

National Report



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National report of Slovakia for the period 2023 - 2024



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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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the activities related to the standardization of geographical names inside and outside the territory of Slovakia are ensured continuously, - ZBGIS (topographic) database is continuously updated, the content of the database has been gradually expanded through the addition of names from cadastral and forest maps and names of watercourses, - documentation on activities and selected lists of geographical names are published and updated, - the standardized geographical names are updated and provided free of charge in these formats: GPKG, Esri SHP, Esri GDB and CSV. The data is accessible through WMS and WFS mapping services, - Map Client ZBGIS - an interactive web map application of spatial ZBGIS data allows, among other things, analysing, viewing and searching through: updated standardized geographical names, variant and historical names and standardized exonyms, - the project „Comprehensive revision and updating of geonames in the Tatra Mountains”
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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the progress in the standardization of geographical names is described in items C, Eb, F, G, Hb, Hc, I, Ma, Mf, N, O, P
C	<p>National and international meetings, conferences, symposiums, publicity and publications <i>- date of the meeting - name of the meeting - place of the meeting - main theme - useful information from the meeting - in case of publications, guidelines: how often are they issued, what is the content of these publications - publicity: articles in international professional magazines, publication of own professional magazines.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 22nd Meeting of the Baltic Division of the UNGEGN (15th - 17th March 2023, Warsaw, Poland), - 3rd Meeting UNGEGN Bureau and Linguistic/Geographical Division Chairs Meetings (30th March 2023, virtual meeting), - Working meeting of Commissions on Geographical Names of Czechia and Slovakia (20th June 2023, Bratislava) - 7th Working Meeting of Commissions on Geographical Names of Czechia, Poland and Slovakia (5th September 2023, Prague, Czechia), - Eurogeographics – Delivering More Accurate Height Data for Mountain Peaks in Slovakia (29th February 2024, virtual meeting) - Delivering more accurate height data for mountain peaks in Slovakia was presented
D	<p>Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits</p>	<p>without changes</p>

	<i>Information, recommendations, guidelines in legislative, control management.</i>	
E	National standardization	
<i>Ea</i>	Field collection of names	without changes
<i>Eb</i>	Office treatment of names	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - geographical names standardization of names from cadastral maps, forestry maps and managed watercourses names according to schedule (21% districts of Slovakia are finished, 13% districts are in process of 72 districts of Slovakia – Bratislava and Košice are considered to separate district), - improvement of the methodological procedure and technology in the Ha item - names standardization of: Habitats Directive Sites SCI – Hozelské slanská
<i>Ec</i>	Treatment of names in multilingual areas	without changes
<i>Ed</i>	Administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures	New regulation - Decree of the Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic No. 50/2024 Coll., amending and supplementing Decree No. 300/2009 Coll., which implements Act of the National Council of the Slovak Republic No. 215/1995 Coll. on Geodesy and Cartography, valid from 1 st April 2024 (Vyhláška č. 50/2024 Z. z. Úradu geodézie, kartografie a katastra SR, ktorou sa mení a dopĺňa vyhláška č. 300/2009 Z. z., ktorou sa vykonáva zákon NR SR č. 215/1995 Z. z. o geodézii a kartografii, platná od 1.4.2024)
<i>Ee</i>	Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors	without changes
F.	Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity <i>Including indigenous, minority and regional language names.</i>	- there are regional names found during standardization, if we don't standardized them, they will be filled into variant names
G.	Exonyms <i>New exonyms, extinct exonyms, projects regarding exonyms.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - exonyms of names of rivers, canals, straits, islands, archipelagos, bays and coves were added into Map Client ZBGIS® - we respect the recommendation of UNGEGN - we recommend using official endonyms
H.	Toponymic data files and gazetteers	
<i>Ha</i>	Content requirements and standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project of densifying the content of the database of standardized geographical names by names from cadastral maps, forestry maps and managed watercourses names - methodical procedure was updated, - the Feature Catalogue (KTO ZBGIS®) was updated
<i>Hb</i>	Data management and interoperability	- change at the level of synchronization of production and publication databases
<i>Hc</i>	Data services, applications and products <i>Including gazetteers and web services.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPKG for download were added - continuously geonames updating in ZBGIS® database - new in the application enables searching not only for standardized geonames, but also through the historical or variant names
I	Terminology in the standardization of geographical names	- Terminological gazetteer – http://www.skgeodesy.sk/sk/terminologicky-slovník/

	<i>New or changed definitions and terms.</i>	
J	Writing systems and pronunciation	
<i>Ja</i>	Romanization	without changes
<i>Jb</i>	Conversion into non-Roman writing systems	without changes
<i>Jc</i>	Writing of names in unwritten languages	unsolved
<i>Jd</i>	Pronunciation	unsolved
K	Country names <i>New or changed country names from the UNGEGN List of Country Names that were imported to the list of geonames in this country (in language of this country).</i>	without changes
L	Toponymic education <i>Toponymical courses, works in organisation, issues and solution of problems.</i>	- lecture: Principles of Correct Use of Slovak Language in Official Communication.
M	Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation	
<i>Ma</i>	Features common to two or more nations	without changes
<i>Mb</i>	Bilateral and multilateral agreements	without changes
<i>Mc</i>	Coastal seas	without changes
<i>Md</i>	Geonames of international waters and marine features in international waters	without changes
<i>Me</i>	Geonames in Antarctica	without changes
<i>Mf</i>	International cooperation <i>Cooperation with institutions, countries – specific project.</i>	- cooperation between Commissions on Geographical names of SK, CZ and PL, ECSEED, UNGEGN
N.	Arrangements for the UNGEGN <i>Creating national and other reports, creating articles for Bulletin, communication, cooperation and fulfilment of tasks from the UNGEGN.</i>	- The Model of National Report was created and introduced at the 3 rd Meeting UNGEGN Bureau and Linguistic/Geographical Division Chairs Meetings (30 th March 2023, virtual meeting)
O	Supporting sustainable development <i>Activities related to geonames that support sustainable development.</i>	- in the Eb item
P	Other <i>If the country has worked on something special, that is not mentioned in this model.</i>	- The project Comprehensive Revision and Updating of Geonames in the Tatras Including Refinement of Heights and Positions of Objects in the Tatra Mountains - proposals of objects update