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Report of Serbia

Country report – SERBIA

Since last report, Serbia has changed members of relevant institutions in the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names (hereinafter – CSGN). At this moment, CSGN includes representatives of the following governmental organizations:

1. Republic Geodetic Authority (president),
2. Ministry of Defense, Military Geographical Institute (vice-president),
3. Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
4. Ministry of Construction, Transport and Infrastructure,
5. Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government,
6. Government of the Republic of Serbia Office for Kosovo and Metohija,
7. Government of the Republic of Serbia Office for Human and Minority Rights,
8. Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia,
9. Geographical Institute “Jovan Cvijic” of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts,
10. Institute for the Serbian Language of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts.

Main facts about CSGN members, history and activities are presented on the website <http://www.ksgi.rgz.gov.rs/>.

Commission activities since 2011:

1. **Collection of alphanumerical and audio data regarding names of cities with population over 100 000**
2. **Production of CSGN Rules of Procedure**
3. **Database development for Geographical Names Registry (GNR)**
4. **Collection of geographical names**

Geographical feature set	collected toponyms	percent
Settlements	4709	100%
Settlements (minority languages)	947	100%
Settlements parts and hamlets	11876	100%
Settlements parts and hamlets (Kosovo i Metohija)	3197	100%
Administrative units	236	100%
Buildings and other objects	2349	100%
Hydrography (points)	2357	100%
Hydrography (lines and polygons)	14155	70%
Relief (points)	8948	100%
Relief (lines)	15905	95%
Areas, fields etc.	31850	95%
Protected trees	212	100%
Protected areas	192	100%
Aerial, water and land transport ports and stations	830	100%
Railroads	162	100%
State roads	3901	95%
Total toponyms	101826	

5. Organization of the TAIEX expert mission

At the beginning of 2015 we proposed to European Commission to organize TAIEX expert mission in order to get some important experience from foreign experts, but due to some problems in communication with European Commission, the mission is not organized yet.

6. Production of Toponymic Guidelines for Serbia

According the UNGEGN content template for guidelines, the Commission started with the activities necessary for the production of Toponymic Guidelines for Serbia. All members of the Commission gave their best efforts and the publication is approximately 80% complete. Nevertheless, the first version is in Serbian language only, so we could not manage to prepare it and translate it for the 2015 ECSEED meeting.

Activities planned for 2016:

- Completion of Toponymic Guidelines;
- Completion of GNR database development;
- Completion of toponym collection;
- Establishing of the standardization process;
- Standardization of names from GNR.

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