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Structure of The Board of Experts for Geographical Names of Turkey (BEGeon_T) (2002-2009)*

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Summary

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Some of the representatives of the Board from different organizations are as follows; General Directorate of Provinces Management-Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Society for Turkish Language, Turkish Standards Institute, Society for Turkish History, Universities, General Directorate of Land Registry and Cadastre, General Command of Mapping, Department of Navigation, Hydrography and Oceanography of Turkish Navy.

1.1 Administrative Structure of the Board of Experts for Geographical Names of Turkey (BEGeoN-T)

The Board of Experts for Geographical Names of Turkey (BEGeoN_T) was founded in July 2004 after a directive of Ministry of Interior stating terms of reference for establishment, tasks and responsibilities. A draft document prepared by General Directorate of Provinces Management-Ministry of Interior with contribution of other members has been discussed and made definite by a council –this council becomes shell of future establishments- invited by the Ministry.

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The Board has been given legal competence to standardize all categories of geographical names in Turkey, and will also be responsible for exonyms, names of maritime and undersea features and extraterrestrial name proposals.

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The Board may create working groups in order to achieve its responsibilities.