

The Centre of Registers is opening data: more information about companies and organisations to the public

The State Enterprise Centre of Registers, which processes data in the registers and information systems of state significance, continues implementing one of the core strategic tasks of the Enterprise, i.e. opening of data to the public. At the end of January, the following data of the Register of Legal Entities, which has national significance, was opened for public use free of charge: a list of registered companies with their names, addresses of registered offices, information on management bodies, authorized capital and other relevant data.

"We are further implementing the expectations set by the state and the public for the Centre of Registers and take one more step towards a more open, a more transparent and a more trust-based society. We understand and appreciate the benefits of open data for the state, its residents, business, especially the start-up community; therefore, we will continue to pursue the goals related to data opening and open more new data sets. I believe open data of the Register of Legal Entities will enable everyone to have a clear picture of legal entities, which exist and operate in the country: companies, public institutions, public authorities, etc. I have no doubt that we will soon see practical examples of the use of this open data, which will contribute to the progress of all of us," says Saulius Urbanavičius, Director General of the State Enterprise Centre of Registers.

Several different data sets of the Register of Legal Entities were offered to the public free of charge about the legal entities registered in the Register, providing their codes, names, registered office addresses, date of registration, legal form and legal status. A similar set was published about the companies or organisations, which have been already removed from the Register of Legal Entities.

Currently, more than 250 000 legal entities are registered in the Register of Legal Entities in Lithuania. Every year, this number increases by more than 10 000 newly registered companies, small partnerships, public institutions, associations or legal entities of other legal forms. The list of legal entities removed from the Register includes over 200 000 legal entities, which do not exist today.

Open data of the Register of Legal Entities is not the first trial of opening data to the public by the Centre of Registers. In the middle of 2019, the data of the Real Property Register was opened to the public; whereas in the middle of the last year, the Centre of Registers opened the data of the Address Register. The next step is opening of the anonymised data of the Population Register next year. Later, the Centre of Registers intends to open data from other registers, such as the Mortgage Register or the Register of Property Seizure Acts as well as data of the information systems.