

# National population registers in a Europe without barriers

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# Population Register



- Population register is a base register for national public administration.
- Data contains basic information about individuals and is up-to-date (residents are obliged to register).
- Authority controls safeguards for the disclosure of personal data (national civil registration acts).

# Structure

- = No population registration
- = Local population registration
- = Central population registration



# Access

- = No access
- = Limited access
- = Access possible



# Obstacles



- Specific legal, organisational and technical requirements for each Member State
- Paper based processing of data
- Different access procedures
- Different fee structures
- Different quality of address data
- Different search facilities
- No co-ordination of data exchange on European level

# National borders



- European Single Market offers basic freedoms to citizens and business
  - Free Trade
  - Free Travel / Movement
- Civil registration law has still national focus and is not able to react on European requirements
  - Information exchange between population registers
  - Information exchange between national administrations
  - Discrimination of private organisation from other European countries

# Why to remove national borders?



- Economy and administration are dependent on the possibility to verify address data against valid and trustworthy registries efficiently.
- Verification and updating of address information in official population registers is one of the most frequently used services in public administration.
- European Data Protection Directive 95/46/EC stipulates the processing of personal data on behalf of the customer for private and public sector

# Privacy



- A number of European countries does not disclose registry data to private and public organisations from other member States. Reason: Privacy Protection
- In these countries personal data is collected and marketed by private address retailers. Quality of private data is often worse than official registry data.
- Authorities loose the control about the trade of personal data. Result:
  - Less protection of personal data
  - Violation of subject right

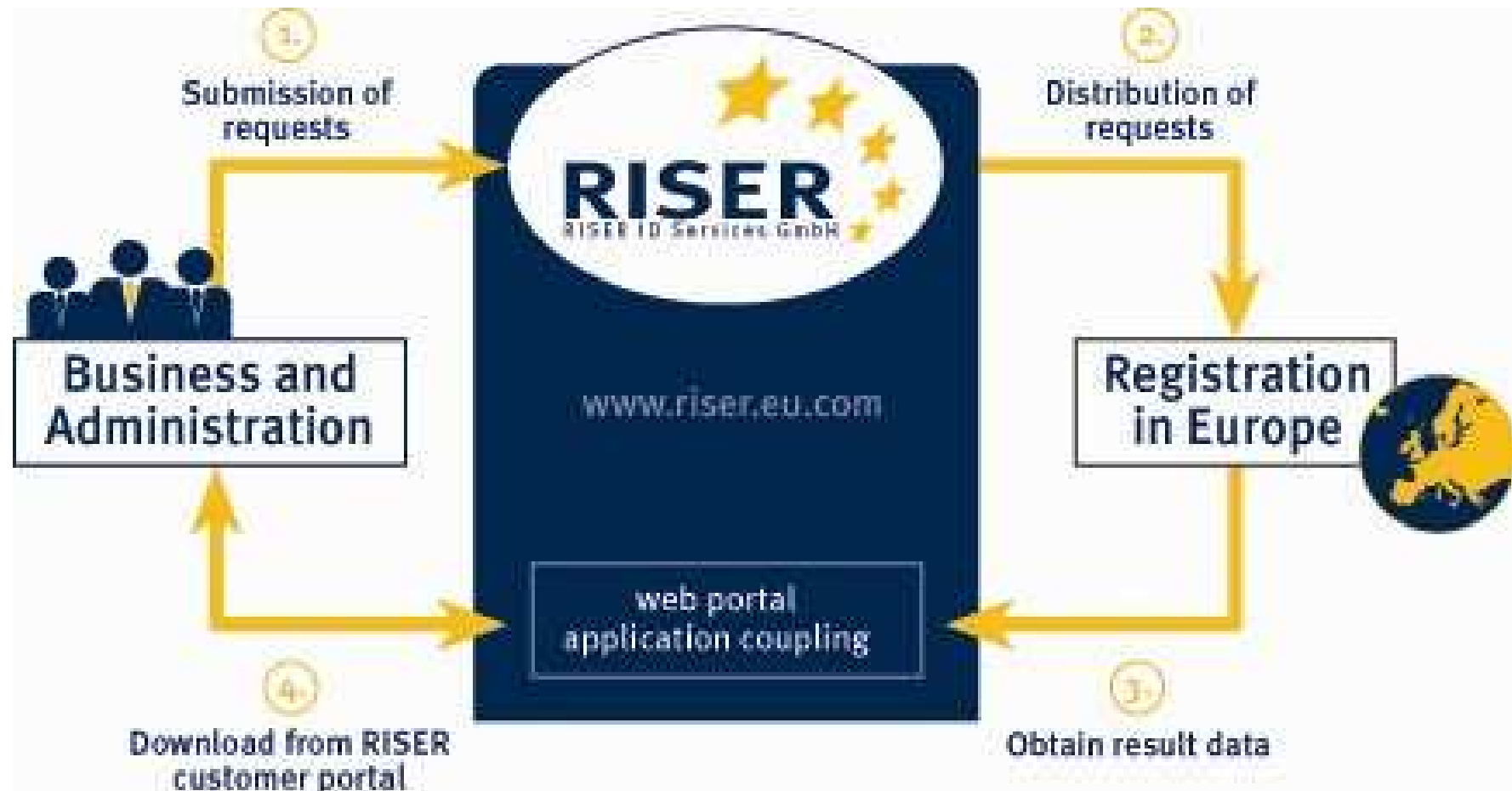


# RISER ID Services



- Registry Information Service on European Residents started in 2004 as an innovative eGovernment service under the eTEN Programme of the European Commission.
- Effectiveness: Deployment of an One-Stop-Portal for Business and Administration to verify address information in European official public registers.
- Efficiency: Reduction of the response time by using electronic data processing.
- Privacy/Trust: Implementation of the European and national data protection and civil registration requirements.

# Service



# Personal Data



## Request Data

- Full name
- Former names
- Last known address
- Gender
- Date of birth
- Personal ID number

## Result data

- Full name
- Current address
- Person deceased
- Date of deregistration

Only if person has been identified unambiguously!

# RISER Consortium

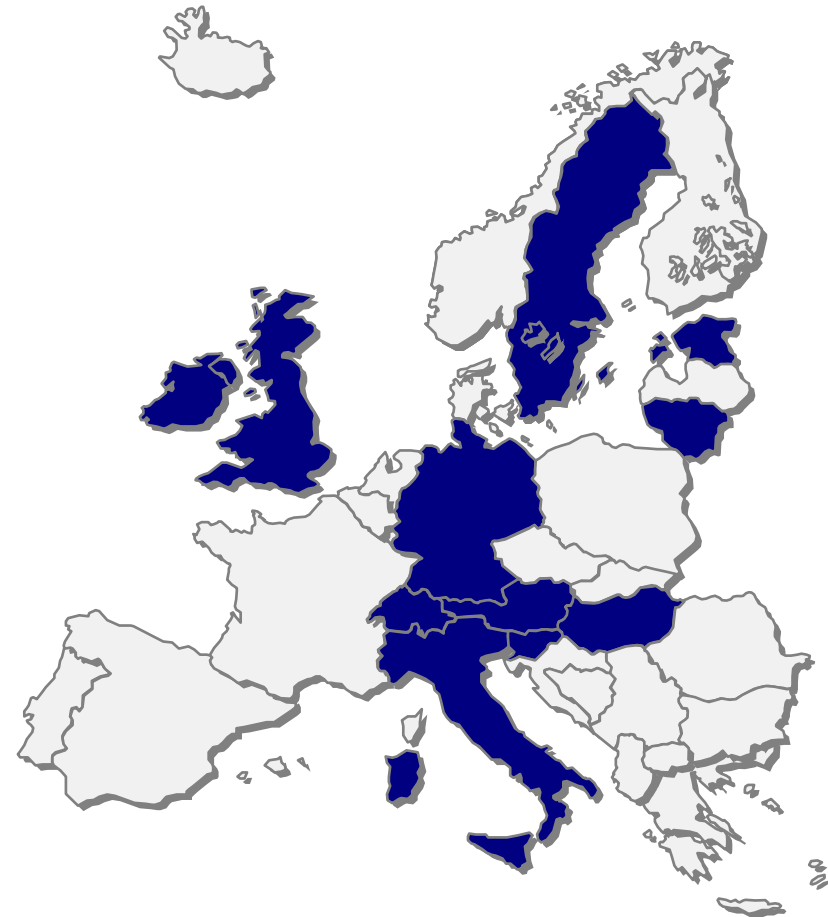


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# Countries covered

10 Countries / 126 mio. residents

- Austria
- Estonia
- Germany
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Lithuania
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- UK
- Extension to 19 Member States



# Conclusion



- Population registration is still a national issue.
- Administration and Business suffer from a lack of data exchange in Europe.
- No access to population registers causes less privacy of personal data.
- RISER is the leading service for address verification in European population registers in line with privacy regulations.



Thank you for your attention!

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