

Consulting Belgian insolvency data by foreign administrative bodies



General

There is currently no national central insolvency register in Belgium. Nevertheless, there are both public and private databases which collect information on the financial situation of companies and individuals. Some of these databases are described below.

Public databases

The Belgian Official Gazette

The [website](#) of the Belgian Official Gazette contains all the official publications of the Belgian authorities. However, it also publishes information on the Articles of Association of legal persons.

Search criteria

On the basis of the (trade) name, address details, subject of the deed, access can be gained to the bankruptcy details.

Consultable data

As a result, the following information can be consulted: possible bankruptcy and judicial reorganisation judgments and the name of the liquidator who is/was responsible for settling the bankruptcy.

A disadvantage for foreign municipalities that seek more information about a particular person is that it is not possible to search in the name of the person via the Belgian Official Gazette. It is only possible to search in the name of the legal person / sole proprietorship.

Belgian company database

The Belgian business register ([Kruispuntbank van ondernemingen – KBO](#)) is a very important and useful source for retrieving information. After all, it is a register containing all identification data and the legal status of companies and sole proprietorships. Through this register it is possible to find information about possible bankruptcy, the status of this bankruptcy (started, ongoing or closed) and the name of the liquidator responsible for carrying out the bankruptcy.

In order to obtain more information about a bankruptcy, a foreign administrative body needs to gain access to the private search of the KBO. For this purpose, the foreign administrative bodies must submit an application.

An explanation of how such an application can be made is given in the EURIEC leaflet on Belgian Business data.

Commercial provider - **Failissementen.com**

[Failissementen.com](#) is a private source where Belgian and Dutch bankruptcies can be found. It is a partly public register where general information on Dutch and Belgian bankruptcies can be found. For more in-depth information, it is possible to take out a subscription for a fee. Bankruptcy data can also be accessed after six months on the website [faillissementen.com](#). However, after six months any personal data will be made anonymous.

On the basis of a company's address, (trade) name or company/branch number, access to bankruptcy data can be obtained. Without a membership the following information, among others, can be found:

- Date of bankruptcy
- Court declaring bankruptcy
- The activity of the legal entity
- The status of the legal person: bankruptcy or suspension

Questions or more information?

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