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### Bankruptcy and insolvency registers

All EU member countries have insolvency and bankruptcy registers for which you can find information. These registers are in the process of being connected and becoming searchable from a central point.

The registers record, analyse and store insolvency information and make it available to the public, albeit in different forms, depending on the country:

*countries with dedicated registers* – publish information on all stages of the insolvency proceedings and the parties to the proceedings.

*countries using other registers* – the situation is more diverse. Some only publish the name and the status of a company, others include information on all stages of the proceedings.

### Information on national registers

Please select the relevant country's flag to obtain detailed national information.

### One-stop search

Use the link below to search – in any [official EU language](#) – national insolvency registers for:

information and documents on insolvency proceedings

documents relating to debtors

### [Search national registers](#)

The information and documents you can find in these registers should be **available for free**.

*Currently not all EU countries are available via this service. This should be rectified by mid-2019 which is the deadline set by the revised Insolvency Regulation to establish the EU-wide interconnection of national insolvency registers through the European e-Justice Portal. This future system of interconnection will contain in a harmonised way a predefined set of information ("mandatory information") on insolvency proceedings wherever they are opened in the EU.*

### Related links

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### **Insolvency registers - Belgium**

This section provides information on registers concerning cases of insolvency in Belgium.

#### **What is the situation concerning insolvency registers in Belgium?**

There are no public insolvency registers in Belgium.

As regards businesses, the **Belgian company database (BCE)** is a register that shows all identifying data concerning businesses, as well as their legal situation (notably bankruptcy). Bankruptcy and court-approved composition judgments are, however, published in the [Belgian Official Gazette](#), accessible online.

As regards individuals, Belgium has a database that centralises certain information relating to over-indebted persons who have chosen to initiate collective debt settlement proceedings. This database has been set up at the **National Bank of Belgium** but is not public.

#### **Is consultation of insolvency registers in Belgium a paid-for service?**

No, there are no charges to access the database.

#### **How to search an insolvency register in Belgium**

You can search for bankruptcy or court-approved composition judgments in the Belgian Official Gazette.

#### **Period covered by insolvency registers in Belgium**

Business references are available from 1 January 1983 with a link to publications issued from 1 June 1997 onwards.

Publications by associations after 1 July 2003 are also available.

### Related Links

#### [Federal Public Service Justice](#)

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### **Insolvency registers - Bulgaria**

This page provides you with a brief overview of the Bulgarian insolvency register.

#### **What does the Bulgarian insolvency register offer?**

The Bulgarian register of insolvency consists of three parts:

A portion of the [register of trustees](#) is accessible through the website of the Ministry of Justice. However, the publicly available portion does not allow access to personal data, nor to data awaiting verification by trustees.

The [register of sales and auctions](#) is fully available through the website of the Bulgarian Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism.

The **register of insolvency proceedings** is not currently maintained as a centralised database, due to the lack of interconnectivity between the courts.

#### **Is access to the Bulgarian insolvency register free of charge?**

Access to the Bulgarian insolvency register is **free of charge**.

#### **How to search the Bulgarian insolvency register**

On the website, you can find a [bankruptcy trustee](#) by:

Name

Unified identity number

Address

Specialty

Word in the field of professional experience

Part of number of Minister's order appointment

Status – active or not active

#### **How to search for sales**

A [bulletin of sales](#) can be found on the website of the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism

#### **History of the Bulgarian insolvency register**

The system was set up in 2003 after the realisation of Phare project BG 0103.04 'Strengthening the insolvency system'. The aim was to create an information system for insolvency, and to include all the information in a unified database. The system works in some courts: district courts, courts of appeal, Supreme Court of cassation.

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#### **Insolvency registers - Czech Republic**

This section provides a brief introduction to the Czech Republic's insolvency register.

#### **What does the Czech insolvency register offer?**

The [insolvency register of the Czech Republic](#) is owned and maintained by the [Czech Ministry of Justice](#).

#### **Is access to the Czech insolvency register free of charge?**

Access to the register is **free of charge**.

#### **Searching the Czech insolvency register**

Using the **advanced search engine**, you can access the full content of documents on the register, in PDF format.

#### **History of the Czech insolvency register**

The register contains information dating from 1st January 2008 onwards.

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Denmark does not maintain an insolvency register.

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#### **Insolvency registers - Germany**

This page provides you with a brief overview of the German insolvency register.

#### **German insolvency register**

The [German insolvency register](#) gives you access to the insolvency proclamations of all German insolvency courts, in line with Section 9 of the Insolvency Statute. This information is legally binding and publicly accessible.

The register is owned and maintained by the Bund-Länder-Commission for data processing and rationalisation of justice, represented by the **Ministry of Justice of the Land North Rhine Westphalia**.

#### **Is access to the German insolvency register free of charge?**

Yes, access to the German insolvency register is **free of charge**.

#### **How to search the German insolvency register**

The insolvency register is accessible only at the [German insolvency register](#) website. Where necessary, instructions on how to search are given on the website. Information is available only in German.

Please note that an unrestricted search in the data of all German insolvency courts is only possible in the first two weeks following the first day of publication. After this time you have to search for the place where the insolvency court sits and at least one of the following: surname, name of firm, place of establishment or residence of the debtor, insolvency court or registration office reference number, type of register, and registration number.

#### **History of the insolvency register in Germany**

The insolvency register website has provided information on insolvencies since 1 April 2002. Detailed information on the periods covered and the proceedings for which data are available can be found on the website.

The information refers to cases where the insolvency procedure is not yet completed. The data is deleted six months at the latest after the finalisation of the procedure.

#### Related Links

[German insolvency register](#)

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#### Insolvency registers - Estonia

This section provides you with a brief overview of the insolvency service provided by the Estonian Commercial Register.

##### What information is available in Estonia on insolvency?

Estonia does not have a separate insolvency register. The [Estonian commercial register](#) and the register of non-profit associations and foundations, however, contain information on the **bankruptcy of legal entities and self-employed people**. Information on declarations of bankruptcy of legal entities and natural persons can also be found in the official electronic publication *Ametlikud Teadaanded* (Official Announcements), in which notices of bankruptcy and bankruptcy proceedings are also published.

The following are entered in the Estonian commercial register and the register of non-profit associations and foundations on the basis of a court judgment: the quashing of bankruptcy proceedings without declaring bankruptcy; declarations of bankruptcy together with the name and personal identification code of the trustee in bankruptcy, as well as a note stating that he or she is representing the company;

the quashing of a declaration of bankruptcy together with an entry showing continued activity by the company;

the quashing of a declaration of bankruptcy and deletion of the company from the register;

termination of bankruptcy proceedings and the deletion of the company from the register or continuation of the company's activities;

a compromise and the term for this, with an entry showing continued activity;

cancellation of a compromise and re-opening of the proceedings to declare bankruptcy, with a note that the company is represented by a trustee in bankruptcy;

end of the compromise when it has expired, and discharge of the trustee in bankruptcy.

Details of trade bans imposed on a debtor or the person with power to represent them or prohibitions on the pursuit of commercial activities imposed on that person are not entered in the register.

The Estonian commercial register contains the following information on **bankrupt legal entities**:

name of the legal entity;

registry code;

address;

name of the trustee in bankruptcy;

name of the management board member;

date of the bankruptcy order/ruling and the number of the order or civil case.

##### Is access to information regarding insolvency free of charge?

Registry data can be accessed at the [registry departments](#), [online](#) and at [notary's offices](#). Access to the data held in the commercial register and the register of non-profit associations and foundations and to file documents is free of charge at the registry departments.

No fee is charged online for searches concerning legal entities, self-employed persons and branches of foreign companies, for information about court proceedings or for access to registry card data. However, a fee is charged for all other searches, including historical registry card data and access to annual reports, articles of association and other documents. The rates charged for using the computer data in the commercial register are laid down in a [regulation of the Minister for Justice](#).

A fee is charged for consulting registry data and file documents at a notary's office. The fees are set out in the [Notaries' Fees Act](#).

Access to the official electronic publication [Ametlikud Teadaanded](#) (Official Announcements) is free of charge.

Details of trade bans are published and can be accessed free of charge [online](#).

##### How to search for information on insolvency

You can search for a legal entity or self-employed person in the commercial register's information system (the e-Business Register) by business name, name or registry code. The status of a legal entity or self-employed person indicates whether or not that person or entity is bankrupt.

##### History of the insolvency information service

The Estonian insolvency service has been available since 1 September 1995.

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#### Insolvency registers - Ireland

This section provides you with information on Ireland's insolvency register.

##### What does the Irish insolvency register offer?

Ireland does not have a separate company insolvency register. Information on company insolvency is available in records of the [Company Registration Office](#).

The **Personal Bankruptcy Register** is a **manual register** kept in the **Examiner's Office of the High Court**. It contains details of bankruptcies declared by the High Court of Ireland. The register is a record of all bankruptcies, including those that have been discharged. However a person conducting a search against the register is told only the status of the bankrupt 'discharged' and the date it was discharged. No information is given about the former bankrupt.

The **Register of Personal Insolvencies** is also a manual register. It is subject to statutory instrument [S.I. No. 334 of 2002](#) – European Communities (Personal Insolvency) Regulations 2002, and contains details of personal insolvencies declared by the courts of the other member states of the European Union (as notified to the [Official Assignee in Bankruptcy](#)).

#### **Is access to the Irish insolvency register free of charge?**

No. There is a fee payable per search. Details of the fee are available in the [Rules & Fees](#) section of the [Courts Service website](#). The fee applies even when the search returns a negative result – that is, where there is no entry matching the search criteria on the registers.

#### **How to search the Irish insolvency register**

Searches of the Personal Bankruptcy Register can be conducted only by attending in person at the Examiners Office, 2nd Floor Phoenix House, Phoenix Street North, Smithfield, Dublin 7.

#### **History of the Irish insolvency register**

The Personal Bankruptcy Register contains information dating from 1922.

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### **Insolvency registers - Greece**

Greece has no website for insolvency registers. We are in the process of designing the digitisation of our databases and their electronic interface.

#### **What does the Greek insolvency register offer?**

According to Greek legislation, insolvency procedures are:

bankruptcy (Articles 1-61 of Law 3588/2007, Article 13(1)-(4) of Law 4013/2011, Article 22(1) of Law 4055/2012);

special liquidation with continued operation (*ειδική εκκαθάριση εν λειτουργία*) (Article 106k of Law 3588/2007, Article 12 of Law 4013/2011);

pre-bankruptcy resolution (*προπρωχευτική διαδικασία εξυγίανσης*) (Articles 70-101 of Law 3588/2007, Article 22(2) of Law 4055/2012, Articles 116(3) and 234(1)-(3) of Law 4072/1012);

restructuring plans (Articles 109-123 of Law 3588/2007, Article 34(1) of Law 3858/2010);

the simplified procedure for minor bankruptcies (*απλοποιημένη διαδικασία επί πτωχεύσεων μικρού αντικείμενου*) (Articles 162-163 of Law 3588/2007);

The local district civil courts (*ειρηνοδικεία*) are responsible for considering cases and issuing decisions on requests involving bankruptcy of natural persons.

The local courts of first instance (*πρωτοδικεία*) are responsible for considering cases and issuing decisions on requests involving bankruptcy of associations (*προσωπικές εταιρίες*), limited partnerships (*ετερόρρυθμες εταιρίες*), general partnerships (*ομόρρυθμες εταιρίες*), private capital companies (*ιδιωτικές κεφαλαιουχικές εταιρίες*), limited liability companies (*εταιρίες περιορισμένης ευθύνης*), public limited companies (*ανώνυμες εταιρίες*), European companies and European cooperative societies.

The General Trade Register (*Γενικό Εμπορικό Μητρώο – ΓΕΜΗ*) at the local chambers of commerce is responsible for issuing the necessary certificates for bankruptcy procedures.

#### **Is access to the Greek insolvency register free of charge?**

No such possibility exists.

#### **How to search the Greek insolvency register**

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#### **History of the Greek insolvency register**

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### **Insolvency registers - Spain**

In Spain, the *Registro Público Concursal* (Public Insolvency Register) was created by Royal Decree Law No 3/2009 and will replace the current *Registro Público de Resoluciones Concursales* (Public Register of Insolvency Rulings). The Public Insolvency Register will publish the rulings in insolvency proceedings.

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### **Insolvency registers - France**

France does not have an insolvency register.

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### **Insolvency registers - Italy**

The Italian Ministry of Justice is setting up a new electronic system to manage data related to insolvencies.

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## Insolvency registers - Cyprus

This section of the website contains a brief introduction to the Cyprus Register of Bankruptcies and Liquidations (Μητρώο Πτωχευσάντων και Εκκαθαρίσεων Εταιρειών).

The [Bankruptcies Section](#) (Κλάδος Πτωχεύσεων και Εκκαθαρίσεων) is responsible for receiving and administering the assets of insolvent natural and legal persons and reports to the [Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver](#) (Τμήμα Εφόρου Εταιρειών και Επίσημου Παραλήπτη) of the [Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism](#) (Υπουργείο Εμπορίου, Βιομηχανίας και Τουρισμού). This section keeps a file of bankrupt natural persons. If a company is wound up, it is reported in the Business Register. For further information, please contact the [Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver](#).

### What does the insolvency register offer?

Not applicable.

### Is access to the insolvency register free of charge?

Not applicable.

### How to search the insolvency register

Not applicable.

### History of the insolvency register

The Insolvency Register contains information on insolvencies from 1931 to date.

### Related Links

[Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver](#) (Τμήμα Εφόρου Εταιρειών και Επίσημου Παραλήπτη)

[Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism](#) (Υπουργείο Εμπορίου, Βιομηχανίας και Τουρισμού)

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## Insolvency registers - Latvia

This section provides you with an introduction to Latvia's insolvency register.

### - What does the Latvian insolvency register offer?

The [Latvian insolvency register](#) provides information on:

- administrators;
- insolvency proceedings in respect of natural and legal persons;
- legal protection proceedings;
- non-judicial legal protection proceedings;
- statistical data.

The insolvency register is accessible to all and its records are reliable. It is under the authority of the [Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia](#).

### Is access to the Latvian insolvency register free of charge?

Yes, information in the Latvian insolvency register can be accessed **free of charge**, but a fee is payable if a member of the public wishes to receive information in the form of a document.

To receive from the Register of Enterprises a statement or other document containing the personal identification code of a debtor (natural person) or an administrator, contact the Register of Enterprises with your request for information or apply electronically via the portal [Latvija.lv](#).

### How to search the Latvian insolvency register

#### Administrators

The section **Administratori** contains information on administrators, namely:

- first name;
- surname;
- office address and contact information;
- the number of the certificate;
- the date of expiry of the certificate.

Information on administrators whose certificates have expired is available from the historical records under [Vēsturiskie dati](#). The link 'Izziņa' gives access to all the information that has been recorded in the Latvian insolvency register on each individual administrator.

#### Search

To search for information in the insolvency register on a particular subject (natural or legal person), use the section **Meklēt**. Information can be filtered by the following criteria:

- registration number (for legal persons) or identity number (for natural persons);
- name or title;
- court area;
- period when the proceeding was initiated;
- type of proceeding (insolvency proceeding, legal protection proceeding, non-judicial legal protection proceeding);
- character of proceeding (local, cross-border primary, cross-border secondary).

Search results are displayed alongside the link 'Uzņēmumu reģistra izziņa', where all the information in the insolvency register on a particular subject is available, including scanned documents containing administrators' notices on creditors' meetings and their agenda.

#### Journal

To view the records entered in the insolvency register on a specific date, use the section **Žurnāls**. By default, today's records are displayed. Use the calendar to view records registered on other dates or use the sub-section **Mēneša žurnāls** to filter the records by month. Each record contains a link ('Izziņa') to detailed information on particular insolvency proceedings.

#### Statistics

The section **Statistika** contains various statistical information related to insolvency and legal protection proceedings. The link 'Uzņēmumu reģistra izziņa' provides all the information held in the insolvency register on a particular subject.

#### History of the Latvian insolvency register

The information held in the register dates back to 1 January 2008.

#### Links

[Additional information on the Latvian insolvency register](#)

[State insolvency administration agency](#)

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#### Insolvency registers - Lithuania

There is no separate insolvency register in Lithuania. You can check the status of companies in this respect on the website of the [Register of Legal entities](#) (Juridinių asmenų registras). Company status in the Register of Legal entities can be viewed **free of charge**.

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#### Insolvency registers - Luxembourg

Luxembourg does not have registers for cases of insolvency.

##### What is the situation regarding insolvency registers in Luxembourg?

Luxembourg does not have registers for cases of insolvency. Courts making declarations of bankruptcy notify them to the **business register**, which enters the information in its database.

##### Is access to the Luxembourg bankruptcies list free of charge?

The list of declared bankruptcies is **published on a monthly basis** in Mémorial B (the administrative and economic digest) and may be consulted free of charge on [Legilux](#), the Luxembourg Law Portal.

Moreover, the business register places a statistical package for public consultation free of charge on [its internet site](#) in the section entitled 'Consultations - statistiques de dépôt', providing information on declarations of bankruptcy which have been filed with the business register during a certain month. This information is available in the form of **lists of filings made**. The service also offers the facility of exporting this information in flat file format.

##### How to search the business register for information on bankruptcies in Luxembourg

**1st method:** It is possible to carry out a search via the **business register** Internet site ([RCS](#)) using the **name** (or part of the name) or the **registration number** of the person registered.

The search engine of the site then displays **a list of names** matching the search criteria.

On clicking on the name of listed persons, the following **basic information** is displayed free of charge:

business register number,

date of registration,

name,

legal form,

registered office address,

a list of documents filed since 2003,

and bankruptcy if any.

**2nd method:** It is possible to perform a search via the **business register** Internet site ([RCS](#)) in the section entitled 'Consultations - statistiques de dépôt', using the statistical module providing information on **declarations of bankruptcy** that have been filed with the business register during a certain month.

**3rd method:** It is possible to perform a search via the [Luxembourg Bar](#) Internet site, in the 'Bankruptcies' section (*'Faillites'*), using the company name, the date of the bankruptcy judgment, or the name of the receiver (*curateur*).

#### Related Links

[Business register](#)

[Luxembourg Bar](#)

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#### Insolvency registers - Hungary

This section provides you with a brief overview of Hungary's insolvency records.

##### What do the Hungarian insolvency records offer?

In Hungary, the county courts (megyei bíróság) and the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice (Közigazgatási és Igazságügyi Minisztérium) are responsible for maintaining data on insolvencies.

##### Business register (cégnyilvántartás)

Information on the initiation and termination of **insolvency proceedings** – namely on liquidation or bankruptcy, but also on the liquidator – is contained in the [Business Register](#) (Cégnyilvántartás).

The electronic form of this register is held by the Company Service of the Ministry of Public Administration and Justice.

##### Company gazette (Céglőzlöny)

Since 1st January 2008, **liquidation notices** (felszámolási hirdetés) have also been regularly published on the website of the [Company Gazette](#) (Cégközlöny) (which is sometimes updated more than once a day).

**Orders** (végzés) **made** in respect of bankruptcy proceedings are also available on the website.

Information accessed online is not legally binding.

#### Is access to the Hungarian insolvency records free of charge?

Yes. The records include:

The initiation of insolvency proceedings

Registration number (cégjegyzékszám)

Corporate name

Registered office (székhely)

Place of business (telephely)

Branches (fióktelep)

Principal activity

Subscribed capital

Tax number.

#### How to search the Hungarian insolvency records

You can search the Business Register by:

Registration number, or

Company name, or

Tax number

Since the beginning of 2008, it has also been possible to search the website of the Company Gazette, using a company name or registration number.

#### History of the Hungarian insolvency register

Since 1st January 2008, **liquidation notices** have also been regularly published on the website of the Company Gazette (which is sometimes updated more than once a day).

Since July 1993, when the National System of Company Information and Company Registration (Országos Céginformációs és Cégnylvántartási Rendszer) became fully operational, data on the business register has been stored electronically by the courts.

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#### Insolvency registers - Malta

No insolvency register exists in Malta yet.

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#### Insolvency registers - Netherlands

This section provides you with a brief introduction to the Dutch insolvency register.

#### What information does the Dutch insolvency register contain?

In the Netherlands, there are three kinds of insolvency:

bankruptcy

moratorium

debt restructuring

The **district courts** are responsible for decisions on all these types of insolvency, and for maintaining the relevant data within their own registers. They are also responsible for the (automated) transmission of insolvency notifications to the Council for the Judiciary, which uses these notifications for the [Central Insolvency Register](#) (CIR) on bankruptcies and moratoriums.

The CIR contains all information from published insolvency notifications, including:

personal details

company names

business register IDs

details on curators and administrators

all previous notifications

The CIR was established by law, so information contained in it may be assumed to be legally binding.

Besides the CIR there is also a **National Register of Debt Restructuring Cases** (*Landelijk Register Schuldsaneringen* – LRS), which is run by one of the **Legal Aid Councils** (*Raden voor rechtsbijstand*). As an additional service (not required by law), the CIR also contains the data from the LRS. The CIR and the LRS can both be consulted online.

#### Disclaimer of the Dutch insolvency register

The [Central Insolvency Register](#) contains information from local registers kept by various courts on bankruptcies, suspensions of payments, and cancellations of debts relating to natural persons (private individuals).

#### Is access to the Dutch insolvency Register free?

Yes, access is **free of charge**.

There are no restrictions on access to the CIR online.

For professional users, a web-based service is available allowing re-use of the data.

#### How to search the Dutch insolvency register

You can only search for natural persons by:

name and date of birth

name, postcode and house number

date of birth, postcode and house number.

Beyond one year from the publication date, you will no longer be able to find insolvency notifications by their date. You can search for companies and legal persons by:

company name

business ID

address.

### History of the Dutch Insolvency Register

The CIR came into being on 1 January 2005. All cases occurring or notified after that date can be found in the CIR.

### Links

[Central Insolvency Register in the Netherlands](#)

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### Insolvency registers - Austria

This section of the Portal provides a brief introduction to Austria's insolvency register.

#### What does the Austrian insolvency register offer?

The [Austrian insolvency register](#) is owned and maintained by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice. It contains information on the initiation of insolvency proceedings and key procedural steps in the process.

The Austrian insolvency register is published via the [Ediktsdatei](#) webpage ('legal notices database').

#### Is access to the insolvency register free of charge?

Yes.

#### How to search the Austrian insolvency register

Detailed information is available in German only on the website of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Justice, under the heading [Ediktsdatei](#) ('legal notices database').

#### History of the Austrian insolvency register

The Austrian insolvency register has been operational since 1999.

### Related links

[Organisation of justice – Austria](#)

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### Insolvency registers - Poland

This section provides you with a brief introduction to the Polish bankruptcy register.

#### What does the Polish Bankruptcy Register offer?

The website of the [Polish Bankruptcy Register \[rejestr podmiotów w upadłości\]](#) is considered part of the [National Court Register \[Krajowy Rejestr Sądowy\]](#). It includes the same kinds of information on companies as are normally included in the National Court Register, as well as details about:

companies

foundations

associations

other entities that have declared their bankruptcy.

Information on the dates and the specific content of announcements of bankruptcy are also available on the register.

The bankruptcy register is owned and maintained by the [Ministry of Justice of Poland](#), and the information it contains is available in Polish and, in part, in English.

#### Is access to the Polish Bankruptcy Register free of charge?

Yes, access to the Register is **free of charge**.

#### How to search the Polish Bankruptcy Register

As of 1st April 2009, the Polish Bankruptcy Register includes a **new search tool** which makes it possible to search for bankrupt entities and other terms.

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### Insolvency registers - Portugal

This page provides a short introduction to the Portuguese register of insolvencies.

#### What does the register of insolvencies include?

The electronic [register of insolvencies](#) includes the following information:

Case number of the insolvency

Identification of the court where the insolvency case was heard

Identification of the insolvent person

Identification of the administrator for the insolvency



Time limit for lodging claims

Date on which the insolvency was declared.

The electronic register provides detailed information on insolvency cases (see below).

**Is there a fee for consulting the Portuguese register of insolvencies?**


No, consultation of the register of insolvencies is free.

**Register of insolvencies legislation**

The Portuguese register of insolvencies is regulated by Article 38 of the Código da Insolvência e da Recuperação de Empresas (Insolvency and Corporate Recovery Code) adopted by Decree-Law No 53/2004 of 18 March 2004 as amended by Law No 16/2012 of 20 April 2012.

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**Insolvency registers - Romania**

This section provides an overview of the Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin - Romanian Insolvency Register, set up by the Ministry of Justice - National Trade Register Office

**What does the Romanian insolvency register offer?**

**Insolvency proceedings in Romania**

The  **Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin** (IPB) published by the **National Trade Register Office** registers summons, communications, convening notices, notifications of procedural documents issued by courts and by judicial administrators/liquidators performed in the frame of insolvency proceedings in accordance with Law no. 85/2006 on insolvency proceedings.

**General insolvency proceedings** apply to:

1. Traders :  
Trading companies;  
Cooperative companies;  
Economic interest groupings;
2. Cooperative organisations;
3. Agricultural societies;
4. Other private legal persons carrying out economic activities.

**Simplified insolvency proceedings** apply to:

1. Traders;  
Authorised natural persons;  
Individual enterprises and family enterprises
2. All traders and legal persons who satisfy a series of specific conditions, i.e. :  
They do not hold any patrimonial assets;  
Their incorporation or accounting documents cannot be found;  
Their administrator cannot be found;  
Their registered office no longer exists or is no longer the same as that declared to the trade register; they failed to submit documents required by law;  
They are dissolved before formulating the writ of summons; or  
They declared an intention to enter into voluntary liquidation.

The central commercial/trade register is managed by the National Trade Register Office, a public institution with legal personality, part of the Ministry of Justice.

**The Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin**

**What information does it contain?**

The **Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin** contains all the procedural acts issued by the courts and by the judicial administrators/liquidators following the launch of insolvency proceedings, namely:

- Subpoenas, issued by counterparties in some situations;
- Contestations;
- Second appeals and other requests;
- Communicated procedural acts and decisions of the courts;
- Trial convocations;
- Notifications;
- Other procedural acts stipulated by law (reports issued by the judicial administrator/liquidator, judicial re-organisation plans, announcements).

**How is the Insolvency proceedings bulletin website organised?**

The  **website of the Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin** provides access to the following information:

- free information;
- information regarding the structure of the National Trade Register Office, Directorate for the Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin;
- specific legislation, forms and procedural acts.

The website of the Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin (IPB) has the following sections:

- information regarding the establishment of the IPB;
- legislative acts;
- organisational chart of the National Trade Register Office, the trade register offices attached to tribunals and the IPB;
- legal dictionary (insolvency);
- IPB statistical data;
- inter-institutional relations;
- contact information.

The Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin is available on the [e-services portal of the National Trade Register Office](#), in the section dedicated to the Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin, and has the following structure:

**The Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin** (IPB) is organised in the following sections:

Information on the establishment of the IPB;

Acts;

Draft legislation;

The organisational structure of the National Trade Register Office;

The Directorate Bulletin of Insolvency Proceedings and the trade register offices attached to national tribunals;

The IPB

A legal dictionary (insolvency);

Studies and documentation;

Meetings and working meetings;

IPB statistics;

Inter-institutional relations;

Insolvency in the media; and

Contact information.

The section on the IPB is organised in the following sub-sections:

#### **1. IPB Services :**

'Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin online' (fee-based);

the "Issue Summary IPB" (free information);

the "Persons published in the IPB" (free information)

#### **2. IPB supply:** information on how to supply the IPB,

Online forms for publication in the IPB;

Offline forms for the IPB.

#### **3. IPB publication forms:** applications for the publication of papers and proceedings to be published in the IPB

Online forms for providing IPB information;

Offline forms for the IPB.

#### **4. Statistical data.**

##### **Is access to the Romanian insolvency register free of charge?**

The Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin is published in electronic format. The electronic version of the Bulletin can be accessed online on:

the [e-services portal of the Romanian National Trade Register Office](#), the section containing the Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin.

Access to services provided by the IPB is differentiated:

users can access the official website of the Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin free of charge and without registration;

access to the e-services portal of the National Trade Register Office requires user registration;

access to 'Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin online' is granted upon registration as a user and payment of a subscription;

access to 'IPB issue summary' and 'Persons published in the IPB' is free of charge and requires only user registration.

##### **How to search the Romanian insolvency register**

The 'Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin online' can be searched by the number and year of publication of an issue, name of the debtor, tax identification number, registration number in the Trade Register, reference number of the court case, and the publication interval of an issue. Upon payment of a subscription fee, it is possible to have access to the IPB issues published containing the full text of the procedural acts.

The 'IPB issue summary' can be searched by the number and date of the issue. The following information can be accessed free of charge:

Type of procedural document published in the Bulletin (e.g. summons, sentence for insolvency proceedings opening, notification for insolvency proceedings opening, convocation of creditors' meeting, activity report, reorganisation plan, sentence for bankruptcy procedure opening, notification for bankruptcy proceedings opening, distribution plan, final report, sentence for insolvency proceedings closure, etc.);

Names of the persons addressed by the proceedings documents;

The county of registration of the respective persons' office;

Fiscal identification code;

The registration entry number in the register

The 'Persons published in the IPB' can be searched by the number and year of publication of an issue, name of the debtor, tax identification number, registration number in the Trade Register, reference number of the court case or the publication interval of an issue. The following information can be accessed free of charge:

Name;

Fiscal identification code;

Registration entry number of the persons addressed by the proceedings documents;;

The county of registration of the respective persons' office;

The number of the insolvency case and the name of the court where the case is registered;

Bulletin issues in which the procedure documents related to the respective persons;

Type of procedure;

The first judgment term established after the opening of the procedure, where appropriate.

##### **History of the Romanian insolvency register**

The Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin was established in 2006 under Law no. 86/2006 on insolvency proceedings.

The main objective of the Romanian Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin is the ongoing optimisation of the electronic system of summonses, notices, calls and notifications of procedural documents published.

##### **Benefits of the Romanian Insolvency Register**

The Publication of the Insolvency Proceedings Bulletin brings clear benefits:

**It speeds up the insolvency procedure**, and simplifies the release of summonses, convocation, notifications and communication of the procedural documents by law courts and judicial administrators/liquidators, thus establishing an electronic procedure for such matters.

**It unifies and standardises the procedural documents** issued by law courts and judicial administrators/liquidators.

It contributes to the development of a **national database of procedural documents** issued by law courts and judicial administrators/liquidators (i.e. summons, communications, judgments, convocations, notifications, reports, reorganisation plans).

**It facilitates rapid registration** in the trade register / other registries in respect of notifications required under Law no. 85/2006 on insolvency proceedings.

**It gives interested persons access to the** procedural documents issued by law courts and judicial administrators /liquidators.

#### Related Links

[Official website of the Romanian Insolvency Bulletin;](#)

[Official website of the Romanian Trade Register;](#)

[E-services portal of the Romanian National Trade Register Office.](#)

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#### Insolvency registers - Slovenia

This section provides you with an introduction to the Slovenian insolvency register. Information on the review and publication of Slovenian insolvency proceedings is accessible online.

##### What does the Slovenian insolvency register offer?

The [e-INSOLV](#) database provides information on the review of insolvency proceedings. It also provides the following data on insolvency proceedings:

selected identification data on the insolvent debtor,

the court conducting the proceedings and the serial number of the case,

selected identification data on the administrator of the insolvency proceedings,

the start of the proceedings, the expiry of the deadline for lodging a claim and data on other procedural acts in the proceedings,

in the case of bankruptcy proceedings, also data on the value of the bankruptcy estate and proportions for repayments to creditors.

The [e-Publications](#) database provides access to:

all court orders (singular: *sklep*; plural: *sklepi*) issued in insolvency proceedings, except for orders on the collection of regular remuneration, orders on the seizure of financial assets, orders on the termination of collection of regular remuneration or of seizure of financial assets;

notices of the initiation of proceedings, notices fixing a hearing, and other notices or calls for a vote issued under the law by a court;

all minutes of hearings and meetings of the creditors' committee;

administrator's reports and attached documents;

in compulsory settlement proceedings, also the reports of the insolvent debtor and attached documents;

lists of tested claims;

lodgements by parties to the proceedings and other court records, whose publication is provided for;

in bankruptcy proceedings, also all calls for public auction and invitations to make offers in relation to the realisation of the bankruptcy estate.

In addition, a list of all administrators (*seznam vseh upraviteljev*) and the insolvency proceedings they are dealing with can be obtained from the e-Publications database. The lists are updated daily.

Both databases are owned and maintained by [AJPES](#), [the Agency of the Republic of Slovenia for Public Legal Records and Related Services](#) (*Agencija Republike Slovenije za javnopravne evidence in storitve*).

##### Is access to the Slovenian insolvency register free of charge?

Yes, access is **free of charge**. In order to access it, however, you must register as a user on the AJPES website and obtain a username and password.

##### How to search the Slovenian insolvency records

Both databases, including the search engines, are only available in Slovenian. It is possible to search for data and documents on insolvency proceedings concerning legal persons and sole traders using all the search criteria available, whereas in the case of searches for data and documents on consumers (natural persons who are not sole traders) only certain combinations of data may be used, in order to protect personal information.

The [e-Publications](#) database allows you to search for documents published in connection with insolvency proceedings. Published documents can be searched by:

**Debtor type** (legal person, natural person, etc.),

**Proceeding type** (bankruptcy, compulsory settlement, etc.),

**Document type,**

**Debtor** (search by company name, tax number or identification number),

**Legal form** (public limited company, private limited company, etc.)

**Serial number,**

**Court,**

**Date** of the act or of the publication of the document.

Search results are arranged by date of publication.

In [e-INSOLV](#) it is possible to search for data on insolvency proceedings by:

**Serial number,**

**Debtor** (first name and family name or company name, identification number, address, date of birth)

##### History of the Slovenian insolvency register

Data in the register has been available since 1 October 2008. Before that, some information, such as public notices of the beginning of insolvency proceedings, was published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia (*Uradni list Republike Slovenije*; UL RS).

#### Related links

[Insolvency register](#)

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### Insolvency registers - Slovakia

This page provides you with a brief overview of Slovakia's insolvency register.

#### What does the Slovak Insolvency Register offer?

The [Slovak Insolvency Register](#) (*Register úpadcov Slovenskej republiky*) contains information about bankruptcy and receivership orders and is maintained by the Slovak Ministry of Justice. However, the data contained in the register have not been made public, as the register is currently at the **pilot stage**.

#### Is access to the Slovak Insolvency Register free of charge?

Access to the register and retrieval of information will be **free of charge**.

#### What is the method for searching the Slovak Insolvency Register?

The [Slovak Insolvency Register](#) is still under development.

#### History of the Insolvency Register of the Slovak Republic

Information contained in the Register dates back to 31 July 2009.

#### Related links

[Slovak insolvency register](#)

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### Insolvency registers - Finland

Finland has two public insolvency registers. The Register on Bankruptcies and Reorganisation, the Register on Restructuring Private Debts and the Register on Bans on Business Operations are public registers from which everyone can order extracts subject to a charge. Using the data stored in the registers, you can look after your interests when demanding payments or concluding agreements.

#### What does the Finnish insolvency register offer?

The Register on Bankruptcies and Reorganisation contains data on applications for and decisions on bankruptcies and reorganisation.

The Register on Restructuring Private Debts contains data on applications for and decisions on restructuring private debts (including payment schedules).

#### Is access to the Finnish insolvency register free of charge?

No. You need to request the information from the Finnish Legal Register Centre. An extract costs €10.00

#### How to search the Finnish insolvency registers

The request for information should include the following information:

##### Register on Bankruptcies and Reorganisation

Data necessary for an order:

Company name

Business identification number

Applicant's name and address

##### Register on restructuring private debts

Data necessary for an order:

Person's name

Identity number

Applicant's name and address

#### History of the Finnish insolvency register

The registers contain information dating back to 1995.

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### Insolvency registers - Sweden

This page provides you with information on the Swedish insolvency register.

#### What does the Swedish insolvency register offer?

The Swedish Companies Registration Office manages several registers which provide information on registered companies. The Swedish Companies Registration Office does not keep a single, coherent register of natural and legal persons which have been declared bankrupt. There is a register, kept by the Swedish Companies Registration Office, of natural persons and estates that have been declared bankrupt. However, information regarding companies that have been declared bankrupt is registered in several different business registers managed by the Swedish Companies Registration Office. Access to information on natural persons, estates and companies from the registers managed by the Swedish Companies Registration Office is accessible from an Internet search engine.

Hereafter, information on the bankruptcy of companies, natural persons and estates contained in the different Swedish Companies Registration Office' registers is referred to as The Insolvency Register of Sweden (including both information accessible from the Internet [search engine](#) and by directly contacting [the Swedish Companies Registration Office](#)).

The Register contains data on companies, natural persons and estates at different stages of bankruptcy. The Register broadly contains the following types of information:

Date of start of bankruptcy proceedings

Name of the responsible court

Name, address and registration number/personal code number of the subject

Status of the proceedings

Name and address of the trustee

The register is owned and managed by the **Swedish Companies Registration Office**.

**Only information submitted by the courts is entered into the Register.** Information is entered on the day the information is received by the Swedish Companies Registration Office from the court. When a natural person is declared bankrupt, the information is included in the business registers the natural person may be registered in.

#### **Is access to the Swedish insolvency register free of charge?**

Information contained in The Insolvency Register of Sweden is available **free of charge** by contacting the Swedish Companies Registration Office by phone. Requests for written information from the Register incur a fee in most cases.

Access to information on companies' bankruptcy status by using the Internet search engine is free of charge. Additional information is available only to registered and paying users.

#### **How to search the Swedish insolvency register**

To receive information contained in the register, anyone can contact the Swedish Companies Registration Office by post, e-mail or phone. The Internet search engine allows to search the Register by company name, personal name, registration number or personal code number.

#### **History of the Swedish insolvency register**

Information contained in the Register is maintained for a period of five years

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#### **Insolvency registers - England and Wales**

This page provides you with information on the individual insolvency register for England and Wales.

#### **What does The Insolvency Service (The Service) of England and Wales offer?**

The Insolvency Service is required by statute to maintain the individual insolvency and bankruptcy and debt relief restrictions registers. The '**Individual Insolvency Register**' is an amalgamation of these two registers and it contains details of:

**bankruptcies** that are current or have ended in the last 3 months

**debt relief orders** that are current or have ended in the last 3 months

current **individual voluntary arrangements**, including those that have ended in the last 3 months

current **bankruptcy restrictions orders or undertakings** and **interim bankruptcy restrictions orders**

current **debt relief restrictions orders** or undertakings and **interim debt relief restrictions orders**.

#### **Is access to the Individual Insolvency register for England and Wales free of charge?**

Yes, access to the register is **free of charge**.

#### **How to search the Individual Insolvency Register for England and Wales**

The register is located on [the Insolvency Service's website](#), and can be accessed under [Search the Individual Insolvency Register](#). By clicking on the "search the register" link, it may be searched using an individual's name or trading name. There are also links to search the equivalent registers in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

#### **History of The Insolvency Service of England and Wales**

The Insolvency Service is an executive agency of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and through the official receiver it: administers and investigates the affairs of bankrupts, individuals subject to debt relief orders, and companies and partnerships wound up by the court, and establishes why they became insolvent

acts as trustee/ liquidator where no private-sector insolvency practitioner is appointed

The Insolvency Service also:

prepares and takes forward reports about misconduct by bankrupt people, individuals subject to debt relief orders, and company directors

deals with the disqualification of unfit directors in all corporate failures

deals with bankruptcy restriction orders and undertakings, and debt relief restrictions orders and undertakings

acts as oversight regulator to the insolvency profession

assesses and pays statutory entitlement to redundancy payments when an employer is legally insolvent

provides estate accounting and investment services for bankruptcy and liquidation estate funds

conducts confidential fact finding investigations into companies where these are in the public interest

advises Ministers and government departments and agencies on insolvency, redundancy and other related issues

provides information to the public on insolvency, redundancy and investigation matters via its website, publications and Insolvency Enquiry Line.

#### **Disclaimer of English and Welsh Individual insolvency register**

The text disclaimer on the website states:

"While every effort has been made to ensure that the information provided is accurate, occasionally errors may occur. If you identify information which appears to be incorrect or omitted, please inform us using the feedback links contained within this site, so that we can investigate the matter and correct the database as required.

The Insolvency Service cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions as a result of negligence or otherwise. Please note that The Insolvency Service and official receivers cannot provide legal or financial advice. You should seek this from a Citizen's Advice Bureau, a solicitor, a qualified accountant, an authorised insolvency practitioner, reputable financial advisor or advice centre.

The Individual Insolvency Register is a publicly available register and The Insolvency Service does not endorse, nor make any representations regarding, any use made of the data on the register by third parties".

#### **Related Links**

[The Insolvency Service](#)

[Individual Insolvency Register](#)

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### Insolvency registers - Northern Ireland

This page provides you with information about the insolvency registers of Northern Ireland.

#### What does the insolvency register of Northern Ireland offer?

In Northern Ireland, there are two separate registers, one for bankruptcy and one for other forms of personal insolvency proceedings. The Northern Ireland Court and Tribunals Service holds information on persons who have been declared bankrupt within the last 10 years. This information is held in an on-line database, which can be searched by the public on payment of a fee. More information on this on-line search facility for bankruptcy can be found on the website [Northern Ireland Courts and Tribunals Service](#).

A link to the relevant search page for the Court Bankruptcy & Companies Register can be found [here](#).

The Department for Economy, [Insolvency Service](#) maintains the register of, individual voluntary arrangements, bankruptcy restrictions orders and undertakings, debt relief orders, and

debt relief restrictions orders and undertakings

You can search these registers free of charge on-line [here](#).

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### Insolvency registers - Scotland

This page provides you with information on the insolvency register of Scotland.

#### What does the Register of Insolvencies of Scotland offer?

The [Accountant in Bankruptcy](#) site contains **guidance** and **material** on insolvency in Scotland. It provides:

Access to legislation

A link to the [Register of Insolvencies](#), which contains details of:

Bankruptcies

Bankruptcy restrictions

Protected trust deeds

Liquidations and receiverships of businesses in Scotland (including solvent liquidations).

Moratoriums

The Register of Insolvencies of Scotland does not include details of company administrations.

The [DAS Scotland](#) website offers you advice on money and debt, material for approved money advisers, information on the debt arrangement scheme (a statutory scheme to manage repayments over a reasonable period, with protection from creditor action).

The Register of Insolvencies of Scotland is owned and maintained by the Accountant in Bankruptcy.

#### The DAS Register (Debt Arrangement Scheme Register) of Scotland

The [DAS Register of Scotland](#) provides information on **approved** and **pending debt payment** programmes. It also provides information on live moratoriums. The DAS Register is owned and maintained by the Accountant in Bankruptcy as part of their role as DAS administrator.

#### Is access to the Scottish Register of Insolvencies free of charge?

Access to the insolvency register of Scotland is **free**. A commercial daily data download is also available. For more information please contact: [roiinquies@aib.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:roiinquies@aib.gsi.gov.uk)

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#### How to search the Scottish Register of Insolvencies

The Scottish Register of Insolvencies is available on line.

#### How to search the DAS register

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#### History of the insolvency register of Scotland

**Searches** of the Register of Insolvencies will return details of all 'live' bankruptcy cases, plus those that have been discharged in the past two years. In the case of protected trust deeds, the register will return details of 'live' cases, plus those discharged in the past year. Similarly, searches on receiverships or liquidations will return details of 'live' cases, plus those that ended in the past year.

Searches on moratoriums will show all live moratoriums. A moratorium is removed after 6 weeks or following the award of bankruptcy, protection of a trust deed, or approval of a DPP under DAS.

#### History of the DAS register

The site of the DAS Register site covers information on approved and pending debt payment programmes. It also provides information on live moratoriums.

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