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## **Abstract of the paper**

### **Endonymic Minority Names in the Province of Burgenland, Austria**

The paper deals with the responsibilities of the Toponymic Committee of the Province of Burgenland in connection with recording and preserving the endonymic names of the accepted ethnic groups within the province.

In the introductory part it gives a survey of both the geographical situation and the historical development of the Burgenland region in order to make the reader understand the complex general perspective between the "lebensraum" and the language situation of the ethnic and religious groups that are described in the second part of the introduction. Finally the basics of minority legislation in Austria are described.

The exposition of the paper presents the work of the Toponymic Committee in dealing with the topographical names of the ethnic minorities and the principles of standardisation employed by the Agency in detail.

The annex lists all the endonymic place names, street names, and field names of the ethnic groups that have been recorded and standardised so far.

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