

Business Registers Interconnection System

The Business Registers Interconnection System (BRIS) DSI is an infrastructure that enables the cooperation and interoperability of Business Registers across Europe. The service allows anyone to [search for information on companies](#) registered in EU and European Economic Area (EEA) countries, and enables the connected registers to share information on branches opened by EU/EEA companies in another Member State, and on EU/EEA companies performing cross-border operations in another Member State, such as mergers. The company search functionality is available through the multilingual [user interface on the European e-Justice Portal](#).

The system consists of:

- A core services platform, named the "European Central Platform" (ECP), which orchestrates all traffic among the domestic business registers and between the European e-Justice Portal and EU/EEA countries;
- The business registers of EU/EEA countries; and
- The **'Find a company'** section of the European e-Justice Portal which allows to search for and access company information coming directly from the national business registers.

Generic Services Projects support EU and EEA countries associated to the programme to meet the following main objectives:

- Enabling business registers to support the evolving data model and standard messages coming from BRIS, which may involve the upgrade of the existing business registers;
- Enabling business registers and/or central registers storing information on beneficial ownership to support the data model and the standard messages coming from the European Central Platform, which may involve the upgrade of the existing business registers;
- Operation and maintenance of access points once in operational mode.

BRIS is supporting Member States to become compliant with obligations set out by the **BRIS Directive 2012/17/EU** (now part of the **Codified Company Law Directive 2017/1132**) on the interconnection of business registers and the **Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1042 of 18 June 2021**. The directive requires the establishment of an information system that interconnects the business registers of all Member States, whereas the Regulation details the technical specifications for the system. BRIS is also supporting Member States to become compliant with obligations set out by **Directive 2015/849** (as amended by **Directive 2018/843**) which requires the interconnection through the ECP of the national registers storing information on beneficial ownership of legal entities.

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Highlights



Generic Services Projects

€2.44 million in **10** countries (9 Member States + Norway) through **16** agreements that have been awarded to BRIS

More info on the Generic Services:

[HaDEA](#)



Use & deployment

BRIS is used by **all the EU Member States, Liechtenstein and Norway**, in which the system covers over 20 million companies and branches.



Capabilities

CEF eDelivery allows Member State business register systems to exchange messages securely. This is necessary, for example, when information needs to be updated quickly between registers.

Indicators

As the CEF funding of the Core Service platform came to an end in Q4 2021, this is the cut-off date for the last monitoring activities linked to this work strand. The monitoring of the Generic Services projects presents the stat of play by Q4 2022.

Uptake

1,141,146

number of visits on the "find a company" page

2,386,218

searches for company names

1,726,457

searches for company details

438,170

documents downloaded

Service Availability

98%

Average uptime of the BRIS "Find a company" page

Financial Monitoring

€ 7,999,831

CEF Core Service Platform funding

€ 2,444,620

CEF funding through Generic Services Projects

CEF Building Blocks reused by BRIS

BRIS is reusing the CEF eDelivery and eID Building Block

Indicators

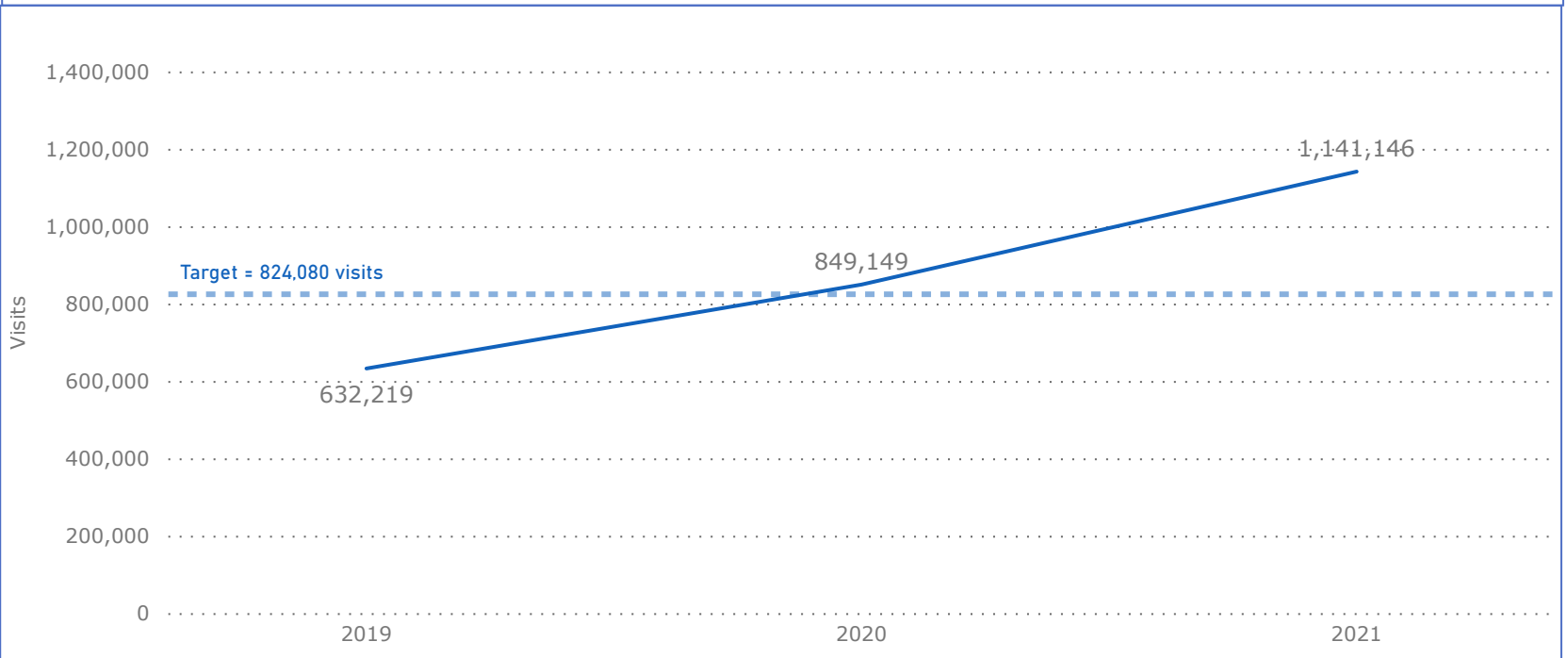


BRIS > Uptake > Cumulative number of visits

This indicator measures the **cumulative number of visits*** on the [BRIS "find a company" page](#) of the e-Justice Portal. The baseline for this number is the first data collection in 2019 (632,219 visits).

Target

824,080 visits, by the end of 2020.



* The visitor counter on the e-Justice Portal is not giving reliable results yet. Instead, the total number of **simple searches** (cf. top right uptake card) performed is used (although this probably gives a lower number, as it does not track visitors to the page that do not perform a search).

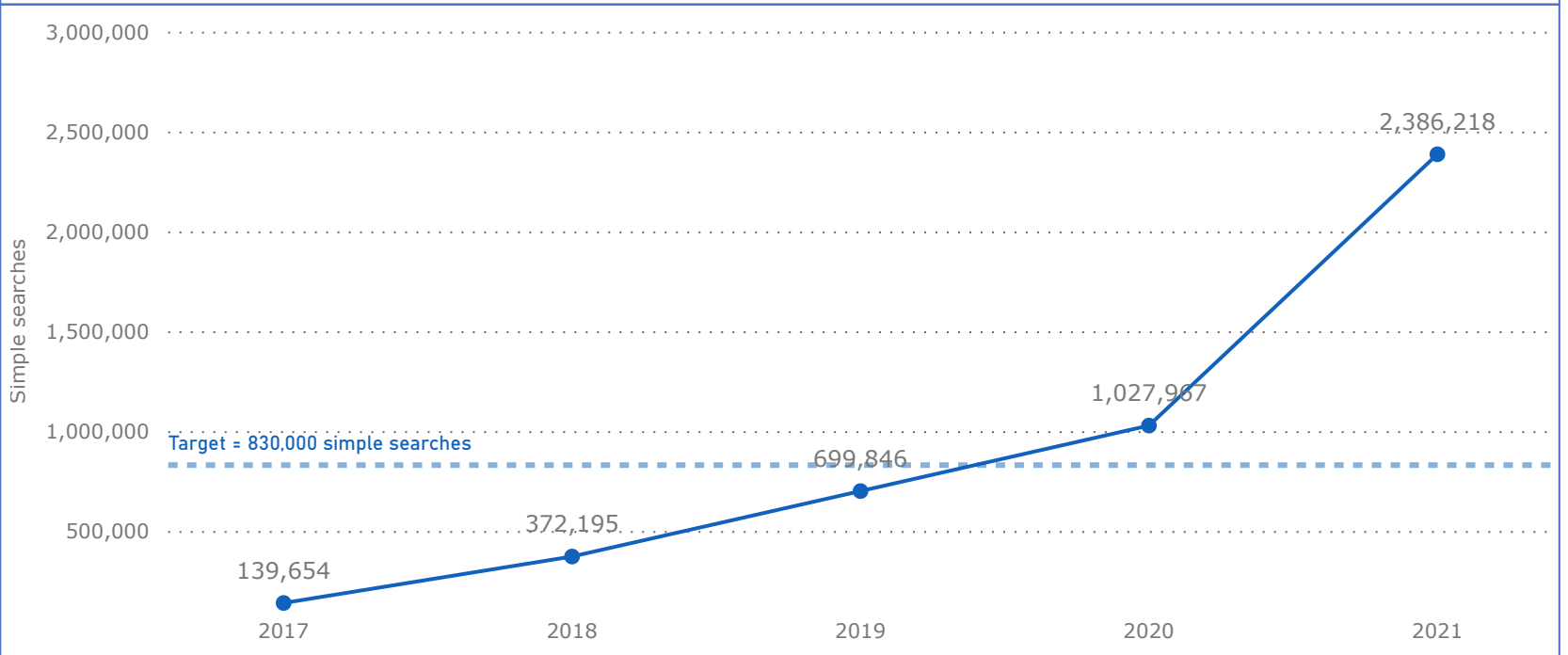


BRIS > Uptake > Searches for company names

This indicator measures the number of **simple searches performed on the BRIS "Find a company" page**. A simple search is performed when a user asks the system to find a specific company name in one or more of the connected business registers. The baseline for this number is the operational launch of the BRIS service in Q3 2017 (19,597 simple searches performed).

Target

830,000 simple searches, by the end of 2020.



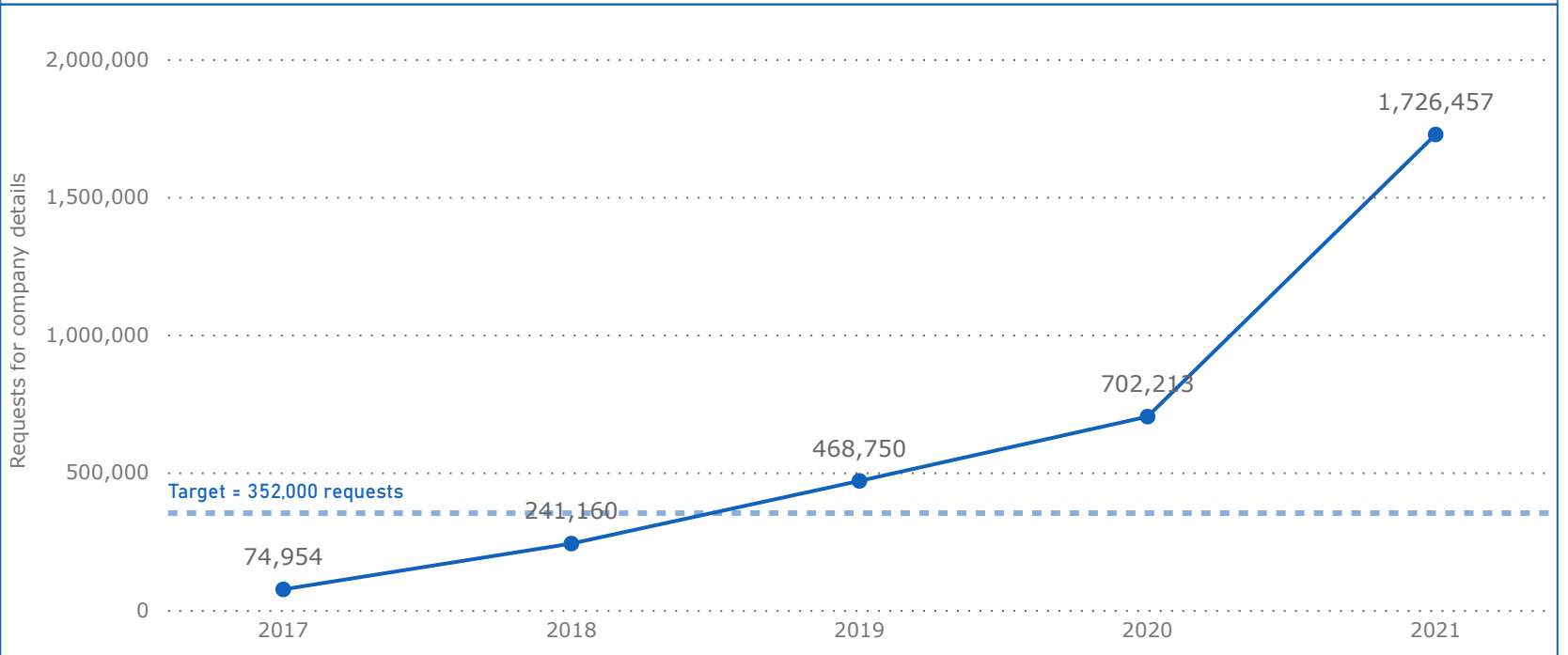


BRIS > Uptake > Searches for company details

This indicator measures the number of **requests for company details performed on the [BRIS "Find a company" page](#)**. A request for company details is performed after a simple search, when the user clicks on a company name to gather more information on that specific company. The baseline for this number is the operational launch of the BRIS service in Q3 2017 (14,065 company details searches performed).

Target

352,000 requests for company details, by the end of 2020.

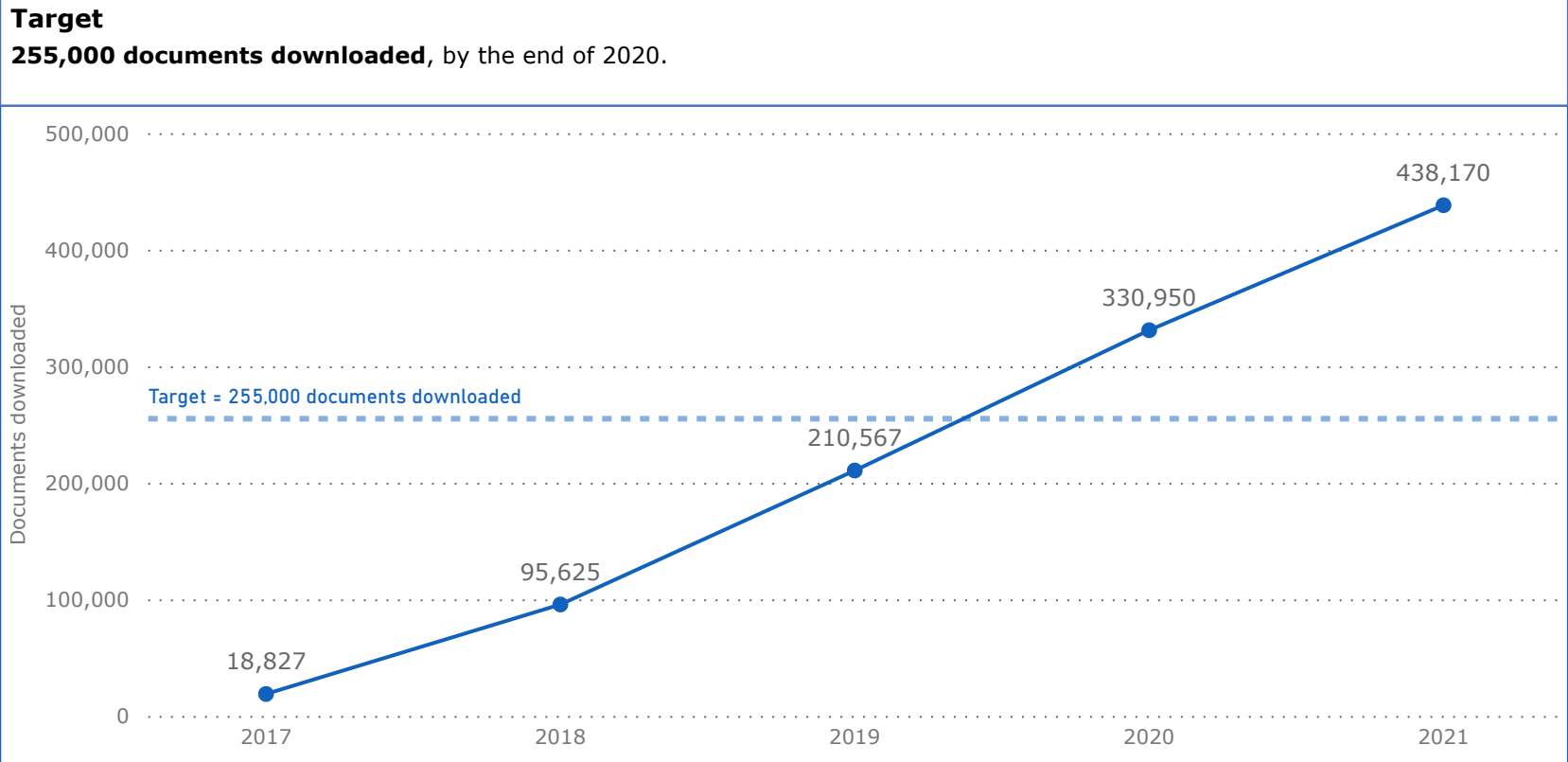




BRIS dashboard > Uptake > Documents download

This indicator measures the number of **documents downloaded after using the [BRIS "Find a company" page](#)**. The baseline for this number is the operational launch of the BRIS service in Q3 2017 (1,457 documents downloaded).

Besides the information obtainable through the "simple search" and the "company details" functionalities, BRIS also allows business registers to provide additional documents (e.g. annual accounts, articles and memorandum of association, functions) that can be downloaded by the users. Currently, BRIS only allows the download of documents that are made available on BRIS free of charge by the connected countries.



Business Registers Interconnection System (BRIS) Milestones

BRIS successfully achieved 50% of the milestones defined within the CEF Monitoring framework.

A detailed overview of the milestones can be found in the table below.

Milestone title	Start date	End date	% complete	Status
BRIS - release 2	01 June 2017	30 June 2019	100	Completed
Payment system *				

* The development of a central payment system is not mandatory under EU law. As its design posed challenges, BRIS used the relevant budget for the development of other mandatory functionalities. In 2023, BRIS started developing a distributed payment system in order to redirect users to the payment system providers of the national business registers.