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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 Latvia****Summary****

The national report of Latvia covers the two-year period 2017–2018 since the convening of the Eleventh United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names.

The full report covers the main developments in Latvia with respect to the standardization of geographical names in the following areas: national standardization (geographical names authorities, changes in legislation and the results of the nationwide crowdsourcing action, the Place Names Bee); domestic geographical names databases/registers (the Latvian Place Names database, the National Address Register, the Latvian Place Names Card Index); electronic and printed dictionaries; names relating to consulting and educational websites; international and national events held in Latvia (the international scientific conference on onomastic investigations, the 21st meeting of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names Working Group on Exonyms, the first regional Place Names Day); the treatment of names on maps and in geospatial data; and exonyms.

The report also provides links to Latvian web sources related to geographical names and includes the contact information of the institutions involved.

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