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Report of Lithuania

Summary**

Lithuanian geographical names have been standardized and official legal acts introduced to regulate their usage in official contexts and official maps. The State Commission of the Lithuanian Language is in charge of standardizing place names at the national level, while the National Land Service of the Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for official maps.

At the end of 2009, the Ministry of the Interior tasked municipal administrations with providing names of streets and other places of address. Since then, many new records have been entered in the Address Register, which is managed by the State-run Centre of Registers.

The Institute of the Lithuanian Language has produced a dictionary of Lithuanian place names, with volume 1 released in 2008. It also manages a database of Lithuanian geographical information and toponyms, available from <http://lvvgdb.lki.lt>, and a database of historical toponyms, available from www.lki.lt/tevi.

By the initiative of the State Commission of the Lithuanian Language, four volumes of the Dictionary of the Geographical Names of the World have been printed, on Europe in 2006; America in 2008; Africa, Antarctica, Australia and Oceania in 2010; and Afghanistan, Asia and the United Arab Emirates in 2012.

From 2006 to 2009, Lithuania participated in a project on European geographical names, available from www.eurogeonames.com, for which a web

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service was created for Lithuanian place names. The Lithuanian part encompasses 30,251 place names, including settlements, hydrography and forests.

Since 2009, a web portal on Lithuanian geographic information infrastructure has been available from www.geoportal.lt and continuously developed, including a place-name search function.
