

## Minutes

### **27<sup>th</sup> ECSEED meeting**

New York, UN HQ, 2. 5. 2023

**Chairperson:** Irena Švehlová (represented by Klára Steinerová)

#### **Participants**

**Member countries:** Cyprus, Czechia, Greece, Poland, Romania, Slovenia

**Observers:** Austria, Germany, Latvia

#### 1. Division activities

- 26<sup>th</sup> ECSEED meeting in Prague, May 2022
- 6<sup>th</sup> trilateral meeting (Czechia, Poland, Slovakia) in Bratislava, June 2022
- 24<sup>th</sup> Working Group on Exonyms meeting in Ljubljana, September 2022
- 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Baltic Division in Warsaw, March 2023

#### 2. Information from member countries

- Andreas Hadjiraftis from Cyprus reported on a cyber-attack on the Cyprus Authority website which had paralysed it for two months.
- Matjaž Geršič from Slovenia mentioned a three-month internship in Saudi Arabia, which he participated in.  
And a field work cooperation with Hungary on microtoponyms in a territory with a language minority. Result: a publication and a map.
- Maciej Zych from Poland described the system of two nomenclature commissions in Poland. One deals with geographical names in Poland, the other, of which he is chairman, focuses on names outside Poland. He described the complications that Polish officials have with transcribing Ukrainian names and places when dealing with Ukrainian asylum applications.
- Romanian colleagues reported on the new database they had created and recalled that Romanian had become the official language in Moldova.
- Peter Jordan from Austria presented a bilingual tourist map of Carinthia. It contains names of land and farmsteads in German and Slovenian and was published in 2022 by the municipality of Zell/Sele in cooperation with the Slovenian Ethnographic Institute of Urban Jarnik in Klagenfurt and MapExplorer.
- Vita Strautniece from Latvia presented a crowdsourcing platform for collecting geographical names.

#### 3. Discussion

4. The 28<sup>th</sup> ECSEED meeting will be held in 2024, exact date and venue to be specified