



# OUR DATA - quality

Quality of data in the Dutch business register

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# Chamber(s) of Commerce in the Netherlands



- 2 major changes:
  - Jan 2013: abolishment of annual fee; change to government funding (and sales of information)
  - Jan 2014: merger into 1 Chamber
    - Click, call, face
    - Less income, fewer staff and offices
- Business register still one of main tasks



# Business register

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Wet van 22 maart 2007, houdende regels  
omtrent een basisregister van ondernemingen  
en rechtspersonen (Handelsregisterwet 2007)

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- Legal basis
  - Trade Register Act
  - Civil Code
  - EU Directives
- Registration is mandatory
  - For all Dutch companies
  - All branches in NL of foreign companies
  - Including sole traders, associations and foundations
- Since 2008 also for
  - Farms and fisheries
  - Professionals (medical doctors, lawyers etc)
  - Public and government bodies
- All economic entities are now registered



# Data in the business register

- Data to be registered
  - Name(s) of the organisation
  - Legal form
  - Seat
  - Brief description of activities
  - Owners, managers etc
  - Power of attorney
  - Capital invested
  - Number of employees
  - etc

Screenshot of the Dutch Business Register (KvK) website showing an online extract for a company.

Search bar: Zoek opnieuw op KvK-nummer of bedrijfsnaam

**Online inzage uittreksel**

**KvK-nummer** 27002687

Woonadressen zijn geen openbare gegevens en alleen zichtbaar voor in artikel 51 Handelsregisterbesluit genoemde organisaties.

<b>Rechtspersoon</b>	
RSIN	001760841
Rechtsvorm	Naamloze Vennootschap
Statutaire naam	SHELL Petroleum N.V.
Statutaire zetel	's-Gravenhage
Datum akte van oprichting	28-06-1907
Datum akte laatste statutenwijziging	27-10-2008
Maatschappelijk kapitaal	EUR 1.000.000.000,00
Geplaatst kapitaal	EUR 498.600.000,00
Gestort kapitaal	EUR 498.600.000,00
Deponering jaarstuk	De jaarrekening over boekjaar 2012 is gedeponeerd op 18-06-2013.
<b>Onderneming</b>	
Handelsnaam	SHELL Petroleum N.V.
Activiteiten	SBI-code: 0910 - Dienstverlening voor de winning van aardolie en aardgas
Werkzame personen	0
<b>Vestiging</b>	
Vestigingsnummer	000017857325
Handelsnaam	SHELL Petroleum N.V.
Bezoekadres	Carel van Bylandtlaan 30, 2596HR 's-Gravenhage
Telefoonnummer	0703779111
Activiteiten	SBI-code: 0910 - Dienstverlening voor de winning van aardolie en aardgas
	De vennootschap heeft ten doel het opsporen van, het winnen, het vervoeren en het verwerken van



# Registered entities

2.4 million registered entities

Individual Enterprise	938.000
Private Limited Company	852.000
Public Limited Company	4.100
Partnership	210.000
Associations	224.000
Foundations	199.000
EEIG	54
SE	33



# Quality checks at registration



- Online registration for companies by notaries
  - Online preregistration for others
  - People have to come to our office (no digital ID in NL)
  - Check identity with ID and check ID (false / stolen?)
  - Check / copy data from national database natural persons (and create permanent link)
  - Check director position, power of attorney
  - Check ownership or rental agreement business address
  - Check the substance of the 'business'
  - Check many data with the incorporation document (proxy, capital etc)
  - Check partnership contract
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- Registered organisations have 8 days to report changes



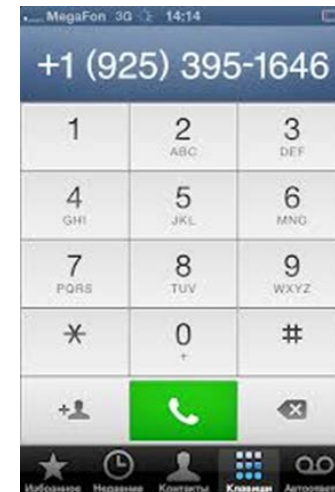
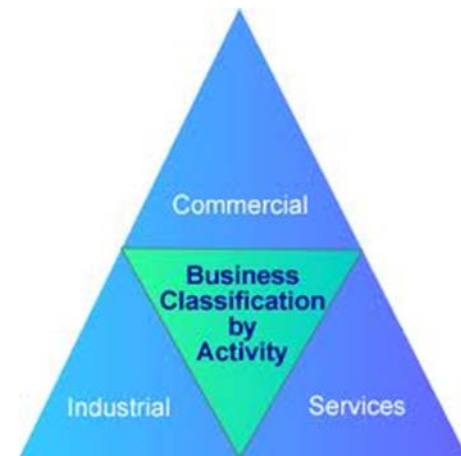
# Quality inspection business register 2013

- By external market research organisation
- Sample of 1100 registrations
- Equally divided over 10 lines of business
- Also divided by amount of employees and geography





# Quality inspection business register 2013





# Quality inspection business register 2013



- Check the quality of
  - (Trading) name of the business
  - Main activities
  - Visiting address
  - Postal address
  - Phone number
- Comparing with reality



# Quality inspection business register 2013



- Average quality of
  - (Trading) name of the business 97%
  - Main activities 96%
  - Visiting address 98%
  - Postal address 97%
  - Phone number 91%



# Actions taken

- Generic
  - Notifications between basic registries
  - Create digital messagebox; view own data
- Specific action to check data financial industry (15.000)
- Use EBR BDS to check relations with UK, EI, NO, SE



# Conclusions on quality

- ‘At the level of individual data the quality of the business register is high and stable’
- This gives the business register a good position in the new System of Basic Registries in NL, where
  - Sharing of these data between government offices is mandatory
  - People and businesses only have to file the same information once with the government
  - The use of these shared data is mandatory for the government
    - Makes government more efficient
    - Can improve its services
- Registered organisations have 8 days to report changes



# Questions?



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