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# Deutsches Unternehmensregister/ German OAM in context European networking

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# Agenda

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# 01. What is the German Company Register / OAM

# What is the German Company Register / OAM

The screenshot shows the homepage of the German Company Register (OAM). At the top, there are navigation links for 'Federal Gazette', 'Company register', and 'Publication Platform'. The main header features the 'COMPANY REGISTER' logo with the tagline 'The central platform for the storage of company data' and the 'Bundesanzeiger Verlag' logo. Below the header, there is a 'Menu' button, a 'Documents (0)' shopping cart icon, and a 'Log in' button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column contains a 'Quick search' section with a search bar, a dropdown for 'All Areas', and buttons for 'Extended search' and 'Search'. The right column contains a 'Submit order' section with a button for 'Submit order'. Below these sections, there is a 'Notes and announcements' section with a red header. The notes section contains several paragraphs of text, including a notice about a technical defect in the retrieval of SI documents and a notice about the new design of the Company Register starting on 30 March 2019. To the right of the notes, there is a 'EU- Company Data' section with a button for 'To the webpage'. At the bottom, there is a 'Contact' section with a button for 'We can help you' and a 'Service number' section with contact information for Germany and outside Germany.

Federal Gazette Company register Publication Platform

COMPANY REGISTER  
The central platform for the storage of company data

Bundesanzeiger Verlag

Menu Documents (0) Log in

Quick search

Enter company name

All Areas

Extended search Search

Submit order

To transmit an order switch here to the Publication Platform where you can also find help concerning order transmission.

Submit order

Notes and announcements

Notes

It is not possible to retrieve Register-documents from Hesse at this time because of a technical defect in the relevant portal.

For register information from Lower Saxony the retrieval of SI documents is not available.

Please note: When retrieving register information from Berlin, Brandenburg und Bremen put DK documents individually in the document cart because - due to a technical defect - the retrieval of a complete dk tree leads to an incorrect price calculation and the documents cannot be downloaded.

When retrieving register information disturbances may occur in individual cases when the tree-structure of the DK is shown. If necessary please reload the page or start a new search.

New design

The Company Register appears in a new design starting 30 March 2019.

Essential innovations:

- New colouring and simplified access to the order transmission.

EU- Company Data

European Business Register:  
Data from over 20 million companies in Europe

To the webpage

Contact

We can help you

Our service number:  
**0 800 - 1 23 43 39**  
Mon - Fri, 8:00 am to 6:30 pm, free of charge from a German landline

From outside Germany:  
**+49 221 - 9 76 68-0**  
fees apply

In case of problems, valuable

- Legal basis:

- EHUG / Electronic Business and Company Register - Law

- Work on behalf of the Federal Government

- We charge archiving and operating fees

- We provides central access to information from:

- Commercial Register
- Partnership Register
- Register of Cooperatives

- Additionally available:

- Commercial register notices
- Insolvency notices
- Publications from the Federal Gazette
- Company-relevant notifications from security issuers, e.g. invitations to the annual general meeting or ad hoc notifications



# What is the German Company Register / OAM

- We are the **central platform** for storing legally relevant company data
- We are the registry within the meaning of Directive 2017/1132/EU where a **digital file** is kept for every company registered in Germany
- We are the **officially appointed mechanism** for the central storage of mandatory information of issuers within the meaning of the Transparency Directive 2004/109/EC
- We are internationally oriented
- The operation on our platform is possible in five official languages

# What is the German Company Register / OAM

- By linking the Registers to the Bundesanzeiger / Federal Gazette and collecting all official company information, as well as enabling searchability, we create **trust** and promote **transparency**
- A very important factor in this respect is provided by the **check process** for the annual financial statements of Bundesanzeiger Verlag
- In accordance with the legal basis § 329 HGB, submitted annual financial statements in the Bundesanzeiger are checked and **quality assured**



# What is the German Company Register / OAM

- After quality checks and publication, the annual financial statements can be searched in the Company Register
- The quality-checked financial statements are highly valued by the interested parties and searchers
- At the same time, we send the financial statements to BRIS, the Business Register Interconnection System (according to Directive 2017/1132/EU)
- Thus, this data is also **centrally searchable** in Europe via the e-justice.europa.eu portal



# 02. German Company Register / OAM Changes by August 1st in 2022





## German Company Register / OAM Changes by August 1st in 2022

- The Act on the Implementation of the Digitalization Directive (DiRUG) will come into force on 1.8.2022
- This serves to implement Directive (EU) 2019/1151 of the European Parliament and of the Council

# German Company Register / OAM Changes by August 1st in 2022

## Significant changes:

- The submission medium for annual financial statements with fiscal year beginning 01.01.2022 will now be the Company Register / OAM and no longer the Federal Gazette
- Checks of annual financial statements will then take place further in the Company Register / OAM
- Natural persons submitting annual financial statements to the Company Register after 31.07.2022 must identify themselves to the submitting entity ( Company register / OAM ) in an eIDAS-compliant manner





## German Company Register / OAM Changes by August 1st in 2022

- Via electronic identity card
- Via video transmission
- Via PC or mobile device (with camera function)



## German Company Register / OAM Changes by August 1st in 2022

- The EU-wide exchange of information on disqualified directors will also be carried out
- This requirement will also be carried out via BRIS in accordance with the EU directive





# 03. Exchange among the Registers / OAMs

# Exchange among the Registers / OAMs

- Not only technically the exchange of data and information of European registries and OAMs takes place via BRIS
- The multitude of topics of the necessary regulatory requirements of the EU necessitate an exchange among OAMs and Business Registers themselves, which thus contribute to the implementation of the common goals
- Organizations like XBRL Europe provide a good framework for this as well
- Or conferences such as the EBRA (European Business Register Association) conference also provide opportunities to exchange information



# Exchange among the Registers / OAMs

- In 2018, the idea of a group of OAMs for informative exchange was initiated and in 2019, supplemented by the Business Registers, the XBRL Europe OAM/BR Working Group was formed
- Together with our colleagues, we meet regularly to exchange views on various topics concerning OAMs or Business Registers
- Opinions, ideas and challenges are discussed
- The respective status of a regulatory implementation is compared
- This also makes it possible to learn from each other

# Exchange among the Registers / OAMs

- ESAP (European Single Access Point), for example, is a very current topic that is also being discussed in our working group
- As with the first approaches of the EEAP or then the EFTG, the attempt is now being made to jointly design the implementation of the ESAP
- The main idea of the ESAP is to find company information of capital market oriented companies Europe-wide in a central portal, to compare company data in order to make the best possible cross-border investment decisions and thus to stabilize the European economic area in the long term



# Exchange among the Registers / OAMs

Regarding the ESAP, we have discussed the following points in our XBRL European OAM/BR Working Group, for example:

- High quality of data and how this can be achieved
- Only annual financial statement information of capital market oriented companies (also for SMEs in organized markets)
- Uniform reporting format
- Implementation timeline for ESAP

# Exchange among the Registers / OAMs

Regarding the ESAP, we have discussed the following points in our XBRL European OAM/BR Working Group, for example:

- Scope of the ESAP
- Costs
- Allowing bulk downloads
- Redundancy of existing systems (BRIS)
- Avoiding waste (Green Deal)



## Exchange among the Registers / OAMs

This exchange also allowed us to pass on our feedback on the ESAP to the EU as the German OAM

In order to continue to talk about regulatory topics and to exchange ideas and opinions in our working groups, and thus to directly or indirectly support the objectives of the EU, we hope to meet again in the future, as we did here in this constructive and beautiful setting in Madrid



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Thank you for your attention