

European Business Register (EBR)

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What is EBR?

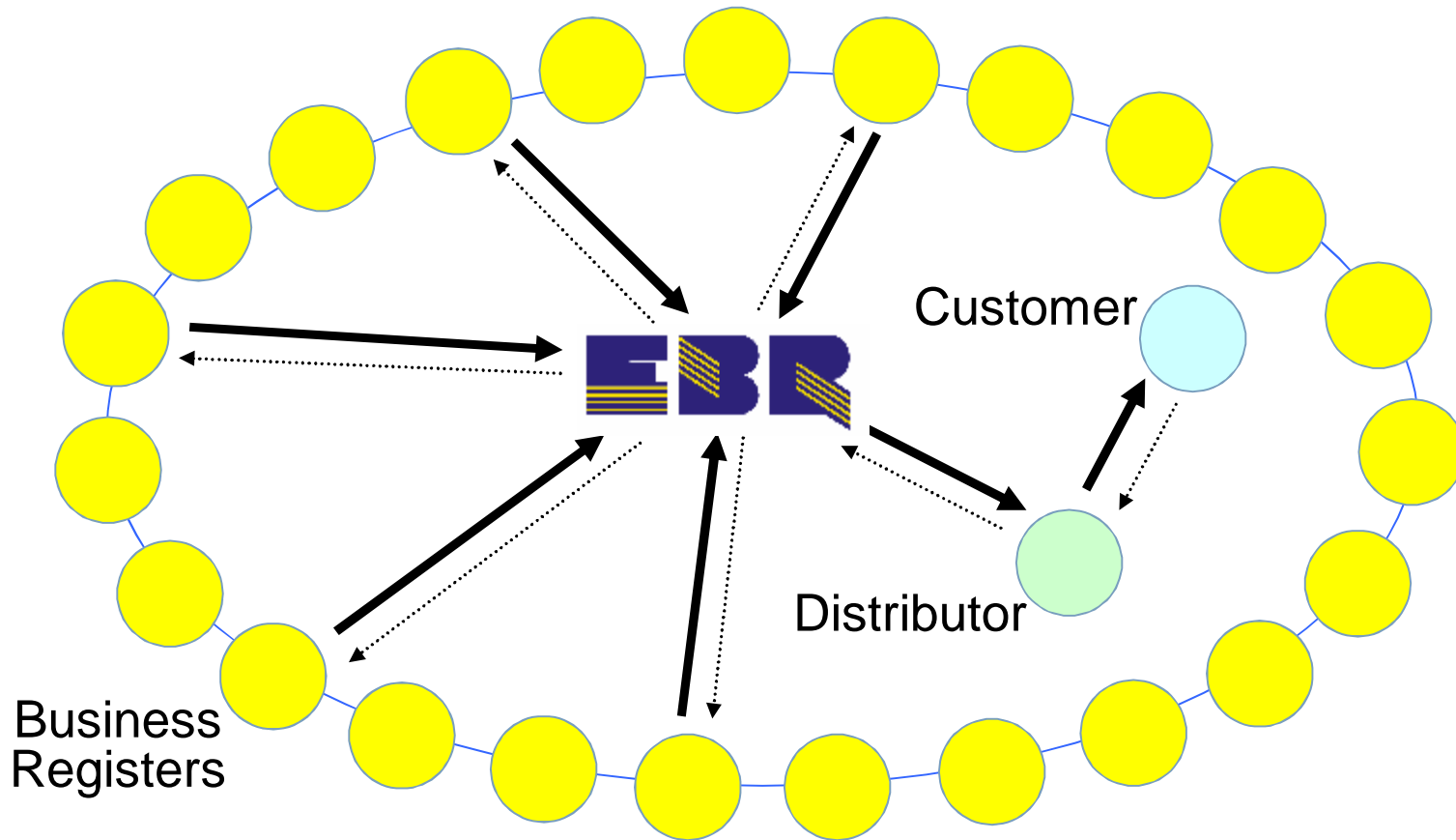
- An association of national business registers
- The hub of an online network
- One-stop-shop to official company information
- Access to over **20 million** companies
- Spanning **26 countries**
 - Ø Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Ireland, Italy, Jersey, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

Key Milestones

- 1998 Foundation of EBR Network - **10 countries**
- 1999 Launch of first EBR Service
- 2004 New Customer Interface
 - Common user interface
 - Upgrade of platform
- 2006/09 BRITE project
- 2011 Central platform established - **26 countries**
 - Rationalised network
 - Improved performance
 - Central control

How does it work?

- 26 EBR members
- 13 distributors



What business information is available?

- Standard products
 - Ø Company search
 - Ø Company profile
 - Ø Company appointments
 - Ø Person search
 - Ø Personal appointments
 - Ø Product search and order
- National products
 - Ø Annual accounts
 - Ø Memorandum and Articles of Association
 - Ø Incorporation documents
 - Ø Certificate of registration

Legal Framework and Governance

- Information Sharing Agreement (ISA)
- A European Economic Interest Grouping (EEIG)
 - Ø Articles of Association
 - Ø Not all partners are EEIG members (not always legally possible)
 - Ø Managed by a Board of 5 persons
- ISA and EEIG Members meet twice a year
 - Ø Joint decisions about strategy, financials, new members, new board
- EBR Support team
 - Ø Manages service and coordinates members activity
 - Ø Product manager; technical manager; team coordinator

Funding Model

- **Joining fee**
 - Ø for new members
- **Annual fee**
 - Ø for all members
- **Royalty fee**
 - Ø paid by distributors for each successful, chargeable transaction

From BRITE to BRIS

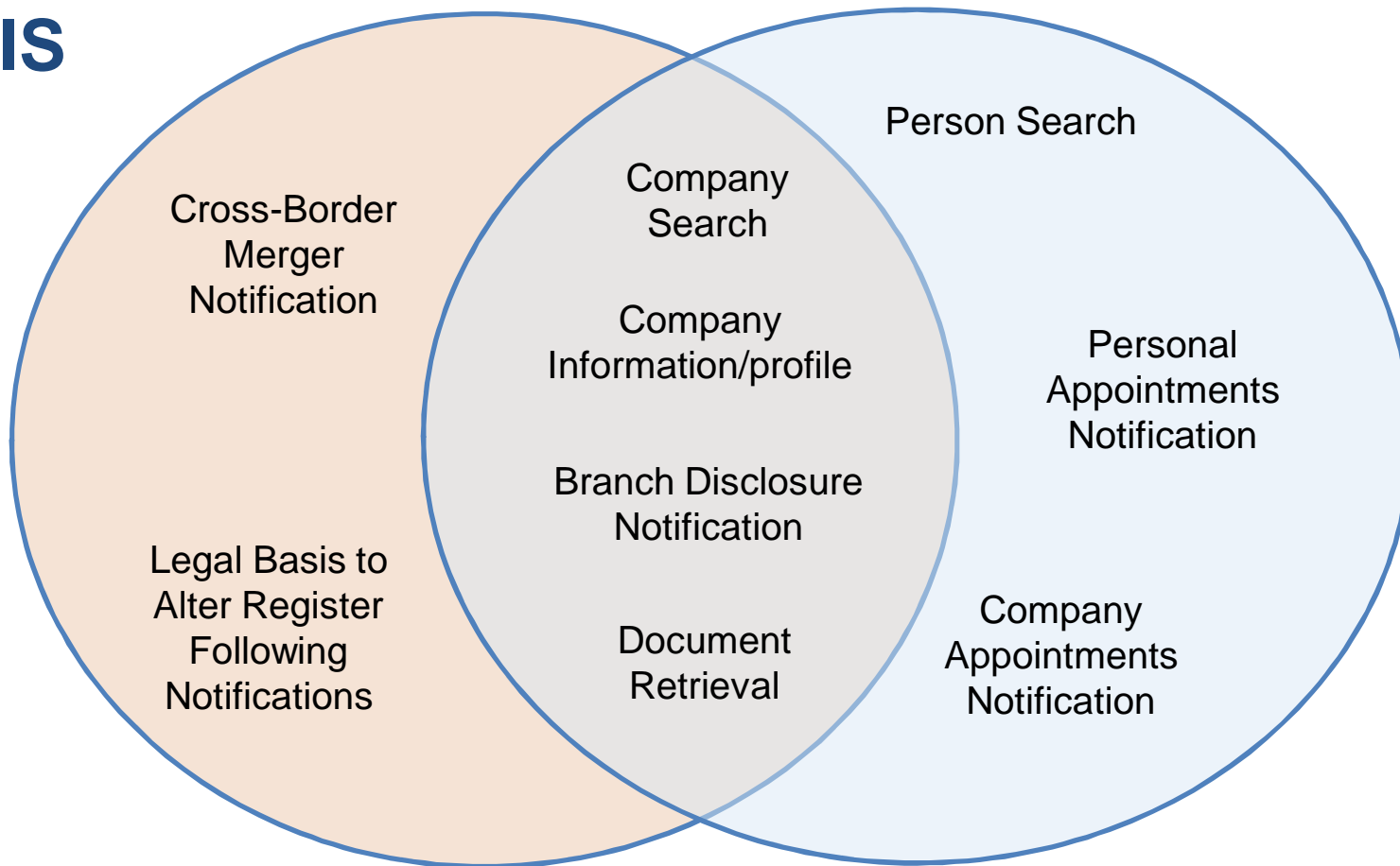
- BRITE-project: Business Registers Interoperability Throughout Europe (2006-2009)
 - ∅ Research project
- EU Directive Interconnection of Business Registers
 - ∅ 2012/17/EU
 - ∅ Based on 1st Company Law Directive
- BRIS (Business Register Interconnection System)
 - ∅ June 2017 live; run by EC
 - ∅ Information from registers available through e-Justice portal website
 - ∅ Information exchange between registers
 - On branches abroad
 - On cross border mergers

BRIS vs EBR

BRIS	EBR
1 st Company Law Legal Entities	All Registered Entities
Limited to EEA Membership	European Membership
1 st Company Law Dataset	Wider Data Set

BRIS

EBR



Supported use cases / Information Services

EBR Future

- BRIS will take over part of EBR services
- Discussion in EBR GM on the future
- Depends on real BRIS operations

- Added value for members and their customers
- Third party distributors
- New developments

Thank you!

