

# European Commerce Registers Forum

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The European Commerce Registers' Forum was born in 1998.

The purpose was to improve the commerce registers' services to the trade and industry and to the business life in general.

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- The purpose of the Forum is to promote collaboration and to facilitate exchange of information and practice among European business register organizations.
- Currently, the ECRF gathers 32 (33 from 2017) European business registration authorities, and remains open to other European official institutions responsible for business registration.



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## Main goals of the ECRF are:

- simplification of regulatory environment in order to reduce administrative burdens on businesses;
- creating an efficient environment for start-up and development of innovative businesses, especially SMEs;
- creating an open and transparent environment for business throughout Europe; and

- preparing the associated Central & Eastern European countries for their integration into the internal market of the European Union.



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# Structure of the ECRF

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The General Assembly is the highest authority of the Forum.

## Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is the daily governing and planning body of the Forum. It comprises of the President, the

Conference Director, the Treasurer and up to a maximum of two additional members.

Mrs. Annika Bränström - President

Mr. Yves Gonner - Treasurer

Mr. Vito Giannella

Mr. Zvonko Obradovic

Mrs. Ieva Tarailiene - 2017 Conference Director

Mr. Bruno de Greysier- 2018 Conference Director

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# Themes 2016 ECRF/CRF Conference

- Business Registration
- Integrity, Quality and Enforcement
- Theme: Access to Company Data



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## Focus 2016-2017

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- The International Business Registers Report including the MoU with The World Bank
- A working group: Implementing the EU Directive about Beneficial Owner
- A possible “merge” between ECRF and European Business Register (EBR)?

## “Getting the Right Direction”

- From Policies to Practice
- Beneficial Ownership
- The Global View
- The European Digital Agenda - Building the IT Administration
- Data Issues
- Affecting the Registries



# Focus ECRF Conference 2017

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