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National Report of Republic of Croatia - 2025



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National report of Croatia for the period January 2025 – January 2026		
A	<p>Summary <i>A short summary, which describes main points of the national report. This part is also usually sent in a separate document before the national report.</i></p>	<p>This National report will present activities in the field of standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia in 2025.</p> <p>The Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names (the Commission) in 2025 held eleven meetings and worked continuously, through its working groups, on two documents (naming of buildings and other facilities, version 1.0; naming of (protected) areas, version 1.0) for the purpose of quality assurance of the Register of Geographical Names and in order to spread awareness about the topic of geographical names.</p> <p>By applying the Law on Settlements and Law on State Survey and Real Estate Cadastre in 2025 the Commission produced 58 Opinions and 4 Recommendation on proposal for naming streets and squares and other geographic objects in certain local self-government units and, consequently, standardized 240 geographical names.</p> <p>The information system of the Register of Geographical Names (website and network application) has been updated and new functionalities have been added. Online services for viewing and downloading data from system database are available to public users.</p> <p>Activities of the revision of geographical names records in the Register of Geographical Names, which began at the beginning of 2025, have been finished in 2026 on a new data set.</p> <p>In July 2025, a new "Regulation on the Register of Geographical Names" was adopted, New version, among other things, contains updated "Catalog of Geographical Names".</p> <p>The Commission continuously gives its expert opinions to the users / interested public, related to the suggestions for naming and/or changing the geographical names of geographical objects in the Republic of Croatia.</p>
B	<p>Member state report on the situation in their country <i>The progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the last UNGEGN session (news in the field of geonames in the country, progress of ongoing projects, finished projects, issues and use cases for inspiration for other countries, changes in database of geonames).</i></p>	<p>January 2025 – December 2025: By applying the Law on Settlements and Law on State Survey and Real Estate Cadastre in 2025 the Commission produced 58 Opinions and 4 Recommendation on proposal for naming streets and squares and other geographic objects in certain local self-government units and, consequently, standardized 240 geographical names.</p> <p>January 2025 – December 2025: Activities of the revision of geographical names records in the Register of Geographical Names, which began at January of 2025, have been brought to an end in December 2025 (only controls of the procedures performed and the results are remaining to finish), so that geographical names for 35% of the whole Croatian territory have been revised and standardized by a team of experts in the fields of geography, cartography and the Croatian language.</p>
C	<p>National and international meetings, conferences, symposiums, publicity and publications</p>	<p>The proceedings of the "Days of Geographical Names" conference held at the end of 2023 have been published during 2025 in 200 copies and distributed to interested institutions. The proceedings include ten papers on geographic names from the perspectives of linguistics, geography, cartography, and geodesy. The volume is available in both digital and print formats and was published in an edition of 200</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>date of the meeting</i> - <i>name of the meeting</i> - <i>place of the meeting</i> - <i>main theme</i> - <i>useful information from the meeting</i> - <i>in case of publications, guidelines: how often are they issued, what is the content of these publications</i> - <i>publicity: articles in international professional magazines, publication of own professional magazines.</i> 	<p>copies.</p> <p>An additional 200 copies of the brochure "Geographic names: a hidden part of our everyday life" have been printed. The brochure was distributed to all 555 units of local self-government. Along with the brochure, the <i>Guidelines for the Naming of Settlements, Streets, Squares, and Other Public Areas v2.0</i> were also distributed.</p> <p>During 2025 Commission made <i>Guidelines for the standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia - naming of buildings and other facilities</i>, version 1.0 and <i>Guidelines for the standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia - naming of (protected) areas</i>, version 1.0. Adoption is expected in 2026</p>
D	Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits <i>Information, recommendations, guidelines in legislative, control management.</i>	<i>Without changes: the country is solving or has solved the theme but has no news in this period.</i>
E	National standardization	
Ea	Field collection of names	January 2025 - in progress – Activities on the revision of selected records in the Geographic Names Register database. The revision of selected records (cca 35% of names in Register) in the Geographic Names Register database is a major step in its improvement, but also in improving the work of the Commission. Preparations are underway for the revision of the new data set.
Eb	Office treatment of names	January 2025 - December 2025 – the Commission continuously gives its expert opinions to the users/interested public, related to the suggestions for naming and/or changing the geographical names of geographical objects in the Republic of Croatia.
Ec	Treatment of names in multilingual areas	<p>January 2025 - December 2025 – At the request of multilingual local government units, the Commission recommended naming of 1 streets, squares and other public areas, all in the Italian language.</p> <p>In December 2024, the new State Survey and Real Property Cadastre Law entered into force, which, among other provisions, enabled the participation of representatives of national minorities in the work of the Commission in matters concerning bilingual names.</p>
Ed	Administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures	The State Geodetic Administration is responsible for maintaining the Register of Geographical Names and develops and maintains the Geographical Names Information System. These activities are carried out within the Department of Geographical Names, which is part of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure Service. The Department also supports the work of the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names and prepares opinions following its meetings.

		In July 2025 in accordance with the new State Survey and Real Property Cadastre Law, a new <i>Ordinance on the Register of Geographical Names</i> has been adopted. The Ordinance also includes an updated Catalogue of Geographical Objects with their definitions.
Ee	Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors	<i>Without changes: already solved.</i>
F.	Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity <i>Including indigenous, minority and regional language names.</i>	In December 2024, the new State Survey and Real Property Cadastre Act entered into force, which, among other provisions, enabled the participation of representatives of national minorities in the work of the Commission in matters concerning bilingual names.
G.	Exonyms <i>New exonyms, extinct exonyms, projects regarding exonyms.</i>	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
H.	Toponymic data files and gazetteers	
Ha	Content requirements and standards	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Hb	Data management and interoperability	January 2025 – December 2025 The Geographic Names Information System, consisting of a website Register of geographical names , web service servers, and a web GIS platform for the collection and management of geographical names, is continuously updated. An overview of standardized web services is available in the catalogue of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure . During 2025, the system was upgraded with a new module that stores the opinions of the Commission. It also enables statistical analyses.
Hc	Data services, applications and products <i>Including gazetteers and web services.</i>	<i>Without changes: already solved.</i>
I	Terminology in the standardization of geographical names <i>New or changed definitions and terms.</i>	<i>Without changes: the country is solving or has solved the theme but has no news in this period.</i>
J	Writing systems and pronunciation	
Ja	Romanization	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Jb	Conversion into non-Roman writing systems	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Jc	Writing of names in unwritten languages	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Jd	Pronunciation	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
K	Country names <i>New or changed country names from the UNGEGN List of Country Names that were imported to the list of</i>	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>

	geonames in this country (in language of this country).	
L	Toponymic education Toponymical courses, works in organisation, issues and solution of problems.	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.
M	Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation	
Ma	Features common to two or more nations	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.
Mb	Bilateral and multilateral agreements	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.
Mc	Coastal seas	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.
Md	Geonames of international waters and marine features in international waters	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.
Me	Geonames in Antarctica	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.
Mf	International cooperation Cooperation with institutions, countries – specific project.	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.
N.	Arrangements for the UNGEGN Creating national and other reports, creating articles for Bulletin, communication, cooperation and fulfilment of tasks from the UNGEGN.	March 2025 – National Report of the Republic of Croatia in 2024 has been sent to the ECSEED/UNGEGN.
O	Supporting sustainable development Activities related to geonames that support sustainable development.	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.
P	Other If the country has worked on something special, that is not mentioned in this model.	Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.