

## **Green paper on interconnection of business registers**

Brønnøysund Register Centre comments:

1. Providing for transparency and mobility in the business sector as well as fighting economic crime are among the major goals in company law. Business registers play a central role in that respect.
2. At present the EBR network offers a suitable tool to provide information from official business registers. This network shows also potential to develop a solution for the cooperation between business registers. Moreover, EBR might be a contributor in solutions to be developed both in the PEPPOL and the SPOCS project. Communication of business register information is an aspect in both projects.
3. There are challenges when it comes to the legal framework for EBR. For users it is important that EBR provides access to official business register information and that access is granted from as many countries as possible. A firmer structure of the network would serve this purpose.
4. Member States should follow the same path when implementing a future requirement in the 1st company law directive to connect to a network of business registers. A competition between networks would not be beneficial for the users of business register information.
5. Business registers, EU and Member States have invested considerable resources in the establishment and development of EBR. Therefore it seems consistent to re-use the results achieved in this cooperation so far. Modifications of this understanding should be well-founded.