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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 Slovakia****Summary****

The Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic has undertaken the following activities relating to the standardization of geographical names:

(a) Since 2015, the authority has gradually expanded the content of the database of geographical names in Slovakia through the addition of names from cadastral and forest maps in the districts planned for each year. Since June 2018 it has also begun to address another source of names relating to watercourses that are managed by various administrators. The authority compares, edits if necessary and standardizes names from cadastral and forest maps, as well as the names of managed watercourses, and integrates them into the database. The goal of standardization is to determine a single standardized name for each feature and provide approved names for national and international use. While undertaking the standardization of geographical names, the authority is gradually adding variant names, mainly from map sources, to the unfinished districts;

(b) The database is continuously updated;

(c) The authority allows the free downloading of data from the database in the following formats: Esri shapefile, Esri Microsoft database, Esri geodatabase and comma-separated values.¹

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

** The full report was prepared by Eva Miklušová. The report will be available at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/geoinfo/UNGEKN/1st_session_UNGEKN.html, in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2019/93/CRP.93.

¹ For more details, see https://www.geoportal.sk/sk/zbis_smd/na-stiahnutie/.



(d) ZBGIS Map client, an interactive web application for spatial ZBGIS data, currently allows, among other things, the analysis, viewing and searching of:

- Standardized geographical names
- Variant and historical names
- Standardized exonyms

(e) In 2018, the authority published an amendment to the directive on the standardization of geographical names. The amendment specified other types of names that should be edited or maintained in the proposed form in order to take into account the name forms used at the local level;

(f) Documentation on the activities and selected lists of geographical names are published and updated on the authority's website;²

(g) In 2017, the authority organized a one-day seminar on standardized geographical names to inform participants about activities related to this area;

(h) The authority is chairing the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names from 2018 to 2022.

² <http://www.skgeodesy.sk/sk/ugkk/geodezia-kartografia/standardizacia-geografickeho-nazvoslovia/>.