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**Reports: Governments on the situation in their countries and on
the progress made in the standardization of geographical names****Report of Croatia****Summary****

In December 2018, the Croatian Parliament passed the new Law on State Survey and the Real Property Cadastre, according to which all geographical names in Croatia are recorded in the register of geographical names, which is maintained and managed by the State Geodetic Administration. Within the same Law, it was determined that geographic name standardization tasks were to be performed by public authorities in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names. The new Law on State Survey and the Real Property Cadastre came into force in December 2018, and the Government of Croatia therefore has yet to appoint members to the Commission.

The Law empowers the Commission to perform the following tasks:

- Monitoring the implementation of regulations on settlements and their application in geographical names
- Revising toponyms and, if necessary, proposing new ones
- Defining principles on the writing and use of foreign geographical names to be applied in, for example, education, science and Croatian diplomacy
- Providing suggestions and recommendations on the standardization of geographical names in Croatia and foreign geographical names
- Providing recommendations on improving the register of geographical names
- Participating in the work of international organizations dealing with geographical names

* [GEGN.2/2019/1](#).

** The full report was prepared by Irena Švehlová, Secretary, Czech Commission on Geographical Names. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEGN/1st_session_UNGEGN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/51/CRP.51.



Currently, there are 132,881 toponyms of geographic objects in the register of geographical names. The main source for entering geographical names in the database are official topographic maps issued by the State Geodetic Administration on a scale from 1:300 000 to 1:25 000. Each geographical name in the register contains the following attributes: geographical identifier, name of geographic feature, administrative unit, classification, begin lifespan version, end lifespan version, native value, language, letter, status, source, grammatical gender, grammatical number, historical start of change, historical end of change, reason for change and romanized name.

Resource locators for accessing the Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe (INSPIRE) and viewing and downloading network services are available on the web page of the gazeteer of geographical names (<http://rgi.dgu.hr/home/>). Metadata documents of the dataset as well as network services are available on the geoportal of Croatia.

The data model is fully compliant with the INSPIRE data model for the theme geographical names. The data are maintained in a geodatabase using PostgreSQL and the software extension Post GIS and are located in the State Geodetic Administration. The geographical names database is published using Open Geospatial Consortium web map and web feature services with INSPIRE extension using Geoserver. Data are available for downloading in geography mark-up language format (GML) with no limitations on public use.
