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Report of Sweden

Summary**

The national report of Sweden is divided into seven sections. The first, on national standardization, provides an account of current legislation and of the main authorities involved in the standardization of geographical names. The second, on registers, gazetteers and toponymic data files, deals with the situation as regards maps, databases, addresses and place names. The third, on names in multilingual areas, provides an account of the measures taken concerning the Sami, Meänkieli and Finnish place names of Sweden. The fourth, on toponymic education and practice, describes support provided by the national names authority to local authorities. The fifth, on field collection, provides a report on the use of crowdsourcing as a new method of collecting names. The sixth, on evaluation, describes action to follow up on a questionnaire on the reception by the local authorities of a paragraph on good place-name practice in the Swedish Heritage Conservation Act. The final section provides a list of articles and books on place-name standardization published in Sweden between 2007 and 2012.

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