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Summary**

At the end of 2013, the Head Office of Geodesy and Cartography published an official list of Polish geographical names of the world. This 874-page publication was prepared by the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland. The Polish names for 13,359 geographical features in 73 categories were given, but few buildings or other urban objects were listed (only some 40 objects in total).

The Commission therefore decided to produce an addendum to the list containing the names of buildings and other urban objects, recognizing that those names were often used in Polish publications and that it was worthwhile standardizing the Polish versions of at least the most important names. Work began in 2015.

The list, which is expected to be published in 2018, will include the names of streets, squares, bridges, tunnels, railway stations, airports, churches, cemeteries, mausoleums, forts, castles, palaces, monuments and city parks, for a total of between 1,200 and 1,400 names. It will be available on the Commission's website.

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