many data from the official (administrative) business registers.

These business registers exist all over the world and have many similarities and even more differences.

The similarities are mainly to be found in the basic content of the registries, the responsibility of the registered entity to keep the data correct and the fact that the registry can be trusted. Because in the end registration is all about the output. The role as an official public registry providing transparency is the essence.

Main differences are to be found in the types of legislation, responsible Ministries, types of organizations managing the registry, legal types of organizations which need to be registered, funding models, dissemination of information and the governmental use of the data.

The business registries around the world cooperate in many ways, both in projects, but also in organizations organizing annual conferences, running working groups on specific topics and publishing an annual 'International Business Registers Report'.
And in Europe, there is also a cooperation of registers through which they exchange data from their registers to the clients of registers in other countries.