

One-stop online business registration system for Poland's entrepreneurs

Poland's Ministry of Economy has launched a state-of-the-art online business registration system which offers a one-stop-shop for registration, updating and for finding information about other businesses.

The Central Registration and Information on Economic Activity (CEIDG) system has been built with support under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) Innovative Economy Operational Program 2007-2013.

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The main objectives of the project were to build a centralised database of business activities in Poland and to allow online registration of business activity. A key objective has been to harmonise the rules and systems for relating to entrepreneurs and to provide them a one-stop-shop for high quality services.

While reducing the time needed for business registration, the new service also aimed to permit electronic exchange of relevant data between all the institutions involved in the process of registration.

Using a trusted electronic profile or an electronic signature (with a qualified certificate) a citizen can go online to complete the formalities needed for business registration in Poland. After creating an account on the official website (www.firma.gov.pl) the entrepreneur then only has to follow the step-by-step wizard to fill in the required information and register his new business.

If desired the entrepreneur can just prepare his application on the website and visit a municipal office to sign in person.

Clicking the button to submit the CEIDG form triggers registration with the national tax office, the central statistical office and the social insurance department. This means that the entrepreneur is automatically applying for both the taxation and statistical registration numbers (NIP and REGON). The new business registration is published within 48 hours on the national website www.firma.gov.pl, but business can be started immediately after application confirmation.

Once registered in CEIDG, the entrepreneurs can go online to change their registry entries, temporarily suspend activity and even close the business, without having to visit any government offices.

The platform offers the possibility to search for other firms and find the information needed for potential cooperation with other entrepreneurs.

Total cost

28 749 766 PLN

EU Contribution

24 437 301 10 PLN

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