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National report		
A	<p>Summary</p> <p><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>The structural framework has changed. The minister of public administration and regional development has been responsible for mapping and surveying from 1 January 2024. The legal basis did not change. The committee held all its scheduled meetings. The Hungarian Committee on Geographical Names (HCGN) paid special attention to the issue of minority names. Significant progress has been made in digitising the results of recent fieldwork of the Gazetteer of Hungary.</p>
B	<p>Member state report on the situation in their country</p> <p><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><u>Activity of the HCGN:</u></p> <p>It has held 4 sessions since the last report in March 2023. It has discussed 45 items, and has taken 34 decisions. The decisions are available at the link below by selecting the paragraph “A Földrajzinév-bizottság döntései”. These are currently only available in Hungarian. https://kormany.hu/miniszterelnokseg/foldrajzinev-bizottsag</p> <p>Among the significant feature types, the importance of bridge names has increased. Although it is not mandatory for bridges to have a unique proper name, but there is a social demand for it. Some notable new names: <i>Károly Róbert híd / Most Karol Róbert (Ipoly/Ipel’), Szent Borbála híd / Most Svätej Barbory (Ipoly/Ipel’), Szent-Iványi híd / Most Szent-Iványi (Ipoly/Ipel’), Tomori Pál híd (Danube / Duna; under construction), Szent Márton híd viaduct, highway 86).</i></p> <p>The majority of decisions concerned the naming practices by local governments, such as part of settlements, streets, small water features, etc.</p> <p>The HCGN has taken initiatives to promote: the standardisation and linguistic correctness in cases where, in fact, only individual decisions would be involved in its tasks. It has prepared guidelines for local authorities on how to prepare a geographical naming decision, and materials for the development of nomenclature of airports and bridges. In order to promote the use of minority names in settlements, the tables registering justified cases have been updated on the basis of the latest census.</p> <p><u>Gazetteer of Hungary:</u></p> <p>The Gazetteer of Hungary database is maintained by the Department of Land Registry and Geodesy of Lechner Nonprofit Ltd: https://lechnekozpont.hu/en.</p> <p>Both essential parts of the gazetteer are being significantly developed as part of the National Geoinformatic Basemap project. In the medium-scale part (1:50,000), the localisation (sometimes also the name form) is being revised on the basis of new mapping and statistical sources and through consultation with local authorities. The large-scale part</p>

		<p>(1:10,000) is in the process of digitising new field survey material.</p> <p>The latest data on settlements and their parts can be found on the website of the Hungarian Central Statistical Office: https://www.ksh.hu/apps/hntr.main?p_lang=EN</p> <p>National Geoinformatic Basic Map Project (in progress): integration of thematic databases; of the 9 basic layers one is for geographical names. The level of detail is not limited. Availability by arrangement.</p> <p><u>Names of administrative units – County names:</u> The replacement of the name of the most important administrative unit “megye”, with the name of “vármegye” at all levels of use of names is underway.</p> <p>Issues to be resolved: strengthening consistency across different geographic name datasets (statistical registry, naming of municipalities, nature conservation, water sector, etc.)</p>
C	<p>National and international meetings, conferences, symposiums, publicity and publications</p> <p>- 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.</p>	<p>Onomastics Online. International Council of Onomastic Sciences, online lecture series, 5 April 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GERCSÁK, G <i>Principles of place naming in the new national atlas of Hungary.</i> <p>Internationalen Gedenksymposium zu Ehren von Josef Breu (1914–1998) und Otto Back (1926–2018). Geographische Namen im Gebrauch – angewandte Toponomastik in ihrer Vielfalt. Wien, 6–7 November, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SASI, A.: <i>Minoritätenortsnamen in Ungarn – aktuelle Lage, Status, amtlicher und nicht amtlicher Gebrauch.</i> <p>XXIV Transylvanian Surveyors' Meeting. Alba Iulia (Gyulafehérvár), 21–24. September, 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SASI, A.: <i>Landscape names of Carpathian Basin in the service of national policies.</i> <p>MIKESY, G.: Egységesítés a földrajzi nevek használatában 5–6. [Standardization in the use of geographical names 5–6.]. In: <i>Catastrum</i> 10. [2023] 2., 4.</p> <p>GERCSÁK, G.: Földrajzinév-használat a magyar nemzeti atlaszokban (1967–2021). [Use of geographic names in Hungarian national atlases (1967–2021)]. In: <i>Geodézia és Kartográfia</i> 76. [2024] 1.</p> <p>GERCSÁK, G.: Nagytájneveink változásai (1920–2018). [Changes of names of Hungarian Makroregions (1920–2018)] <i>GeoMetodika</i> 7 [2024] 1.</p>
D	<p>Measures taken and proposed to implement</p>	<p>without changes</p>

	<p>United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits</p> <p><i>Information, recommendations, guidelines in legislative, control management.</i></p>	
E	National standardization	
<i>Ea</i>	Field collection of names	Digitizing of paper-based detailed (1:10 000) fieldwork materials is in progress, which has been given new dynamism under the National Geoinformatic Basic Map Project.
<i>Eb</i>	Office treatment of names	without changes
<i>Ec</i>	Treatment of names in multilingual areas	The database of settlements with potential minority names has been updated based on the 2022 census, according to population, minority self-government and other aspects. The HCGN's aim with updating is to promote the more frequent and appropriate use of minority geographical names.
<i>Ed</i>	Administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures	The structural framework for the standardization of geographical names in Hungary has changed due to the fact that it was transferred into the scope of duties of the Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development from 1 January 2024. The legal basis, i.e. Government Decree No. 303/2007 (XI. 14.) is still in force, not changed. Hungarian Committee on Geographical Names (HCGN): https://kormany.hu/miniszterelnokseg/foldrajzinev-bizottsag
<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>	without changes
G.	Exonyms <i>New exonyms, extinct exonyms, projects regarding exonyms.</i>	
H.	Toponymic data files and gazetteers	
<i>Ha</i>	Content requirements and standards	without changes

Hb	Data management and interoperability	without changes
Hc	Data services, applications and products <i>Including gazetteers and web services.</i>	National Geoinformational Base Map: https://nta.lechnerkozpont.hu/
I	Terminology in the standardization of geographical names <i>New or changed definitions and terms.</i>	without changes * Hungarian translation for Glossary of Terms for the Standardization of Geographical Names exists.
J	Writing systems and pronunciation	
Ja	Romanization	without changes.
Jb	Conversion into non-Roman writing systems	without changes
Jc	Writing of names in unwritten languages	unsolved
Jd	Pronunciation	without changes
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>	United Kingdom: In the Hungarian list of country names, the short name of <i>United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland</i> had been <i>Nagy-Britannia</i> [Great Britain], and <i>Egyesült Királyság</i> [United Kingdom] appeared as a registered variant. This was voted to reverse with <i>Egyesült Királyság</i> [United Kingdom] as primary short name, mainly for consular and administrative reasons in the background.
L	Toponymic education <i>Toponymical courses, works in organisation, issues and solution of problems.</i>	Multiannual toponymic programme in the Department of Geoinformatics of Óbuda University - introduction to the onomastics, names as cultural heritage, digitisation practices.
M	Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation	
Ma	Features common to two or more nations	
Mb	Bilateral and multilateral agreements	
Mc	Coastal seas	without changes
Md	Geonames of international	without changes

	<i>waters and marine features in international waters</i>	
Me	Geonames in Antarctica	without changes
Mf	International cooperation <i>Cooperation with institutions, countries – specific project.</i>	Joining the Minority place-name standardization (handbook) project (initiated by Peter Jordan).
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>	
O	Supporting sustainable development <i>Activities related to geonames that support sustainable development.</i>	
P	Other <i>If the country has worked on something special, that is not mentioned in this model.</i>	