TRANSPARENT UBO REGISTER AS ENABLER FOR PROSPEROUS BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

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Mission of the Enterprise Register

«to collect information in the public interest in order to ensure safe and transparent business environment»

COMPANY REGISTERS/UBO REGISTERS HAS AN IMPORTANT ROLE TO <u>PREVENT MISUSE OF LEGAL</u> <u>ENTITIES</u> AS A CORPORATE VEHICLE FOR UNLAWFUL ACTIONS

Accurate, adequate and up-to-date information VS

privacy

Public Registries Maintained by the Enterprise Register

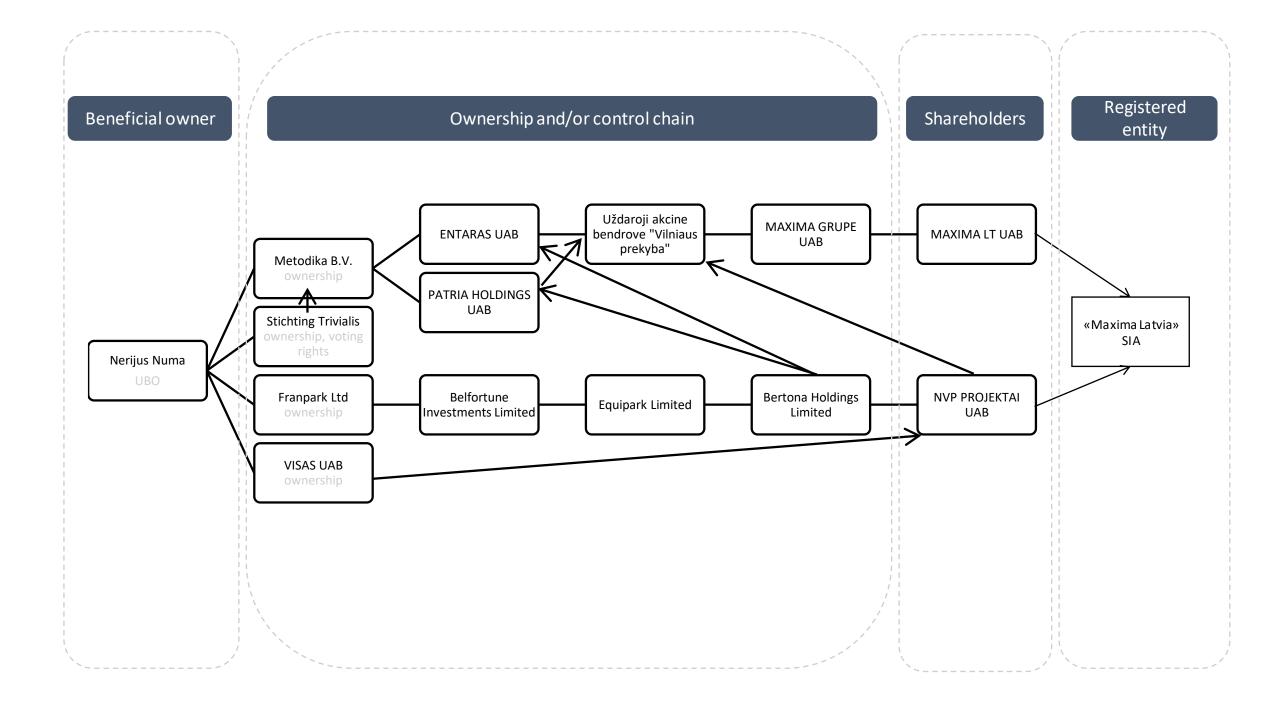
The Enterprise Register of Latvia is responsible for maintaining 13 public registries

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UBO information

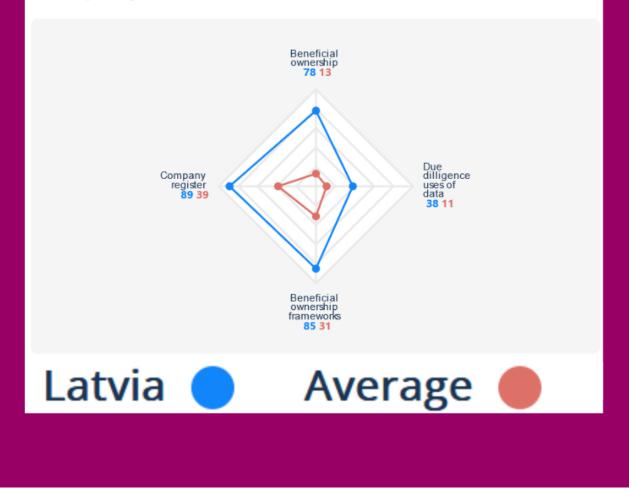
as a part of national legal entity registration system

Information about the legal owners of companies has been publicly available for about 20 years



https://globaldatabarometer.org

Company Information →



3rd best registry in the World (among 109 countries)

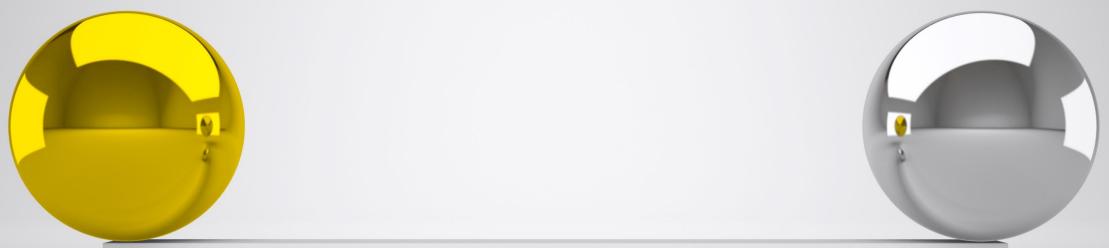
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The criteria assessed when determining the quality of company information are: available information and legal regulation of the beneficial owners, data from the Business Register and data reliability.

LAW (REGULATION)

Data protection (privacy):

- Data amount available to public. How much data collect and if all the data are publicly available
- Data amount available without restrictions
- Open data specific regulation defining data sets that can be distributed in the form of open data

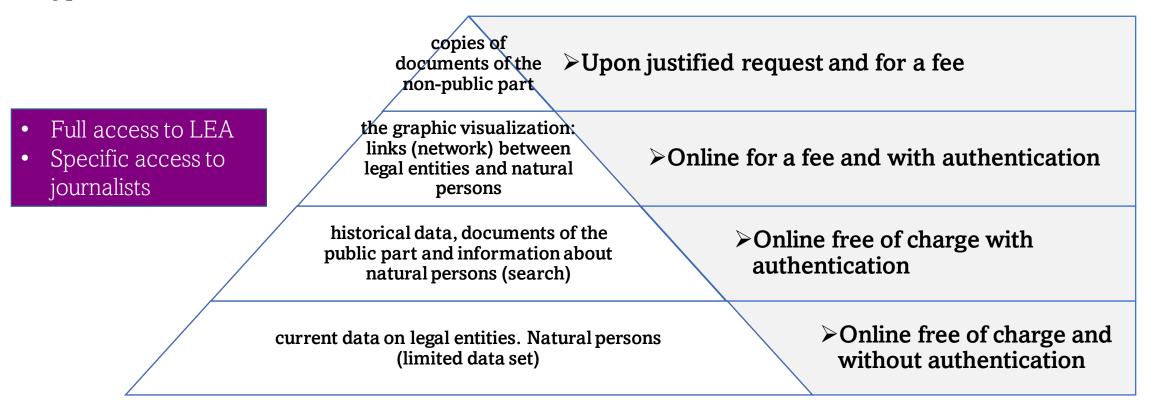




Public interest Transparency and safety of business environment Privacy Interest of single person of his/her personal data protection

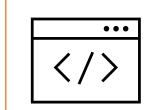
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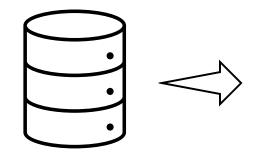
The Enterprise Register is responsible for ensuring that information about business ownership is transparent and accessible to the public. This slide outlines the different access levels for different types of information.

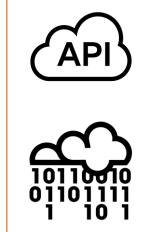


The Enterprise Register is a comprehensive source of data for understanding business ownership

INFORMATION AVAILABILITY







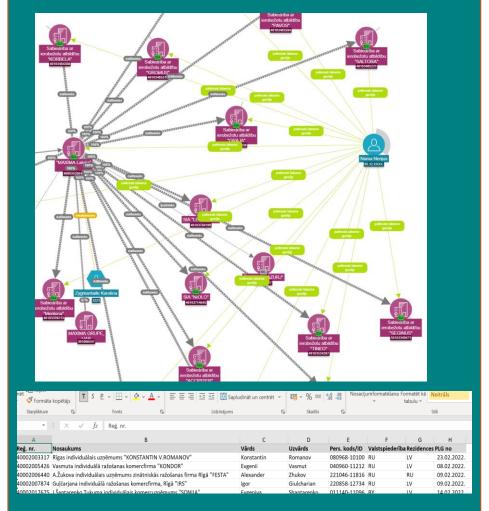


Same rules/formats for public and private sector

Free of charge

For a fee (administrative costs)

Additional services (for a fee):



UBO REGISTER AS A LIFEBOAT DURING SANCTIONS

Two Sides of the Same Coin: Entrepreneurs View Information Sharing as Both a Liability and an Asset.

"Entrepreneurs often exhibit a dualistic attitude towards sharing information - while they perceive submitting information as an administrative burden, they are glad to access the same information about their business partners in public sources without restrictions."

Enterprise Register's Leadership: Empowering Asset Freeze through Analysis of Sanctioned Entities

ACTION

DEMAND

NEW LEGAL

FRAMEWORK

Transparency can help to promote a culture of corporate responsibility and accountability, which is essential for a healthy and prosperous business environment.

THANKS!

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