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National Report on the Activities in the Field of Standardization of Geographical Names in the Republic of Croatia in the period from 2019 to 2020

Summary**

This National report will present activities in the field of standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia, considering the previous National report, in the period from March 2019 to December 2020. Based on the Law on State Survey and Real Property Cadaster (Official Gazette, 112/2018), and with the aim of uniform standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia, the Government of the Republic of Croatia appointed a Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names at the end of March 2019. The Commission, as a multidisciplinary and multi-institutional body, is composed of experts in the fields of geodesy, geography, linguistics, cartography, hydrography, history, culture, international relations, and science and education. The President of the Commission is the Director General of the State Geodetic Administration of the Republic of Croatia, PhD Damir Šantek, as a representative of the central state administration body responsible for the register of geographical names. The Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names, within the tasks prescribed by Law, makes recommendations for standardization of geographical names, monitors the implementation of regulations on settlements and their application in geographical names, conducts revision of toponyms and, if necessary, determines new ones, determines the principles of writing and use of foreign geographical names for application in education, science, Croatian diplomacy, etc. Also, the Commission makes proposals and recommendations for improving the register of geographical names and participates in the work of international organizations dealing with geographical names. The tasks of standardization of geographical names are performed by public law bodies in

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accordance with the recommendations of the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names. From the beginning of June 2019 to the middle of December 2020, the Commission held four sessions and consequently adopted two Recommendations for standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia (naming of settlements, streets and squares and writing and use of geographical names from foreign languages), and on the basis of which the Government of the Republic of Croatia, for the first time in its history, in November 2020, adopted a Conclusion supporting the implementation of the above Recommendations. The Law on State Survey and Real Property Cadaster defines, among other things, the term *geographical name* and the role of the Register of Geographical Names in which data on geographical names in the Republic of Croatia are kept and maintained. In May 2020, the Ordinance on the Register of Geographical Names (Official Gazette 59/2020) was published, which prescribes the content, manner of keeping and maintaining the register of geographical names. Keeping and maintaining the register of geographical names is the responsibility of the State Geodetic Administration of the Republic of Croatia. The Catalog of Geographical Objects and the Specification of the Register of Geographical Names are an integral part of the aforementioned Ordinance. In June 2019, the functionality of the online application of the Register of Geographical Names was improved (<https://rgi.dgu.hr/rgiapp/>), and all information on the Register of Geographical Names in the Republic of Croatia is available on the website <https://rgi.dgu.hr/>. At the international level, at the end of January 2020, a bilateral meeting was organized between the representatives of the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names of the Republic of Croatia and the representatives of the Commission for Standardization of Geographical Names of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia.