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and on the progress made in the standardization of
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Report of Lithuania

Submitted by Lithuania**

Summary***

The Lithuanian geographical names have been standardized, with official legal acts regulating their usage
in official context and official maps. The State Commission of the Lithuanian Language is in charge of the
standardization of place names on the national level, while the National Land Service under the ministry of
agriculture is responsible for official maps. In this respect nothing has changed.

Since the end of 2009, when the Ministry of the Interior delegated to municipal administrations task to
give deficient names of streets and other units of address, a lot of new record was entered in the Address
Register managed by the state-run Center of Registers.

The Institute of the Lithuanian Language has started the Dictionary of Lithuanian Placenames (vol. 1 in
2008) and the Geoinformational Database of Lithuanian Toponyms (lvvgdb.lki.lt), also the Database of
Historical Toponyms is now available (www.lki.lt/tevi).

Four volumes of the “Dictionary of the Geographical Names of the World” have been printed (‘Europe’,

Lithuania is participating in the project of European Geographical Names. Project has been carried out in
2006–2009 creating a web service for Lithuanian place names. The Lithuanian part encompasses 30251 place
names (settlements, hydrography, forests and others). The application hosted by the Project consortium has
been made available at the web-site www.eurogeonames.com.

The portal of Lithuanian Spatial Information Infrastructure www.geoportal.lt has been launched in 2009
and continuously developed, providing search by place names.

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