



# Belgian Enterprise Register

## How we distribute our data

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« More transparency through open data »

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## Belgian Enterprise Register

Banque-Carrefour des Entreprises (BCE)  
Kruispuntbank van Ondernemingen (KBO)  
Zentrale Unternehmensdatenbank (ZDU)

- Authentic source & database
  - Administrative simplification
  - Identification through an unique identifier
  - Official company information
  - Verified data input



## Content

### 1,5 m active enterprises

#### ■ Enterprises

Legal persons (companies, foundations, associations...), sole traders, foreign companies, government agencies...

#### ■ Establishment units of the enterprises:

A place that can be identified by an address where, or from where, the activities of the enterprise are exercised.

(e.g.: shop, office, factory, branch, storage facility, etc.)

#### ■ Information

- General information (name, registered seat, legal situation...)
- Activities and authorisations
- Legal functions
- ...and much more



## KBO is a driver for more government efficiency

- KBO is core system for **simplifying** company related **processes**: authorisations, registrations, licences, professional skills...
- One version of the truth: KBO as **source** for enterprise **statistics**, economic analysis...
- “**Crossroad**” function: link towards other DB (e.g. Belgian Official Gazette, National Bank...)
- KBO as authentic source for **user and access management**: holding legal functions and mandates of persons who have the capacity to represent the enterprise



## Data distribution prior to May 2014

- Public Search (search engine – limited info)
  - License (copy DB for commercial reuse)
  - Web interface
  - Web services
  - Extracts
  - KBO Select
- Only for government agencies



## Data distribution since May 2014

New legislation → more possibilities!

### ■ Upgrade

- Public Search
- License

### ■ New ways of distribution:

- Public Search web services
- KBO Open Data





## Public Search

- Target group: **general public**
- Search engine (company by company)
- Free of charge
- Improvements:
  - More info (legal function & legal situation)
  - New selection criteria (by activity & by address)
  - Added inactive enterprises & establishment units
- 4 languages & 4 search criteria
- Daily update

New search  
by numberNew search  
by nameNew search  
by activityNew search  
by addressenterprise number or  
establishment unit number

**BCE Public Search** displays [the public data](#) of [all enterprises registered](#) into the BCE, including their establishment units.

All enterprises can be consulted, regardless of their state (active, published or stopped).

Read more on this in [New](#)

How can you have incorrect data adjusted? This information is currently only available in [Dutch](#) and [French](#).

**Would you prefer to change your enterprise data on your own?** You can do this via CBE Private Search (This information is currently only available in Dutch, French and German). [More information](#) on CBE Private Search (information in French).

Do you not find an answer to your query? [Contact us](#).

This site contains [links](#) to other Internet sites.



Phonetic search term: siemens(exclusive of old designations)

Legal form: All legal forms

Enterprises (Legal person)



53 enterprises or establishment units found, from 1 to 20 shown.

[First/Previous] 1, 2, 3 [Next/Last]

	ENT/VE Status	Enterprise number	Info establishment units	Denomination	Address
1	Enterprise as a Legal person Active	<a href="#">0864.356.409</a> October 28, 2003	-	ALSTOM BELGIUM-SIEMENS-GTI INFRA-STEVENS LOUIS&CO ENGEMA	Rue Cambier Dupret 50/ 6001 Charleroi
2	Enterprise as a Legal person Active	<a href="#">0879.985.384</a> February 1, 2006	-	ASSIM SIEMENS/FABRICOM/TELEVIC	Guido Gezellestraat 123 1654 Beersel
3	Enterprise as a Legal person Active	<a href="#">0894.933.183</a> January 15, 2008	-	ASSOCIATION MOMENTANEE ALSTOM-SIEMENS	Guido Gezellestraat 123 1654 Beersel
4	Enterprise as a Legal person Active	<a href="#">0759.263.540</a> January 1, 1993	-	FABRICOM-SIEMENS	Rue Gatti de Gamond 254 1180 Uccle
5	Enterprise as a Legal person Active	<a href="#">0759.306.793</a> July 1, 1996	-	FABRICOM-SIEMENS-STEG 3	Rue Gatti de Gamond 254 1180 Uccle
6	Enterprise as a Legal person Active	<a href="#">0759.336.586</a> June 1, 1999	-	FABRICOM-SIEMENS-TGVV	Rue Gatti de Gamond 254 1180 Uccle

## Enterprise data

### In general

Enterprise number:	0404.284.716
Status:	<b>Active</b>
Legal situation:	<b>Situation normale</b> Since January 25, 2007
Start date:	June 30, 1919
Legal name:	SIEMENS Denomination in French, since September 30, 2003
Head office's address:	Guido Gezellestraat 123 1654 Beersel Since March 15, 2014
Telephone number:	No data included in CBE.
Fax:	No data included in CBE.
Email address:	No data included in CBE.
Web Address:	No data included in CBE.
Enterprise type:	Legal person
Legal form:	Société anonyme Since June 30, 1919
Number of establishment units (EU):	<b>3</b> <a href="#">List EU - Information and activities for each establishment unit</a>

### Legal functions

There are 20 legal functions for this enterprise. [Show the legal functions.](#)



## License

- Target group: **information brokers**
- “Full copy” DB for reuse
- Annual fee (€ 75.000)
- Improvements:
  - Added data (historic data, non-comm.companies...)
  - Lower price
  - Non-commercial reuse is allowed
- Full copy + daily updates



## Public Search web services (new!)

- Target group: enterprises
- SOAP XML web service
- Content = data Public Search
- Fee (€ 50 / 2000 requests)
- Registration via web application

→ allows enterprises to integrate data in their own applications



## KBO Open Data (new!)

- Target group: enterprises (app developers)
- 2 sets of CSV files
  - 1 full copy of our data
  - 1 update file
- Free of charge
- Registration (mandatory) via web application
- Monthly update



## Why Open Data?

- Political statement: Open government
  - Transparency
- Empowering Economic Value
  - Applications, Mobile apps
  - Government budget restraints
  - Outsource development to the crowd
- Improving data quality
  - “Responsibility through transparency”





## The road towards transparency

Long road (start: 2009 - political statement for more open government)

- **Legal work** (started in 2010 - entry into force: 9/05/2014)
- **Technical development**
- **Organisational preparations**
- **Communication and Public Relations**



## Content KBO Open Data

- Only active companies
  - Basic identification information (on enterprise level)  
(legal form, legal situation, financial information,...)
  - Basis identification information (on establishment unit level)
  - Contact information
  - Name
  - Address
  - Activities



## Open Data vs License

- Frequency: monthly (Open Data) vs daily (license)
- History: only "active" enterprises/data (Open Data) vs full "history" (license)

■ Content:

Enterprise info	Open Data	License
Financial info		X
Legal functions		X
Characteristics		X
Authorisations		X
Bank accounts		X
Entrepreneurial capacities		X
Link with other enterprise		X



## Results up to June 2015

- Public Search: 190.000 queries/day
- 1400 registered users for KBO Open Data
- 200 registrations for KBO Public Search web services
- License: 7 customers



## Ideas for an open KBO

- A2A: use web service public search in other transactional applications (e.g. banking)
- Linked data: link KBO data with other (open/private) databases (e.g. update supplier files)
- Mobile apps: “nearest hospital or grocery store”
- Economic dashboards: start-ups
- Data cleaning



## Concluding remarks

Open Data: we are in the middle of a new  
***momentum...***

Be creative ... innovate...

***create value***

Be ***open...***





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