



# Data Partner FAQ Kosovo



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## Data Sources

What are the main original sources of information? E.g. Chambers of commerce, local courts, yellow pages etc

NOTE - This should apply to, registered companies and sole traders/none registered companies.

**Financial data** – Financial data are not officially available. Can be retrieved only from the company itself and this in seldom cases. There isn't any way to check whether the data received correspond with company's real situation.

**Negative data** – Daily and periodical Press, TV media, Web, business internet pages newsletters, etc.

**Demographic data** – Company's own information, Business Registration Agency

**Payment data** – Not available.

**Collection data** – Internal database

**Shareholders data** – Business Registration Agency

**Group structure / corporate hierarchy** – same as above, company's own information given in direct contact with the company or answered in priority sent Questioners

**Other key information** – All sources already mentioned plus yellow pages, company itself, available online, spoken or written media, Business Internet Portals

**How often the above data is updated e.g. daily, weekly etc.?**

Business Registration Agency is not really reliable and is often not operable. Available sources are very rare. In the financial sector, prudential regulations and supervision have been substantially strengthened. A new Law on Banks, Microfinance Institutions and Non-Bank Financial Institutions (the new Law on Banks) was approved in April 2012. There is still no securities market in Kosovo.

**Do you contact companies via a telephone interview or site visits at regular intervals e.g. once a year?**

We try to contact every company in every way possible. Companies are not regularly visited. Written correspondence is sent. They are contacted or visited according to our needs (depending if a deeper internal rating is made or there is some special situation (of a higher risk). There are special Internal Minimum Standards rules automatically applied in the database which control frequency and need of regular updates.

## Regulations/ Legal requirements

Which types of company have to file financial data e.g. registered companies, public companies only etc.?

There is not an organized Registry where financial statements have to be filled and would be available. Financial info is very limited.

The enterprise sector in Kosovo is currently comprised of three types of entities: privately-owned enterprises, which account for the majority of the sector (by number and share of output); publicly-owned enterprises and socially-owned enterprises.

List any filing exemptions and thresholds (e.g. companies of certain size may only have to file a balance sheet, large companies have to file a Profit & loss etc.)

Business organizations are currently classified as large, medium, small and micro. Large business organizations will have to apply, starting from 2013, IFRS, as well as interpretations, recommendations and necessary guidance that are approved by the KFRC (Kosovo Financial Reporting Council established in 2011).

All medium and small business organizations registered as limited liability companies or joint-stock companies will also be required to apply IFRS as approved by the KFRC. The KFRC is currently working with the MEF to amend the law so that the IFRS will be applicable in Kosovo at some date in 2013.

How long after the financial year end do companies have to file financials?

Filing of annual company financial statements is required by law, in line with the EU acquires. Article 11 of the Law on Financial Reporting requires that, "Financial statements of large business organizations have to be submitted to and published by the KFRC and a copy submitted to the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTI) which hosts the Business Registry, no later than 30 April of the following year. Staff at the KFRC has been working to improve the situation and have achieved some successes. Still, with the exception of the financial institutions governed by the CBK, the financial statements of many Kosovo companies, including POEs and SOEs (Airport Pristina and Post and Telecom of Kosovo are notable exceptions) are not publicly available. Financial statements of all banks are available on their websites.

What is the penalty for not filing the financial data? Is it likely a company would prefer the penalty rather than filing them?

Information not available.

## Negative Data

What type of negative data is available in your country e.g.

**Bankruptcies/Insolvencies:** No

**Court Cases/ Actions:** No

**Debt Collection cases:** Yes (lead internally in supplier database and shown on reports, updated upon every change, payment made, case closed positively or negatively); following of the case statuses can be updated in monitoring orders

**Any other negative data specific to your country:** N/a

How often is this negative data updated?

As Above, For Kosovo inactivity of the accounts is not available and bankruptcy / insolvency info is checked upon receiving of the order as regular updates of this information for all companies in the database is not possible at this point in time

## Credit Rating Limit

Do you give a credit rating & limit on all companies?

Yes, in all cases where it is possible.

If not, what are the exceptions?

If there is not any contact and no financial data for the subject the @rating score and MC limit cannot be assessed. Then the (concrete) assessment is not made and limit is put to 0.

What is the credit rating intended to predict? E.g. insolvency, ability to pay etc.

A default of the company, i.e. bankruptcy, in the period of one year after the assessment.

Is Payment data included in your credit scoring model?

Yes, it is if it is available.

What does the credit limit mean? E.g. amount of credit you can extend in a 30 day period etc.?

Maximum Credit is to be understood as the highest possible engagement for a supplier delivering goods or rendering services on open terms with an average respite of 60 days. (It is assumed that, on the average, the company in question has 5 suppliers, who deliver goods or render services at the same time.)

## General

What version of activity codes are used in the reports?

The last review, i.e. NACE rev. 2

What company ID numbers are available (e.g. local registration number, VAT number, etc.)?

VAT	Kosovo (KV)	9 digit number	600161749
National ID number	Kosovo	9 digit number	330035172
(REGISTRATION nr.)	Kosovo	8 to 10 digits only numbers	70577461

Kosovo is still in the process of re-organizing of financial bodies and procedures so some improvement is expected to be reached in future years.