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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This handbook provides tools for searching and monitoring open data on the ultimate beneficiaries of commercial companies and land lots/real estate in eight European countries (France, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, Spain, Switzerland, UK and Ukraine). These tools include the registers of commercial companies and the cadastre registers of these countries. It is important to note that some countries do not have available cadastre registers (i.e. France, Greece, Spain, Switzerland and Ukraine) and that some registers of commercial companies require payment (i.e. France, Germany, Spain and UK).

To receive the necessary information, we asked the corresponding Transparency International chapters to provide descriptions of national trade and cadastre registers. Their responses were crucial for the editorial team in accomplishing this job. In addition, experts from TI Russia analyzed the available data to find alternative open registers. The handbook incorporates a manual that helps you search for data on the ultimate beneficiaries inside the EBR as an alternative tool.

The situation in each country is unique when it comes to open registers. The handbook does not claim to contain information that will remain relevant for a long time; however, it will be useful as long as the registers mentioned in it continue to exist. This manual will be of great help for conducting investigations into certain types of corruption, such as conflicts of interest, undeclared assets and illicit enrichment.

The chapters contain instructions on how to use all-European and national registers to search for information about ultimate beneficiaries:

1. **The EBR** (www.ebr.org) is a gathering of the state registers of 27 European countries and territories (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK and Ukraine). However, the Register does not provide the information directly and functions through distributors listed in a table presented in the EBR chapter.

2. **France**

There is no open cadastre register in France. The Commercial Court web portal (www.infogreffe.fr) includes data on the ultimate beneficiaries of commercial and non-profit organisations in France. Its services are not free; an extract from the register costs €5.46.

3. **Germany**

Germany has online state registers that only allow you to receive information on businesses but not on individuals. You can use them for free, but you will have to pay for more detailed information. One example, a universal web portal for all German federal states (www.handelsregister.de), requires a complicated registration procedure that involves physical mail. Another web portal, www.bundesanzeiger.de, requires almost no registration. A current extract from this register costs €4.50. Germany's cadastral register is available at www.grundbuch-portal.de; it also requires a difficult registration process, and its extracts are only provided to third parties and to journalists who, however, have to prove their need to get extracts to a member of a government agency.

4. Greece

The Greek industrial companies database is available on the official website of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry: www.acci.gr. An English language version is available. You can search by a company's name; the information in the register does not include companies' beneficiaries and management. To get such information, go to the EBR(www.ebr.org). No cadastre information is available.

5. Lithuania

Lithuania has a unified state web portal called "Centre of Registers" (www.registrucentras.lt) that is a legal entities database, a cadastral real estate register and an address register all in one. However, it is only available to citizens of Lithuania, foreigners with a residence permit, people with Lithuanian bank accounts and users of the Digital Certification Centre. To use it, you can either open a Lithuanian bank account or have someone do it for you. The portal operates in Lithuanian and English, and is free.

6. Spain

The Spanish USRLE is highly inconvenient and restrictive, which is why it is better to use its commercial alternative located under www.axesor.es. Using it in Spanish is preferable, as the English version is very limited. You can search for legal entities, independent professionals, companies' executives, international companies, or all at once. Various bundles of information will cost €2.6, €24 and €42.

7. Switzerland

Switzerland's official state register is located under www.zefix.admin.ch. It is mostly free and operates in German, French, Italian and English. The major inconvenience is that you can only search by a company's name, not by a person's name. Extracts can be obtained in PDF. No cadastre information is available.

8. UK

In the UK, commercial web portals are the best way to find information on the ultimate beneficiaries of legal entities, as they allow you to search both by a person's name and by company name. A good example is www.192.com. This portal provides partial information on a person (or a company) for free so you can see if it is what you are looking for. However, to receive a full information package, you will have to register and pay a fee of £14.99. To get a cadastre extract, you can use the state Land Registry service, located under www.gov.uk/government/organisations/land-registry. It allows you to search for the owner of real estate by its address. To receive an extract, you will have to register and pay a fee of £3.00.

9. Ukraine

Ukraine's state database is run by the "Information Resource Centre" (www.irc.gov.ua) and allows you to search for the beneficiaries of companies and persons; however, the information on all the legal entities a person owns is unavailable. The register operates for free. No cadastre information is available.

10. Cyrillic names

Using European registers to search for people whose names are originally written in Cyrillic (e.g. citizens of ex-USSR countries) can be difficult due to there being various types of Cyrillic–Roman transliteration. The handbook contains a guide for six different types of transliteration presented as a table.

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Transparency International Russia's Center for Anti-Corruption Research and Initiatives presents this handbook, which is intended to help civic anti-corruption activists, anti-corruption NGOs and investigative journalists conduct anti-corruption investigations and research.

In this handbook, we provide practical advice on how to trace the assets of people suspected of being involved in illicit and corrupt activities. It is a common practice for civil servants, members of councils, law enforcement officers and other public officials who are involved in such activities to try to hide their illicit gains from the public. In order to achieve that they either secretly purchase assets without declaring them or purchase such assets using affiliated persons (relatives) or organisations (companies). However, legislation in many countries explicitly requires public officials (PEPs[1]) to declare both their own assets and the assets of their relatives. Corrupt officials try to bypass this procedure. That is why highlighting such assets allows us either to confirm the facts of corruption, or at least to reveal other abuses of limitations imposed upon PEPs. In addition, finding the ultimate beneficiaries of companies and corporations allows civic activists and journalists to reveal corruption schemes.

Corruption crosses national borders. Corrupt public officials from various countries often hide their illicit assets abroad, as far as possible from their national jurisdictions, by turning them into luxury homes, yachts, cars, trade centres and land located in the world's best resorts. At the same time, since more and more countries strive for universal transparency and improved business conditions more and more databases on companies, corporations and real estate are being opened up to the public. This gives civic activists more opportunities to conduct anti-corruption investigations and research and to monitor the assets of public officials (PEPs).

Our team prepared this guide in order to assist anti-corruption activists and investigative journalists in their work by showing them how to use public registers in order to find and to

reveal real owners of certain assets. The team has analysed the registers of legal entities (companies) and real estate (land lots and buildings) databases of eight European countries with a high level of property rights protection. Of course, a high level of legal protection of property rights is equally attractive both for legitimate investors and property owners and unfortunately for corrupt officials too. These eight countries are France, Germany, Greece, Lithuania, Spain, Switzerland, Ukraine and UK*. The search for information in each of these countries has its own peculiarities ; thus, we provide step-by-step instructions for each.

INVESTIGATION METHODS

Declaration of the income and property of public officials and their relatives is one of the key instruments to control corruption. It is not only a clear and reliable legal instrument to keep public officials accountable, but it also makes life uncomfortable for a corrupt official: every time their income grows or they obtain new property at a price exceeding their official income, they have to explain themselves.

Step 1. Start of anti-corruption investigation. Anti-corruption investigations can sometimes start with the discovery of information on real estate or other property owned by a PEP or their relatives from open sources or via the grapevine. The source might be news in the media or posts on a social network that have an estate, a yacht or an expensive car repeatedly appearing on photos, or it can come as information from an eyewitness who has seen a familiar last name on a mailbox while strolling around the French Riviera or a ski resort. Such cases have happened in the experience of our team.

Alternatively, if one feels something is strange about a lucrative public procurement contract, this might be a reason to examine the property of a public official or officials in charge of the procurement.

If this is the case, you should make a list of names that will include the suspect and their affiliates (usually relatives). If any of the people you are researching come from a country that uses the Cyrillic alphabet (Belarus, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Ukraine) it is a good idea to keep in mind the Romanisation rules. There are many ways to transcribe Cyrillic names into the Latin alphabet.

Step 2. Property abroad. First one has to decide in which countries to search for assets and property. The criteria might include information on the PEP's travel preferences. Public officials normally purchase property to use it for the comfort of their families, for vacations and to entertain guests. As soon as the most likely destinations are established it is possible to proceed to work with relevant national or local registers of real estate.

Step 3. Affiliated companies. In this case it is all about conflict of interest research. Conflicts of interest take place when public officials use their positions to make decisions in favour of affiliated companies that belong to them, their relatives or their business partners, and then capitalise on such decisions for personal gain. Usually it involves the participation of affiliated companies in public procurement bids, as well as assigning to such companies budgetary subsidies, land lots and construction permits. One of the most common ways to hide real property ownership is to create companies abroad, but conduct their activities domestically in order to escape inclusion in registers of the ultimate beneficiaries.

Using this guide, one can find information about foreign registers of owners (beneficiaries) of companies. The instrument to establish a conflict of interest is rather simple : use the registers of the country where the company is registered to obtain data on the company's ultimate owners and managers, then establish their link with the public official who made administrative decisions in favour of the company. It is possible that the company's owners are close relatives or well-known business partners of a public official. It is important to carefully document decisions of the public officials in favour of the company (awarding a procurement contract, allocating a land lot in the company's name, etc.). To find a company's ultimate beneficiaries, one often needs to follow a chain of legal entities, as company 1 might be the parent company of

company 2, while company 2 might be the parent company of 3, etc. However, registers of companies usually allow you to search by owner's or manager's name, and that drastically reduces search time. Such information is usually free to access. The sequence of search for each country in this guide includes step- by-step instructions.

Table 1. List Of Abbreviations

ABBREVIATIONS	
ACCI	Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry
EBR	European Business Register
JSC	Joint-stock company
PEP	Politically exposed person is a term describing someone who has been entrusted with a prominent public function, or an individual who is closely related to such a person
TI	Transparency International
USR	Unified State Register
USRLE	Unified State Register of Legal Entities
ЄДР	Unified State Register (in Ukrainian)
ЄДРПОУ(ЄГРПОУ)	the unique code of a legal entity and its branches in Ukraine's Unified State Register of Legal Entities
ACRONYMS USED BY GERMAN BUSINESS REGISTERS	
AD	extract
CD	chronological extract
HD	historical extract
DK	company's documents

UT	extract on business owners
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location of the assets. After the address of the potential piece of real estate is established, it is possible to search the real estate register for further information.

Step 4. Real estate. This part of the research requires information on the potential address of the investigated person (or affiliates). Finding the address might be the most complicated part of any investigation. It is important to remember that law on private information in almost all countries protects a person's privacy, so one should not expect that the real address of public officials can be found in open sources. However, in those cases when photos of real estate were published in the media, it is much easier to find an exact address, for example via instruments like Google Maps Street View. The property of the company that belongs to the researched person or their affiliates can also hint at the

Another way to search for real estate is to search not by person but by the legal entity the real estate might belong to (in some countries persons can own real estate through such entities). However, some countries require public officials to declare only the property that is owned by them personally, not by companies affiliated with them. In this case one has to establish the connection between the public official and real estate ; this will not be enough for the law enforcement agencies, but good enough for a journalistic investigation or for filing a request for information. Normally the company's address and the property registered in its name can provide sufficient information for further investigation

Table 2. Data Availability By Country

COUNTRY	ACCESS TO LAND REGISTRY DATA	ACCESS TO LAND REGISTER EXTRACTS	ABILITY TO SEARCH FOR THE NAME OF A COMPANY BY OWNER'S NAME
European Business Register	-	\$	+
France	-	\$	+
Germany	+	+\$	-
Greece	-	+	-
Lithuania	+	+	-
Spain	-	+\$	+
Switzerland	-	+	-
Ukraine	-	+	+
UK	\$	\$	+

«+» publicly available «-» not available «\$» paid service

At the beginning of an investigation, it is useful to gather all the information on the object of the investigation that is available on the Internet. This often shows you what to do next. If a person you are investigating frequently visits a particular country, then you should look for their assets in that country. Sometimes you can find detailed information. For example, below is data on a property in Cannes belonging to the Kaliningrad mayor's ex-wife. This data was published on a website that specializes in real estate. It even shows how a non-profit organization was registered specifically for the purpose of property ownership.

Figure 1



After deciding on the countries where you want to investigate, you can start your search.

This manual has been devised in view of the fact that additional illustrations available in the handbook could help to search step by step for information on the assets of public officials in open data sources (public registers).

The subsequent parts of the handbook outline the opportunities to use the public registers of different countries (national registers of commercial companies and cadastral registers) and the Europe-wide register. In general, all registers listed in this handbook operate on similar principles, but each country register has its own search feature, which we explain using real cases of disclosing the identities ultimate beneficiaries of commercial companies or property owners.

1. EUROPEAN BUSINESS REGISTER



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The European Business Register (EBR) is a collection of the state registers of 27 European countries and territories (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine, UK). It is located at www.ebr.org

Figure 2



The Register itself does not provide the information; instead, it operates through operators. Any distributor can be requested to provide information for any country that is in the EBR.

The list of operators is provided in the following table:

Table 3. List Of Distributors Of The European Business Register

COUNTRY	DISTRIBUTORS (OFFICIAL EBR PARTNERS)	LANGUAGES SUPPORTED	SITE CURRENCY
Austria	Manz www.manz.at	German	EUR
Estonia	Centre of Registers and Information Systems https://ariregister.rik.ee	English	EUR
Germany	Bundesanzeiger https://ebr.bundesanzeiger-datenservice.de	German	EUR

COUNTRY	DISTRIBUTORS (OFFICIAL EBR PARTNERS)	LANGUAGES SUPPORTED	SITE CURRENCY
Italy	InfoCamere www.registroimprese.it	Italian	EUR
Latvia	Lursoft www.lursoft.lv	Latvian, Russian, English	LVL
Lithuania	State Enterprise Centre of Registers www.registrucentras.lt	Lithuanian, English	LTL
Luxembourg	Registre du Commerce et des Sociétés www.rcs.l.lu	French, German	EUR
Norway	The Bronnoysund Register Centre https://w2.brreg.no/ebr/	Norwegian, English	NOK
Slovenia	AJPES www.ajpes.si/ibr3/CompanySearch.aspx	Slovenian, English	EUR
Spain	Colegio de Registradores www.registradores.org	Spanish, English	EUR
Sweden	Bolagsverket https://foretagsfakta.bolagsverket.se	Swedish, English	SEK
OTHER DISTRIBUTORS			
Austria, Germany,Switzerl and, UK, USA	360kompany GmbH (kompany) www.kompany.com	English, French, German,Itali an	CHF, EUR,GBP, USD
Europe, Asia, North America	Global Business Register Ltd (GBRDirect) www.gbrdirect.eu	English, French, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese	EUR, GBP, USD
Finland	Kauppalieht Oy, Information Services https://tietopalvelut.kauppalieht.fi	Finnish	EUR
Finland	Suomen Asiakastieto Oy www.asiakastieto.fi	Finnish, Swedish, English	EUR
Russia	Enquiry Service of Legal Entities www.egrul.ru	Russian, English	RUR, EUR

2. FRANCE

France allows you to search the Commercial Court web portal (www.infogreffe.fr) for legal entities (and their owners) and for real estate objects registered on French territory. In this register you can find data on the beneficiaries of companies and obtain a list of legal entities owned by a certain person, as well as a list of real estate objects registered in name of a legal entity. Some of this information is free and fully available on the web portal, but to receive copies of and extracts from official documents you have to pay a fee.

1. Go to the main page of the web portal (www.infogreffe.fr). Enter the name of the person or of the company. Please note that women are registered here under their maiden names.

Figure 3



EXAMPLE Andrey Turchak, the governor of the Pskov Oblast of the Russian Federation, who was involved in a public scandal connected with his apartment in France, after which he sold all of his real estate abroad.

2. Go to the “**DOCUMENTS OFFICIELS**” section. You will see the list of the official documents that can be obtained in the register of companies of the Commercial Court.

Figure 4

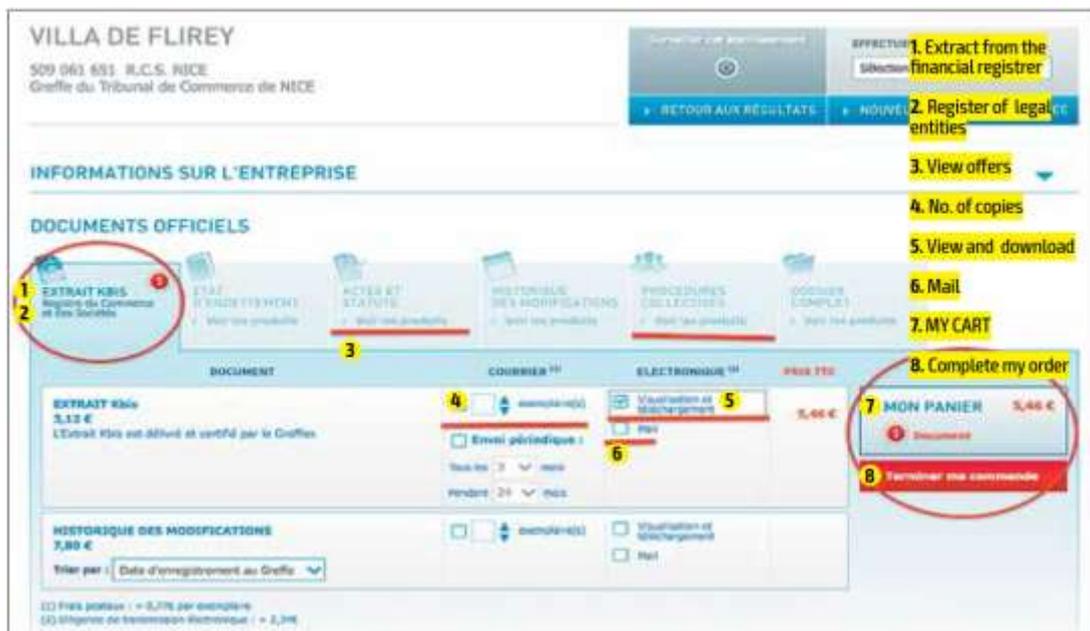


DIRIGEANT	DÉNOMINATION	ADRESSE	SIREN / SIRET	DOCUMENTS OFFICIELS	ACCÈS EXPRESS
TURCHAK Andrey	VILLA DE FLUREY	25 AV DE FLUREY 06000 NICE	809 861 882 00014 ACS NICE Siège social		NIEN 
TURCHAK Boris	VILLA DE FLUREY	25 AV DE FLUREY 06000 NICE	809 861 882 00014 RCS NICE Siège social		NIEN 

This can be used to obtain data not just for a person but also for any legal entity registered in France. To do that, just enter the company's name in the search (“rechercher”) line.

After confirming the payment, the register will immediately provide you with an electronic extract on their website. You can also order printouts of the official documents. Please note that freely available documents are likely to barely allow you to identify the person you are looking for, because people can have identical names. Detailed information, including date and place of birth/residence, is provided for a fee.

Figure 5



YOU CAN GET THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS FROM THE COMMERCIAL COURT OF FRANCE:

1. **EXTRAIT KBIS** – extract about founders and managers of a legal entity, and its registration address
2. **ETAT COMPLET D'ENDETTEMENT** – extract about the company's government debt
3. **ACTES ET STATUS** – constituent documents, including changes
4. **PROCEDURES COLLECTIVES** – information on the proceedings of bankruptcy and dissolution of a company, and the assurances
5. **DOSSIER COMPLET** – full documentation package, including cadastral excerpt

For example, if you need to receive the official extract on a company's founders and managers from the Commercial Court of France, the web portal can provide you with the extract in three different ways – e-mail, online in your browser's window, or it can print it on the official form and send it to you by mail.

1. Choose the way of receiving the extract. To do this, check the **“Courrier”** (**“Mail”**) field next to the required number of copies. To immediately load the extract to your computer screen, check the **“Visualisation et téléchargement”** (**“View and download”**) field. To receive a physical copy of the extract to your traditional mail, check the **“Mail”** box. After you've chosen the delivery method, the system will calculate the costs of services; to continue, click **“Terminer ma commande”** (**“Finish my order”**) and then click **“COMMANDER”** (**“order”**).

Figure 6

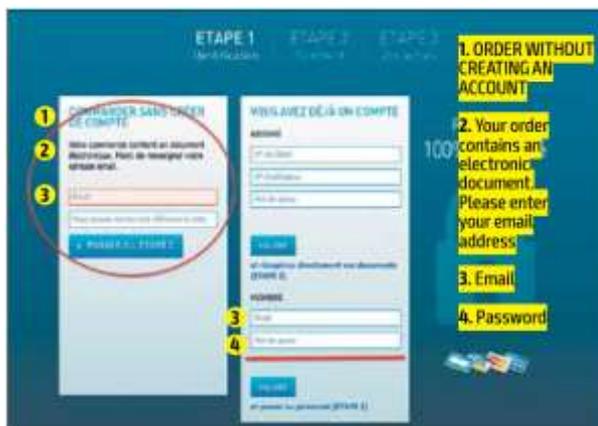


Figure 7



The system will offer to authorise you. To receive your extract online, all you need to do is type in your e-mail in the left field and proceed to payment. However, if you are ordering a physical document to be delivered by mail, you will have to register (lower right field) to enter your physical address and other personal data.

Afterwards, the system will offer you payment options.

2. Make your payment. To do that, you can use a bank card.
3. After receiving the payment, the system will immediately provide you with access to the extracts. Click **“Visualiser”** (**“Visualise”**), this will make the information available in a separate window. To download the PDF version of the extract, click **“Telecharger”** (**“Download”**).

Figure 8



Figure 9

Crédit de l'Etat de l'Entreprise de Non	
Société à responsabilité limitée	
N° de greffe 000000000	
Régime fiscal	
Société soumise à l'imposition sur les bénéfices de l'entreprise (IS)	
Société soumise à l'imposition sur les bénéfices de l'entreprise (IS)	
Société soumise à l'imposition sur les bénéfices de l'entreprise (IS)	
1. Adresse de la société	100 000 000 000 000
2. Capital autorisé	1 000 000 €
3. Adresse de siège	25 Avenue de l'Europe 100000
Société soumise à l'imposition sur les bénéfices de l'entreprise (IS)	
Société soumise à l'imposition sur les bénéfices de l'entreprise (IS)	
4. Nom de l'administrateur	VETROGONSKIY Alexey
5. Nom de l'administrateur	VETROGONSKIY Alexey
Société soumise à l'imposition sur les bénéfices de l'entreprise (IS)	
Société soumise à l'imposition sur les bénéfices de l'entreprise (IS)	
Société soumise à l'imposition sur les bénéfices de l'entreprise (IS)	

Here is an official Commercial Court of France register extract with information on the legal entity. It contains the company's address and incorporation date, authorised capital size, and the company's owners including their mailing/registration addresses. As we can see, the managing partner of Anatoly and Boris Turchak's company is a St Petersburg citizen Alexey Vetrogonskiy, while the father and son themselves are partners. The register also provides their mailing/registration addresses in St Petersburg.

3. GERMANY



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Germany has several online state registers that allow you to obtain diverse information for free, as well as more detailed data for a fee. Unfortunately, German business registers only provide information on legal entities, not on individuals.

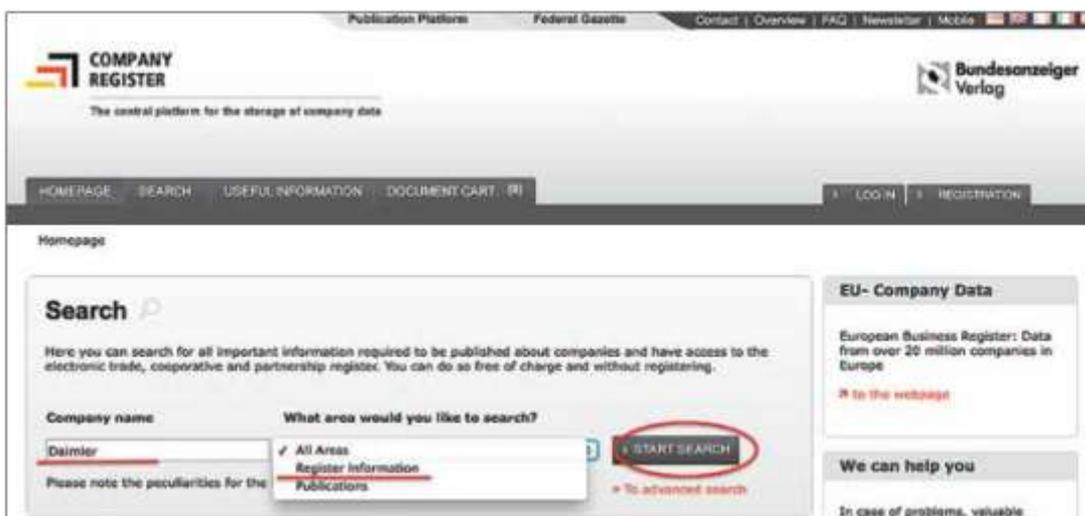
The first such register – a common web portal for all German federal states – is www.handelsregister.de. However, to access the register you have to go through formal registration procedures and have the register administration approve your registration request. You will have to fill out the form on the website, print it out, sign it and send it to the physical mail address of the common register of the German federal states.

To begin the registration, go to the mail page of the register's site (www.handelsregister.de) and choose “**Register**” in the menu on the left; a registration form will be displayed.

Since the registration procedure takes a while, you might want to use another German state register for business, Bundesanzeiger (www.bundesanzeiger.de). This portal is run by the German Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection and requires almost no registration – you can start searching for companies immediately. The site can be viewed in five languages: German, English, French, Italian and Spanish. In our example we use English and the extract we are searching for is on Daimler, the biggest German car manufacturing company.

1. Open the portal's main page, click “**Company Register**” (upper middle part of the page).

Figure 10



2. Enter the name of the company in the “**Company Name**” field. In the field on the right, choose “**Register Information**”. Choose “**All Areas**” if you need publications on the company that the Bundesanzeiger portal has.

Now you see the list of companies that the register displays if you search for “Daimler”. Those are mainly subsidiaries of the main corporation with longer names, or different companies with the same name. The information in the table includes the company names' history (column 1), the registered office location (column 2) and the current status (column 3). The additional services list is represented in column 4 as acronyms:

AD - Current extract **DK** - Company's documents
CD - Chronological extract **UT** - Extract on business owners
HD - Historical extract

3. Click “**START SEARCH**” and then “**Display register information**”.
4. To receive the kind of extract you want, click the corresponding acronym. Part of the information will be given to you for free, while access to the rest will require a small fee.

Figure 11

Company / Name	Registered office	Status	current version(AD) chronological version(CD) historical version(HO) document view(DK) business owners(UT)
Baden-Württemberg District Court Stuttgart HRB 19360 Daimler AG	Stuttgart	Updated	AD CD HO OK UT
History 1.) DaimlerChrysler AG	1.) Stuttgart		
Baden-Württemberg District Court Stuttgart HRB 19323 Daimler Vermögens- und Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH	Stuttgart	Updated	AD CD HO OK UT
History 1.) DaimlerChrysler Mobilien Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung 2.) Daimler-Benz Mobilien Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung 3.) DaimlerChrysler Vermögens- und Beteiligungsgesellschaft mbH	1.) Stuttgart 2.) Stuttgart 3.) Stuttgart		
Baden-Württemberg District Court Stuttgart HRB 11661 Daimler Mitarbeiter Wohnfinanz GmbH	Stuttgart	Updated	AD CD HO OK UT
History 1.) Daimler-Benz-Mitarbeiter Wohnfinanz Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung 2.) Hans Brauns Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung 3.) DaimlerChrysler Mitarbeiter Wohnfinanz Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung	1.) Stuttgart 2.) Stuttgart 3.) Stuttgart		
Baden-Württemberg District Court Stuttgart HRB 1565 Daimler Unterstützungskasse GmbH	Stuttgart	Updated	AD CD HO OK UT
History 1.) Daimler-Benz Unterstützungskasse Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung 2.) Daimler-Benz Unterstützungskasse, Gesellschaft mit beschränkter	1.) Stuttgart		

Let's try to get a current extract (AD). This type of extract requires payment – after you click “**AD**”, it automatically lands in your cart.

Figure 12

COMPANY REGISTER
The central platform for the storage of company data

Navigation: HOMEPAGE | SEARCH | USEFUL INFORMATION | **DOCUMENT CART (1)**

Homepage » Search results » Document cart

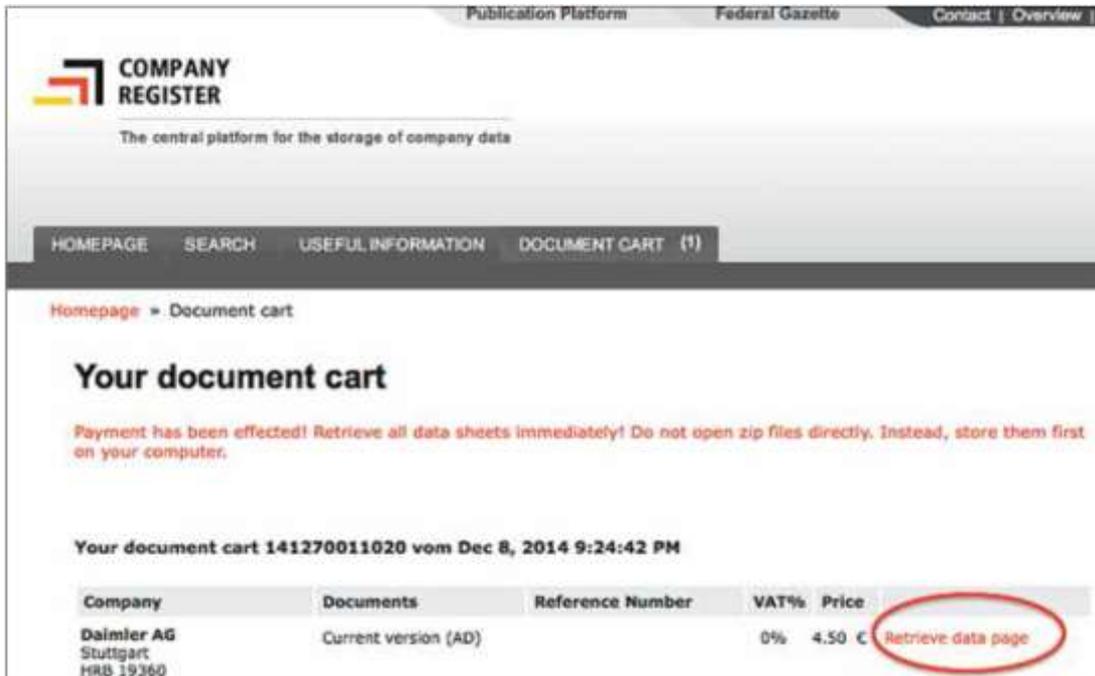
Thank you!

Your document retrieval was placed in the document cart.

» Back to search results » View document cart

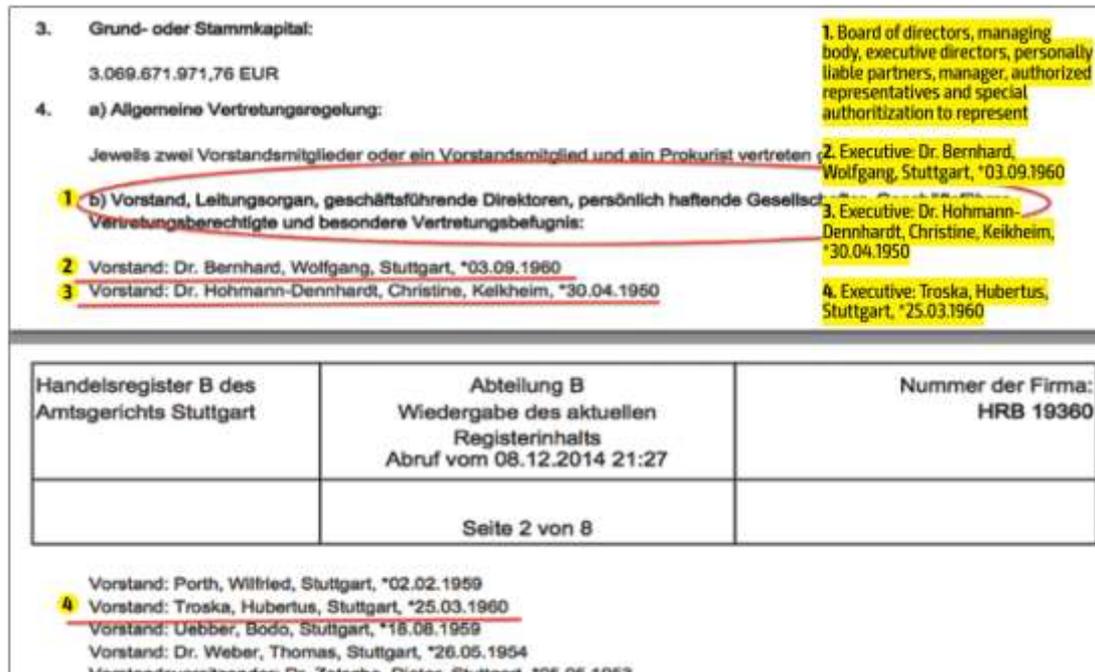
5. After you get to the cart, you can immediately proceed to payment by clicking “**TO CHECKOUT**”.
6. Payment successful. To see the extract, click “**Retrieve data page**”.

Figure 13



In article 4 of the extract we see Daimler's board of directors, management body, executive director data, managers and other people in the company's administration.

Figure 14



Also, the extract contains the registration address/date and the company's share capital (article 3).

LAND REGISTER

Germany's land register is only available on the state portal and, just like handelsregister.de, it also requires a difficult registration process: to use it, you will have to fill out the registration form on the website, print it out and send it to the administrators of the register for approval. Only then will you be allowed access.

It should be noted that getting extracts from Germany's cadastral register is legally limited. The extracts are only available to third parties and to journalists who conduct investigations. Thus, you will have to justify why it is a necessity for you to get an extract to a member of a government agency.

The cadastral register's Internet address is www.grundbuch-portal.de. A single cadastre register does not exist in Germany; each state has its own register that is autonomous from the other databases.

To go to the register of the federal state you need, click this state on the card and choose **“Zugang”** (**“Enter”**) in the resulting menu. The system will offer you to get registered and to ask for permission from the register workers to access an extract.

4. GREECE

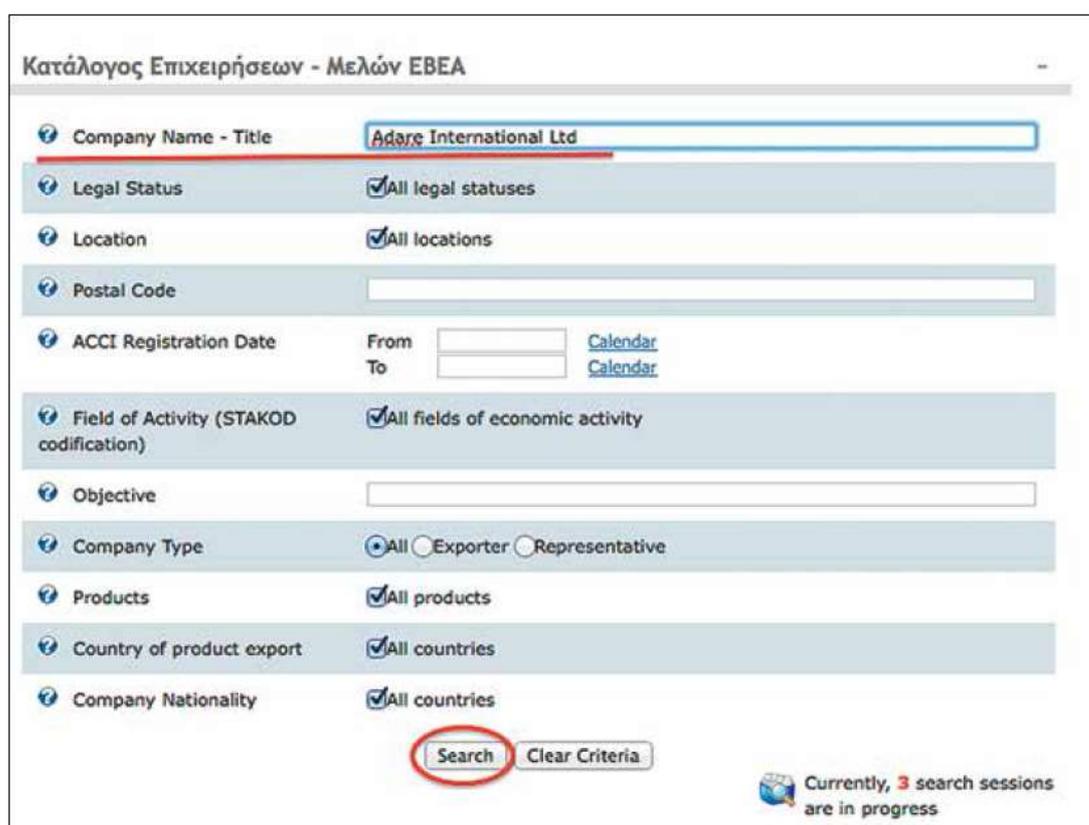


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The Greek industrial companies database can be seen on the official website of the Athens Chamber of Commerce and Industry: www.acci.gr. You can switch to the English language by clicking the UK flag in the upper right corner of the page.

1. Move your mouse cursor to the line “Business” in the menu on the left; in the resulting menu, click “**ACCI Members Catalogue**”.

Figure 15



Κατάλογος Επιχειρήσεων - Μελών ΕΒΕΑ

Company Name - Title

Legal Status All legal statuses

Location All locations

Postal Code

ACCI Registration Date From [Calendar](#)
To [Calendar](#)

Field of Activity (STAKOD codification) All fields of economic activity

Objective

Company Type All Exporter Representative

Products All products

Country of product export All countries

Company Nationality All countries

 Currently, 3 search sessions are in progress

You will see a menu offering you various options to filter your search. Let's just type in a company name “**Adare International Ltd**” (chosen at random) in the “Company Name – Title” field. If you have any additional data on the legal entity – e.g. its address, registration date, status or line of business – put it in the table, which will make the search easier. After this, click “**Search**” and then “**Show results**”.

Figure 16

Company Search Results			
Search: <input type="text"/>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name / Title	Objective	Corp. Status / Reg. Date
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>ADARE INTERNATIONAL LTD</u>		FOREIGN LTD / 07/25/2011
Company Information			
Status:		ACTIVE	
Company		UNITED KINGDOM	
Nationality:			
Location			
Street:		KIFISIAS 90	
City:		MAROUSI	
Postal Code:		15125	
Contact Details			
Phone 1:			
Phone 2:		6937319302	
Phone 3:		6973513575	
Activities			
Code		Description	
748900		<u>OTHER BUSINESS ACTIVITIES N.E.C.</u>	

2. To receive the result, click on the company's name. You will see the information offered by the Athens Chamber of Commerce, including the company's line of business, address, telephone number and nationality (UK). Unfortunately, the register does not offer any information on the companies' beneficiaries and management. This is due to Greece having joined the EBR (www.ebr.org); thus, the Greek authorities suggest you receive information on legal entities registered in the country through the European register.

5. LITHUANIA



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The Republic of Lithuania has a unified state portal called the “Centre of Registers”. It combines the functions of a state legal entities database, a cadastral real estate register, and the address register.

Access by foreigners to the Centre of Registers is limited: the right to register and receive information from it is reserved only for the citizens of Lithuania. The exceptions are foreigners with a residence permit or with a Lithuanian bank account, or the users of the Digital Certification Centre (a Lithuanian company that issues qualified certificates). The matter of access to Lithuanian registers has to be resolved individually; you can either open an account in one of Lithuania’s banks or find someone to do it for you. To start your registration in the system, follow the link: www.registrucentras.lt/savitarna.

The Lithuanian registers can do the following:

1. Choose the language most suitable for you: Lithuanian or English (we used English.) To enter the register, click the “**Register of LEGAL ENTITIES**” pictogram in the upper menu. In the left menu click “**Public Search in the Register of the Legal Entities**”. After that, the company search form will be displayed.

Figure 17

Centre of Registers, REAL PROPERTY CADASTER AND REGISTER, REGISTER OF LEGAL ENTITIES, ADDRESS REGISTER

Home

PUBLIC SEARCH IN THE REGISTER OF THE LEGAL ENTITIES

Warning!
Detail data on the registration of legal entities are provided ONLY TO REGISTERED USERS who have concluded service provision agreement.
You are allowed to perform max 100 searches per day. Number of searches you have done today: 3

Legal entity name: search also within historical names
Code: (0/7 digits)
Municipality:
Legal status: any
Legal form: any
 Announced about the intended liquidation on the initiative of the administrator of the Register

Note: Search shall not be performed by the words frequently found in the names of legal entities, e.g. public liability company, individual. See in the [list of words not used in the search by name](#).

2. Enter the name of the company you are looking for in the field that says “**Legal entity name**”. If you do not know the full name, you can enter part of it; also, you can search by the legal entity's location (the “**Municipality**” field), status (if you are looking for a company that has ceased its functions) and type. After entering all the data, click “**Search**”

For example, let's try to find the widely known Lithuanian construction company **Paneveziostatibostrestas**, which has expanded its business beyond the borders of Lithuania, including into the Kaliningrad Region, and started getting some of the biggest governmental and commercial contracts.

We get 17 legal entities, all subsidiaries of Paneveziostatibostrestas, the company we are looking for. Its branches are registered in many of the Lithuanian cities. In the second and third column we can see the types of business entities and their current statuses.

3. To see the documents available in the register, click the red “**D**” pictogram in the left column. You will get a list of 20 documents, including financial statements, constitutional documents and data on the company's directors and beneficiaries. However, links to the documents will only become available to you after you register in the Lithuania's Centre of Registers.

Figure 18

Results found: 17

Code*	Name, registered address	Legal form	Legal status**
303342923	AB "Panevėžio statybos trestas" filialas "Betonas" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m. Tinklių g. 7	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	No legal proceedings
303342873	AB "Panevėžio statybos trestas" filialas "Konstrukcija" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m. Tinklių g. 7	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	No legal proceedings
303342752	AB "Panevėžio statybos trestas" filialas "Stogas" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m. Tinklių g. 7	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	No legal proceedings
123945197	AB "Panevėžio statybos trestas" ir partnerių TŪB "Vilniaus papėdė" Vilniaus m. sav. Vilniaus m. Naugarduko g. 100	General Partnership	No legal proceedings
301097724	AB "Panevėžio statybos trestas" Vilniaus filialas "Genranga" Vilniaus m. sav. Vilniaus m. Verkių g. 25C-1	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	No legal proceedings
147732969	Akcinės bendrovė "PANEVĖŽIO STATYBOS TRESTAS" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m. R. Puzino g. 1	Public Limited Liability Company	No legal proceedings
248000930	Akcinės bendrovės Panevėžio statybos trestas filialas "Darmėsta" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m. Pramonės g. 5	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	Removed
148001999	Akcinės bendrovės "Panevėžio statybos trestas" filialas "Genranga" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m.	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	Removed
148001846	Akcinės bendrovės "Panevėžio statybos trestas" filialas "Gensta" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m.	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	Removed
148001312	Akcinės bendrovės Panevėžio statybos trestas filialas "Gerbusta" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m. S. Kerbedžio g. 54	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	No legal proceedings
141921475	Akcinės bendrovės "PANEVĖŽIO STATYBOS TRESTAS" filialas "KLAIPSTATA" Klaipėdos m. sav. Klaipėdos m. Panevėžio g. 13-1B	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	No legal proceedings
148001650	Akcinės bendrovės Panevėžio statybos trestas filialas "Pastatų apdaila" Panevėžio m. sav. Panevėžio m. Tinklių g. 7	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	No legal proceedings
148001084	Akcinės bendrovės Panevėžio statybos trestas filialas	Branch of the Public Limited Liability Company	Removed

Figure 19

Results found: 20

Legal entity: AB "Panevėžio statybos trestas" ir partnerių TŪB "Vilniaus papėdė", code 125345197

Document / description	Date of document	Received	Registered
Finansinės atskaitomybės dokumentai / 2013 m. finansinė atskaitomybė, aiškinamasis raštas, metinis pranešimas (veiklos ataskaita), patvirtintos finansinės ataskaitos	2014-04-24	2014-05-06	2014-05-06
Finansinės atskaitomybės dokumentai / 2012 m. finansinė atskaitomybė, aiškinamasis raštas, metinis pranešimas (veiklos ataskaita), patvirtintos finansinės ataskaitos	2013-03-12	2013-04-22	2013-04-22
Finansinės atskaitomybės dokumentai / 2011 m. finansinė atskaitomybė, aiškinamasis raštas, metinis pranešimas (veiklos ataskaita), patvirtintos finansinės ataskaitos	2012-03-22	2012-05-11	2012-05-11
Jungtinės veiklos sutartis	2011-06-06	2011-06-07	2011-06-09
Prašymas registruoti Juridinių asmenų registre / Dėl Jungtinės veiklos sutarties įregistravimo	2011-06-06	2011-06-07	2011-06-09
Tikrųjų narių sprendimas / Dėl Jungtinės veiklos sutarties pakeitimo	2011-06-06	2011-06-07	2011-06-09
Prašymas registruoti Juridinių asmenų registre / Dėl duomenų įregistravimo	2011-04-28	2011-04-28	2011-05-03
Įgaliojimas	2011-04-26	2011-04-28	2011-05-03
Finansinės atskaitomybės dokumentai / 2010 m. finansinė atskaitomybė, aiškinamasis raštas, metinis pranešimas (veiklos ataskaita), patvirtintos finansinės ataskaitos	2011-03-22	2011-03-25	2011-03-25
Finansinės atskaitomybės dokumentai / 2009 m. finansinė atskaitomybė, aiškinamasis raštas, metinis pranešimas (veiklos ataskaita), patvirtintos finansinės ataskaitos	2010-03-31	2010-04-08	2010-04-08
Finansinės atskaitomybės dokumentai / 2008 m. finansinė atskaitomybė, aiškinamasis raštas	2009-04-20	2009-06-02	2009-11-05
Finansinės atskaitomybės dokumentai / 2007 m. finansinė atskaitomybė, aiškinamasis raštas	2008-01-18	2008-07-04	2008-11-24
Finansinės atskaitomybės dokumentai / 2006 m. finansinė atskaitomybė, aiškinamasis raštas	2007-04-11	2007-06-13	2007-09-18

Figure 20

To use the real estate register, click the “**REAL PROPERTY cadastre and register**” pictogram in the upper menu. You can search by the company's name and address. Click “**Public Search in the Real Property Register...**” in the menu on the left and fill in the address of the object you are looking for. The system does not require you to enter precise street names and house numbers and will offer you possible variants. When you are ready, click “**Search**”.

Figure 21

home

PUBLIC SEARCH

You can do up to 300 of public searches per day.
Your IP address: 95.55.226.147

Municipality: Vilniaus m. sav. House No.: 90
City: Vilnius Apartment No: 2
Street: Taisos g.

[Reset](#) [Search](#)

Results found: 1

Reg. No	Object(-s)	Unique No	Address
10/220392	Residential premise	1098-4012-7010:0002	Vilniaus m. sav. Vilniaus m. Taisos g. 90-2

Legend:
📍 Location on the map

After this, the object's registration number, address and real estate type (in this case residential premises) are displayed.

Figure 22

SEARCH IN LOCATIONS WITHOUT STREETS

If property address consists only of the name of residential area (e.g. village), you have a possibility to filter out irrelevant entries by entering concrete property owner (legal entity). In such case enter only municipality and location in the search form and click Search. When location is found, the system will ask you to enter the name and code of property owner. For example:

Legal entity code:
Legal entity name:

HOW TO ENTER DATA ABOUT PROPERTY OWNER

Entering property owner's name, first name or surname is more complicated because name of a legal entity very often starts with "AB...", "Stock company...", "Joint stock Lithuanian...", etc. Instead of a proper name. In such case we recommend entering several patterned symbols (*) in-between and at the beginning of criterion, though such search requires more time.
For example: Legal entity name *NAŽINIŲ*NAFTA*

You can also try searching by the legal entity's code or name.

6. SPAIN



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Navigating through Spain's USRLE is highly inconvenient due to its design; furthermore, registration is only available if you have a Spanish individual tax number. Thus, we recommend you use the commercial register under www.axesor.es. It is better to use the Spanish language version of the web portal, since the English one has severely reduced functions. Google Translate can help you deal with the Spanish language.

The main page of the website has the search field. Enter the name of the company or the last name of the person whose business you are looking for in Spain. You can narrow the

search by choosing one of the criteria: **“Todos”** (all categories), **“Empresas”** (legal entities), **“Autonomos”** (independent professionals), **“Ejecutivos”** (company executives), or **“Internacionales”** (international companies).

Also, you can do an extended search for the company, using its location or VAT identification number. To do so, click “Busqueda Avanzada” under the search menu.

For example, let's try to get an extract for an arbitrarily chosen company called “Alcoa Inversiones Internacionales SL”. Type its name in the search field and click **“Buscar”** (**“Search”**).

Figure 23



You will then see the list of companies found in the registry with this name or similar ones. Click the one you need, which will result in the provision of detailed information.

Figure 24



If instead of a company name you searched for a name of a potential beneficiary/manager of a company, you will get the list of companies where their name is registered.

Figure 25

	Informe asesor 360°	Informe de Crédito	Perfil Comercial de Empresa
1. Governing bodies and managers 2. Corporate linkages (shareholders, investees)	Ver Ejemplo Más Información 42 € (50,82 € IVA incluido) Comprar	Ver Ejemplo Más Información 24 € (29,04 € IVA incluido) Comprar	Ver Ejemplo Más Información ¡OFERTA! 2,6 € ¡Gratis! (3,46 € IVA incluido) Comprar
Ventas y nº de empleados	✓	✓	✓
Información mercantil y comercial	Completa	Completa	Básica
1 Órganos sociales y directivos	✓	✓	Solo directivos
2 Vinculaciones societarias (accionistas, participadas...)	✓	✓	✗
Scoring asesor y evolución	✓	✓	✗
Probabilidad de impago y crédito recomendado	✓	✓	✗
Impagos (RAI y Asnef Empresas), incidencias y concursos	✓	✓	✗
Balance y cuenta resultados	Completo	Extracto	✗
Diagnóstico económico-financiero	Completo	Extracto	✗
Gráfico de relaciones	✓	✗	✗
Balances sectorial comparativo	✓	✗	✗
Flujos de efectivo y cambios patrimonio neto	✓	✗	✗
Análisis del entorno	✓	✗	✗
Financiación y avales	✓	✗	✗
Subvenciones, adjudicaciones y marcas	✓	✗	✗
	Comprar	Comprar	Comprar

The information you can get for free includes the nature of the enterprise, registration address, phone number and more. There are three paid bundles of information: €42, €24 and €2.6.

The first bundle (€42) contains all the company documents – from company's management and shareholders to its constitutional documents and financial statements. The €2.6 bundle contains general data on a company and limited information on its management. This does not allow you to receive the most important information that we are looking for in trade registers, i.e. the list of a company's shareholders. Thus, it makes more sense to purchase the "Informe de Credito" bundle (€24) by clicking "**Comprar**".

Do not try to register in the system – this option is available to citizens of Spain who have individual tax numbers (NIF, Número

de Identificación Fiscal). Foreign citizens can obtain the information without registration: just go directly to the payment procedure by clicking "**Compre sin registrarse**". After the money is withdrawn from your bank card, the company information will be displayed immediately.

7. SWITZERLAND

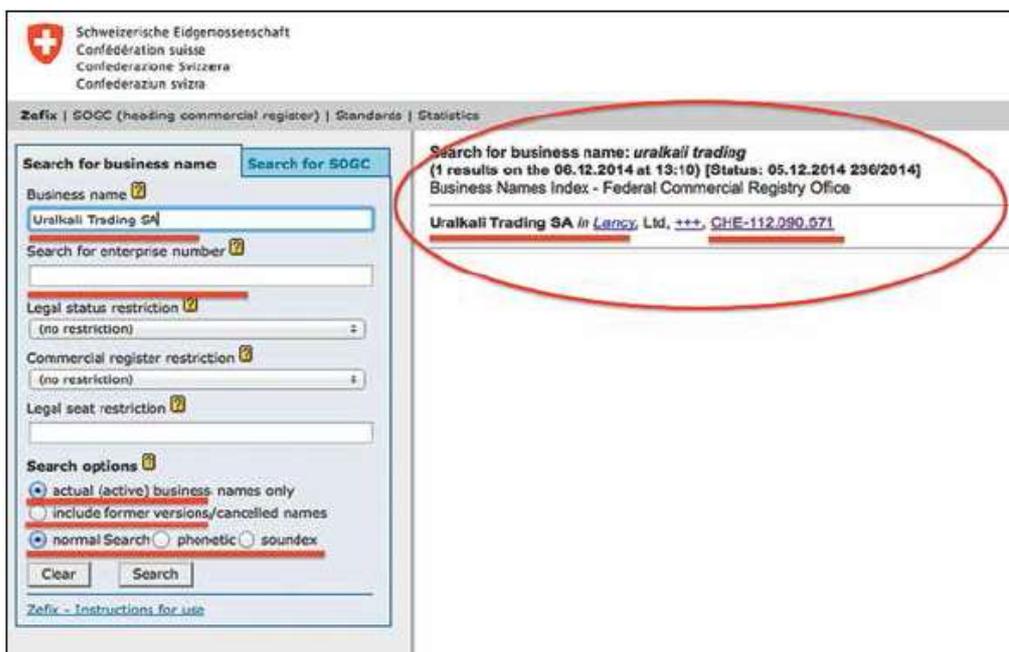


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Switzerland's official state register of business entities is located on the web portal of the federal authorities: www.zefix.admin.ch. The portal functions in four languages: German, French, Italian and English. A major inconvenience is that you can only search by a company's name, not by a person's name. However, most information can be acquired for free.

1. On the main page, click **“Central Business Names Index”**; the search menu will be displayed. To test the Swiss register, let's try to find the company of Dmitry Rybolovlev, a prominent Russian billionaire who owns Russia's biggest producer of potassium fertilisers. According to the media, he has one company registered in Switzerland, which is called **“Uralkali Trading SA”**.

Figure 26



2. Enter the company's name in the **“Business name”** field and press **“Search”**. Generally, the system allows you to use wide variety of search parameters as long as you know the approximate name of the company you are looking for. You can search by parts of the company's name, its registration number and legal status. If you do so, the system might display a list of several companies with similar names; you can choose the one you need according to what you know about it, e.g. the city where it is registered. The company we are looking for is registered in Lancy.

You get the official extract for the company. It includes all the information on it available in the federal register.

- The register allows you to obtain extracts as a PDF. Click the company's number (in this case CHE-112.090.571) to go to the text version.

Figure 27

Registre du Commerce du Canton de Genève						
Transfer on	Legal form	Date of registration	Date of cancellation	UID	Federal identification number	File number
	Société anonyme	04 novembre 2003		CHE-112.090.571	CH-882.140.200-2	130687026
Ref. 1	Company name			Ref. 2	Head office	
	Unikast Trading SA				Lancy	
Ref. 2	Address			Ref. 3	Bylaws date	
	avenue des Mages 12				26.08.2008	
Capital shares						
Ref. 4	CHF 22'000'000	CHF 22'000'000	22'000 actions de CHF 1'000, nominatives, sans droit de préférence et sans privilège			
Stat. Observations						
Ref. 5	Stat. intégral et transcript de statuts, règlement de règlement, élection de membres, nomination, mise en fonction, démission et cessation de mandat ou fonctions, ainsi que participation dans toute société ou entreprise, à l'exception des sociétés anonymes en liquidation, accordé des prêts et autres formes de financement à l'adresse sociale de l'entreprise (sauf que soit à l'ère de parité), ainsi qu'accorder des garanties et lever de sociétés pour toutes sortes d'engagements (cf. statuts pour les détails)					
Ref. 6	L'inscription sous le numéro CH-650-140004-4 est remplacée par le numéro d'identification des entreprises (IDEAJO) CHE-112.090.571.					
Publication board						
Ref. 7	Mise officielle au Commerce					
Ref. 8	Communication aux actionnaires, autre recommandée au tribunal					
JOURNAL						
Ref. 1	1295	01.11.2004	13.11.2004	32517404		
Ref. 2	1293	01.07.2009	08.07.2009	72829838		
Ref. 3	1298	19.03.2008	14.03.2008	74347182		
Ref. 4	1297	01.02.2010	14.02.2010	80001800		
Ref. 5			18.12.2013	87725833		
BOCC PUBLICATION						
Ref. 1	88	03.07.2009	01.07.2009	80852289		
Ref. 2	2897	13.03.2007	11.03.2007	182545276		
Ref. 3	3452	27.08.2008	02.07.2008	194550089		
Ref. 4	1200	03.01.2011	01.01.2011	80854138		
Administration, review board and people having signing capability						
Nom et fonction (nom, Prénoms, Nationalité)				Fonction		
Sergey Evstratov, de Russie, à Genève				admin.		
Nicolas Huser-Coppes SA, succursale à Genève				organe de révision		
Evstratov Sergey de Russie, à Genève				directeur		
				signature individuelle		
				signature individuelle		

Here is the information on the company registration address and date, and its authorized capital. Some companies publish documents that can be obtained by clicking the active links. Management and ownership data are available under “**Administration, review board and people having signing capability**”. This contains names of the managers and their positions in the company. For example, the company's director is Sergey Evstratov, a citizen of Russia. The administrator of the company is also listed. The Swiss register also provides information about former managers and the registered addresses of companies (these are crossed out in official extracts).

8. UK



USRLE
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In the UK you cannot obtain information about the beneficiaries of legal entities directly from governmental web portals such as <http://wck2.companieshouse.gov.uk>. However, the information can be received from commercial agent companies that have created a very convenient system of searching and obtaining a very wide amount of official and unofficial public sector information. Such companies allow you to search by a person's name, which makes them more convenient than the governmental web portal, where you can only search by a company's name. One of these portals is www.192.com.

The main thing that makes this portal convenient is that it allows you to receive partial information on a person (or company) for free. This way you can make sure that the company has the information on the person you are looking for rather than a namesake. After you type in a last name in the search field, you will see a list of all the people they

have with this name. Then you can find the person you are looking for before paying for the information. However, to obtain more detailed information you will have to register and buy a service package that includes a particular number of extracts and types of information. After you request the information, the system will ask you to register and make a payment.

The main page of the web portal has two main search options: Search People and Search Businesses. The database allows you to search not just by the name of a person or a company but also by the registered address. To do so, you need to enter the mailing address in the "Location" box.

For example, let's try to find the relatives of Vladimir Yakunin (the president of JSC Russian Railways (JSC RZD), a Russian state corporation) in Britain.

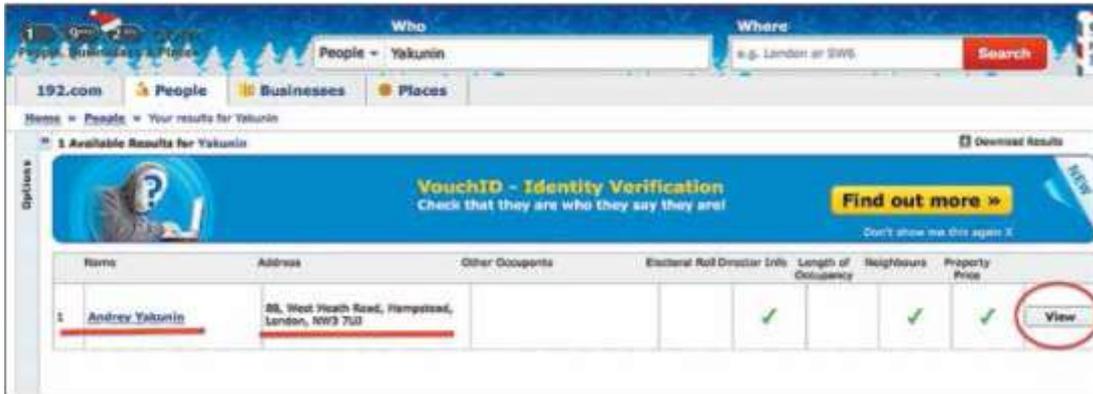
1. In the field "Name", type in the name "Yakunin" and press "Search".

Figure 28

The screenshot shows the 192.com search interface. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'Who / What' and 'Where'. Below this, there are search filters for 'All' (with examples like 'John Smith or Tesco') and 'e.g. London'. The main heading is 'Search for People, Businesses & Places in the UK'. Below this, there is a section titled 'What can you do on 192.com?' with a brief description of the service. Two search forms are visible: 'Search People' and 'Search Businesses'. In the 'Search People' form, the 'Name' field contains 'Yakunin' and the 'Location' field contains 'e.g. London, Fulham or SW6'. The 'Search' button is circled in red. In the 'Search Businesses' form, the 'Name / Type' field contains 'e.g. Supermarket or Tesco' and the 'Location' field contains 'e.g. London, Fulham or SW6'. The 'Search' button is also circled in red.

The database has only one person with that name – **Andrey Yakunin**. This is the name of **Vladimir Yakunin's** eldest son, who, according to the existing data, moved to the UK for permanent residence. The second column contains Andrey Yakunin's registered address. This is all the free data that www.192.com will provide you with. To get more detailed information, press "View"; the system will ask you to register and pay for its services.

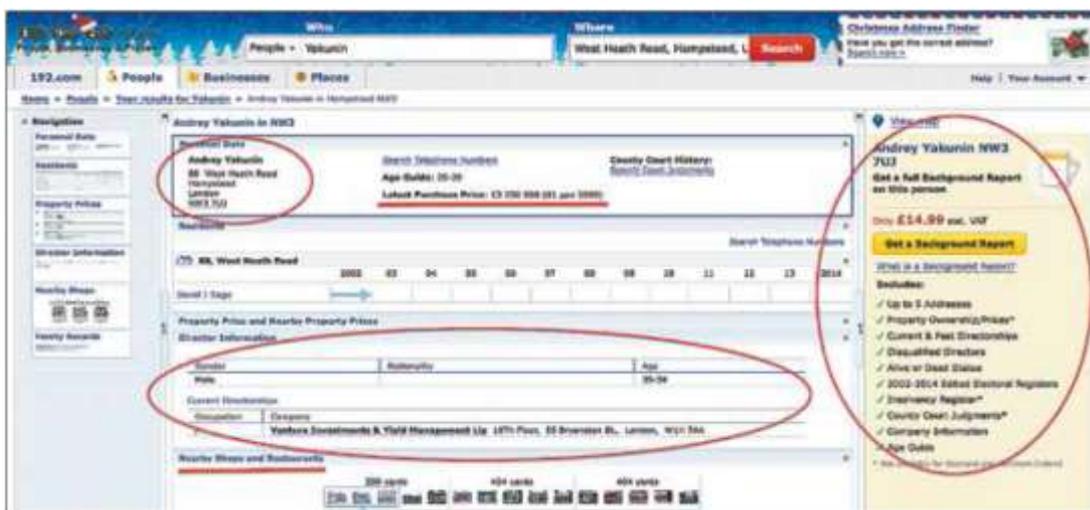
Figure 29



2. For registration, it is enough to enter your e-mail address and your name, as well as a password. After this, you will receive a confirmation letter to the e-mail address you provided.
3. After the registration, you have to pay for the system's services.
4. After these actions are completed, the web portal provides you with the information about a person's participation in commercial structures. In the **“Personal Data”** field there is the information you have already seen: the official address of Andrey Yakunin. Also, the system allows you to see the value of their real estate, and to check the **“Nearby Shops and Restaurants”** in the corresponding section. Below it is the most important menu called **“Director Information”** that contains the data about Andrey Yakunin's official position. According to the information here, the elder son of the JSC Russian Railways president is the director of **“Venture Investments & Yield Management Lp”**.

The menu on the right allows you, after paying an additional fee, to receive wide-ranging information about the subject of your search, i.e. information on all of the company's directors, disqualified executives, data from the insolvency database, and court rulings involving the subject

Figure 30



Let's try to receive all of the available information on Andrey Yakunin's company. Click **“Venture Investments & Yield Management Lp”**; the company's profile will be displayed. Click **“Financial Info”**. The resulting menu will contain a wide range of information and documents that 192.com can provide you with:

- the company's registered address, telephone and fax numbers
- registration date, line of business and inner registration number
- last names of the acting directors, their addresses and dates of appointment
- the company's constitutional documents (separate fee for each)
- information on the company's accounts and financial balance
- other companies and persons registered under this address

Figure 31



192.com's database also offers data on the company's credit history. You can also use other British websites to search for companies that belong to the people you are interested in, e.g. www.peopletracer.co.uk

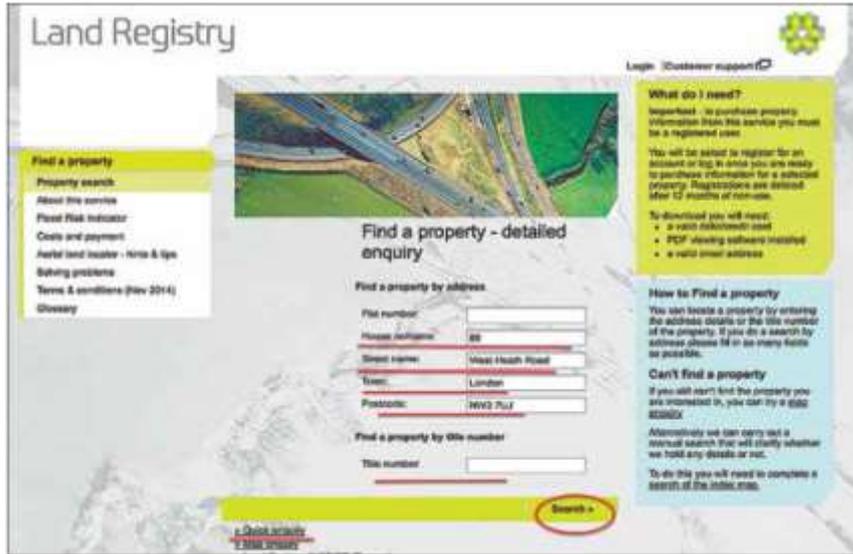
CADASTRE EXTRACTS

To find a property's owner, you should use the state service called Land Registry, available here: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/land-registry. There you should click the second line from the top – **“Search Property ownership information”** – **“Start now”**. To make your search more detailed, you should click “Detailed enquiry” under the search menu; after that, a more detailed menu will be displayed.

Let's try to receive information on the real estate owned by Andrey Yakunin, the elder son of the JSC Russian Railways president, whose data we obtained above from the UK business register.

1. To receive the data, type in the city, the street, the house number and the postal code (if known) in the corresponding fields. Also, you can get the extract by typing in the so-called cadastre code in the **“Title number”** field and clicking **“Search”**.

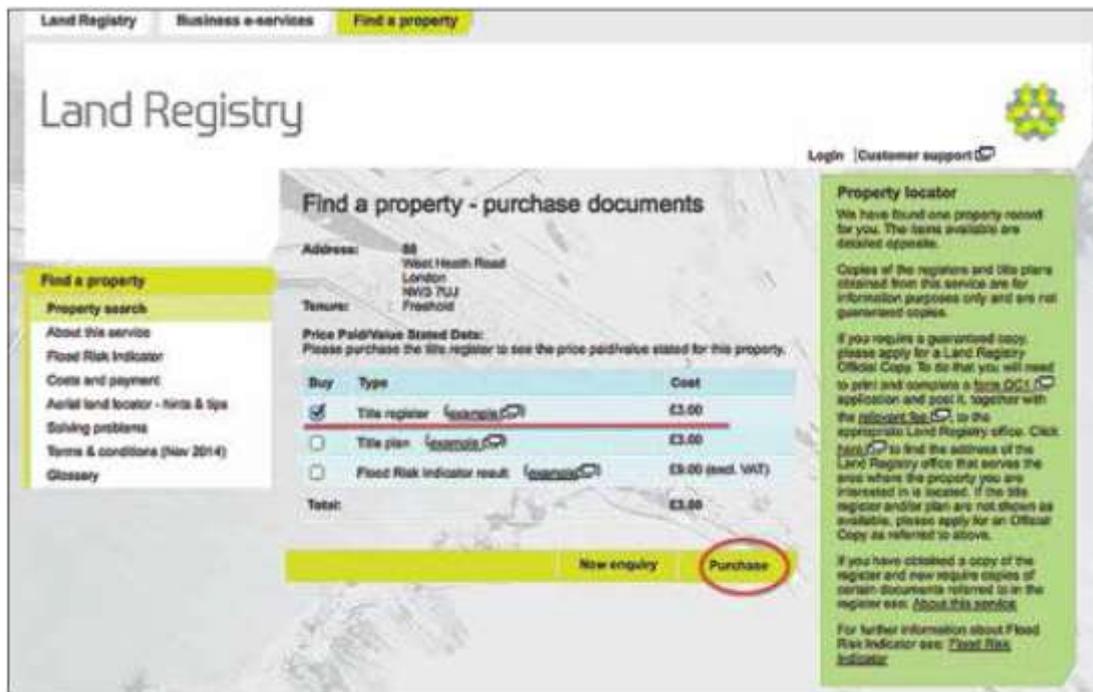
Figure 32



As we can see, the UK cadastre register located the address in its database and offers us three types of extract. To find the owners' names, choose "Title Register" and "Purchase".

- Then, the system will offer you a standard registration procedure; you will have to enter your personal data and pay for the cadastre register's services (with a card or otherwise).

Figure 33



- After making the payment, you receive the information requested.

9. UKRAINE



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Ukraine allows the state database of the “**Information Resource Centre**” (www.irc.gov.ua) to be searched for the beneficiaries of companies and persons. However, the search options are limited: one can search for companies' names, their founders and managers, but the information on all the legal entities that a person owns is sadly unavailable.

1. To start the search, go from the Information and Resource Centre web portal's main page to the section with persons and legal entities – “**USR REGISTER**”. There you can find the rules covering this public service.

Figure 34



2. To continue the search, choose the menu titled “**Search in USR**”.

Figure 35



A search menu will be displayed; there you should choose what you are looking for: persons/individual entrepreneurs (“**Фізична особа-підприємець**”) or legal entities (“**Юридична особа**”). The next menu allows you to choose the full name of the person/entity you are looking for (“**Повна найменування або код ЄДРПОУ**”), as well as to use the short name option (“**Скорочена найменування**”) that allows you to look for a company or a person by one word in the title/name if you do not know the full one. The “**ОПФ**” (business entity type) field allows you to choose the type of organization if you need to make the search more precise, but this is not necessary.

Let's search the Ukrainian state database of the Information Resource Centre for the owners of a leading Ukrainian financial and industrial holding company System Capital Management (“СистемКепіталМенеджмент”), which is controlled by a prominent businessman Rinat Akhmetov.

Figure 36

- After reading about the rules, check the box that says “Згоден з умовами пошуку в ЄДР” (“I agree with IRC's terms of search”) to confirm your agreement with them. After this, the register will display all the information in Ukrainian. If case of difficulties we recommend you use Google Translate.

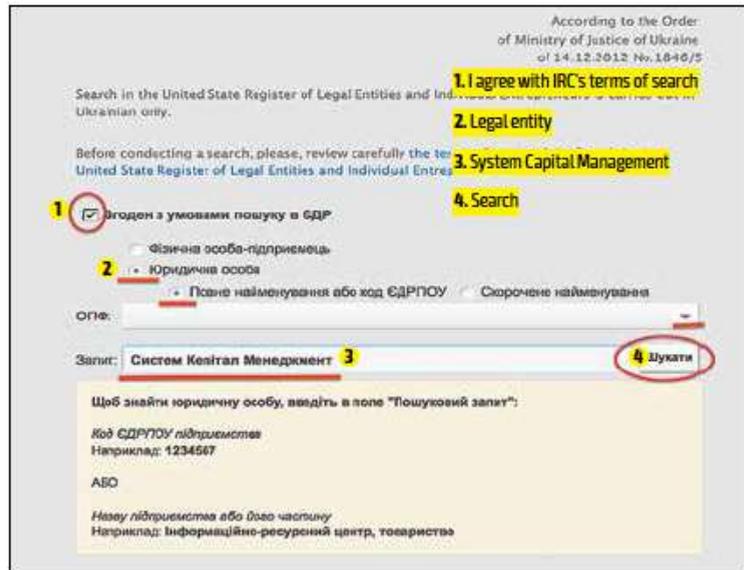
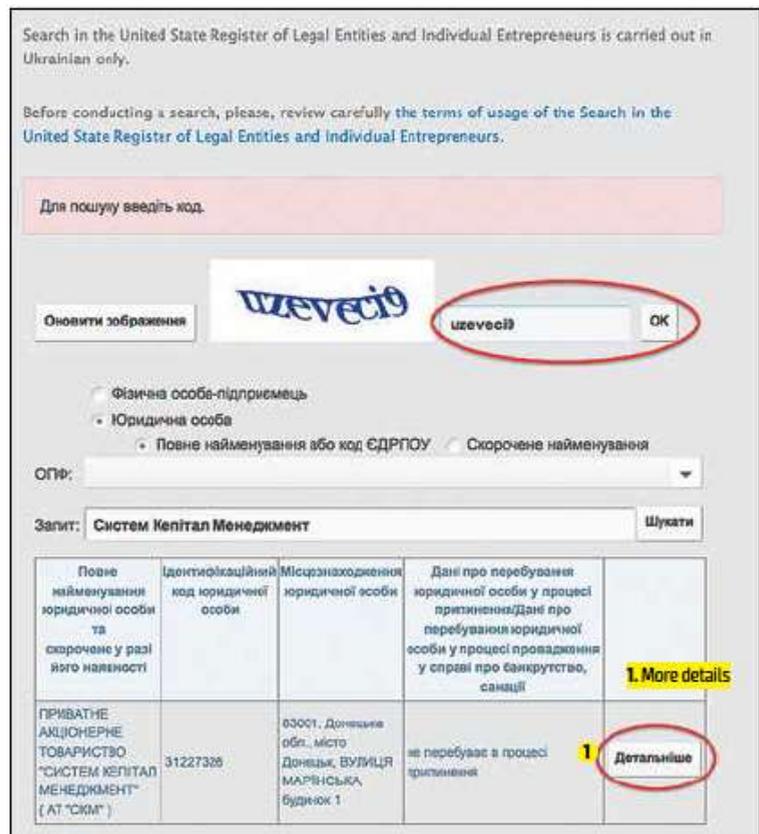


Figure 37

- In the “Запит” (“Inquiry”) field, type in the name of the company and click “Шукати” (“Search”). The system will ask you to enter the authorization code:

After you do this, the search result is displayed. In this case, the system contains one company with such a name. Click the “Детальніше” (“See more”) button to view the detailed data on the company.



5. If the system finds several companies, you can choose the one you need using the company's registered address (shown in the third column of the table). The extract contains various data on the legal entity: authorized capital size, line of business and first and last names of the company's founder (**Oleg Popov**), as well as other data that might be useful during the investigation.

Figure 38

Детальна інформація про юридичну особу		
Повне найменування юридичної особи та скорочена у разі його наявності	ПРИВАТНЕ АКЦІОНЕРНЕ ТОВАРИСТВО "СИСТЕМ КЕІ МЕНЕДЖМЕНТ" (АТ "СКМ")	1. Data on the size of authorised capital (authorized or contributed capital) and the date when it finished forming 2. Size, UAH
Повне та скорочене найменування юридичної особи англійською мовою у разі їх наявності		3. Lines of business
Ідентифікаційний код юридичної особи	31227326	4. Information on the management bodies of the legal entity
Організаційно-правова форма	ПРИВАТНЕ АКЦІОНЕРНЕ ТОВАРИСТВО	5. ANNUAL MEETING, CEO
Центральний чи місцевий орган виконавчої влади, до сфери управління якого належить державне підприємство або частка держави у статутному капіталі юридичної особи, якщо ця частка становить не менше 25 відсотків		6. First and last name, date of appointment (election) of persons who are appointed (elected) to the managerial body of the legal entity, commissioned to represent the legal entity in a relationship with a third party, or persons who have the right to act on behalf of the legal entity without the power of attorney, including signing contracts.
Місцезнаходження юридичної особи	63001, Дніпропетровська обл., місто ВУЛИЦЯ МАРІНСЬКА, будинок № 1	7. POPOV OLEG MIKOLAYOVICH - signatory (CONTRACT FOR AN AMOUNT EXCEEDING UAH 500000000 AND CONTRACT FOR A DEAL THAT INCLUDES ALIENATION OF CORPORATE RIGHTS DETERMINED BY ANNUAL MEETINGS)
Перелік засновників (учасників) юридичної особи, у тому числі прізвище, ім'я, по батькові, якщо засновник – фізична особа, найменування, місцезнаходження та ідентифікаційний код юридичної особи, якщо засновник – юридична особа	АКЦІОНЕРИ ЗГІДНО РЕЄСТРУ ПАПЕРІВ Розмір внеску до статутного (грн.): 3000000.00	8. POPOV OLEG MIKOLAYOVICH - director
Дані про розмір статутного капіталу (статутного або складеного капіталу) та про дату закінчення його формування 1	Розмір (2 х): 3000000.00	
Види діяльності 3	Код КВЕД 62.99 Надання інших допоміжних комерційних послуг; Код КВЕД 46.80 Спеціалізована оптова торгівля; Код КВЕД 62.01 Комп'ютерне програмування; Код КВЕД 70.10 Діяльність готельних управлінь (хостелів); Код КВЕД 70.22 Консультування з питань комерційної діяльності й керування (основний); Код КВЕД 73.20 Дослідження кон'юнктури ринку та вивчення громадської думки	
Відомості про органи управління юридичної особи 4	ЗАГАЛЬНІ ЗБОРИ, ГЕНЕРАЛЬНИЙ ДИРЕКТОР 5	
Прізвище, ім'я, по батькові, дата обрання (призначення) осіб, які обираються (призначаються) до органу управління юридичної особи, уповноважених представляти юридичну особу у правовідносинах з третіми особами, або осіб, які мають право вчиняти дії від імені юридичної особи без довіреності, у тому числі підписувати договори та дані про наявність обмежень щодо представництва від імені юридичної особи 6	ПОПОВ ОЛЕГ МИКОЛАЙОВИЧ - підписант (УХВАДЕННЯ ДОГОВОРІВ НА СУМУ, ЩО ПЕРЕВИЩУЄ 500000000 ГРИВЕНЬ ТА УКЛАДАННЯ ПРАВОВИХ З ВІДЧУЖЕННЯ КОРПОРАТИВНИХ ПРАВ ЗА ПЕРЕЛІКОМ, ЩО ВИЗНАЧАЮТЬ ЗАГАЛЬНІ ЗБОРИ); 7	8. ПОПОВ ОЛЕГ МИКОЛАЙОВИЧ - директор
Дата та номер запису в Єдиному державному реєстрі про проведення державної реєстрації юридичної особи – у разі, коли державна реєстрація юридичної особи була проведена після набрання чинності Законом України "Про державну реєстрацію"		

10. CYRILLIC NAMES

Before starting the search, you need to have the proper first and last name of the person you are looking for. If the person is a citizen of one of the countries that belonged to the USSR, the former and current spelling of their name can be different, as the rules of transliteration have changed several times. The last change happened in 2014, when documents were drawn up according to certified translations that included transliteration that differed from the one in international passports. Soviet international passports used the French transliteration system.

The transliteration rules that were valid in different periods can be seen at <http://transliter.ru> and <http://transliteration.ru>. It is recommended to use different name spelling variants during your search.

This table sets out the main methods of transliteration.

Table 4. Methods Of Transliteration From Cyrillic Languages

CYRILLIC	RUSSIAN NAME TRANSLITERATION VARIANTS					
	GOST 16876-71	GOST 7.79-2001	ISO 9-1995	FRENCH TRANSLITERATION	DRIVER'S LICENCE (2000)	DOC 9303
а	a	a	a	a	a	a
б	b	b	b	b	b	b
в	v	v	v	v	b	v
г	g	g	g	g, gu (beforee,i)	g	g
д	d	d	d	d	d	d
е	e	e	e	e; ie (after vowels, but not after "и"); ie(at ends of words, after "ь" and "ъ")	e, ye (at beginnings of words; after vowels and after "ь" or "ъ")	e
ё	jo	yo	ë	io; e	e, yo (at beginnings of words; after vowels and after "ь" or "ъ"), ye (after consonants except "ч", "ш", "щ", "э")	e
ж	zh	zh	ž	J	zh	j
з	z	z	z	z	z	z
и	i	i, i'	i	l	i, iy (after "ь")	l
й	jj	j	j	l	Y	l
к	k	k	k	k	k	k
л	l	l	l	l	l	l

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	GOST 16876-71	GOST 7.79-2001	ISO 9-1995	FRENCH transliteration	DRIVER'S LICENCE (2000)	DOC 9303
М	m	m	m	m	m	m
Н	n	n	n	n, ne (at ends of words after "и", "ы", "у")	n	n
О	o	o	o	o	O	o
П	p	p	p	p	p	p
Р	r	r	r	r	r	r
С	s	s	s	s; ss (between two vowels)	S	s
Т	t	t	t	t	T	t
У	u	u	u	ou; u	U	u
Ф	f	f	f	f	F	f
Х	kh	x	h	kh	kh	kh
Ц	c	cz, c (before l, e, y, j)	c	ts	ts	ts
Ч	ch	ch	č	tch	ch	ch
Ш	sh	sh	š	ch	sh	sh
Щ	shh	shh	ṣ̌	chtch	shch	sc
Ъ	"	``	"	-	"	-
Ы	y	ý	y	y	y	y
Ь	'	`	'	' or -	'	-
Э	eh	è	è	e	è	e
Ю	ju	yu	û	iou; iou (after vowels except "и"); ou (after "и"); you	iu	iu
Я	ja	ya	â	ia; ia (after vowels except "и"); a (after "и"); ya	la	ia

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