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Urban Place Names Project

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Summary

At the beginning of 2001, the Research Institute for the Languages of Finland, together with six universities, launched the Urban Names Project. The Project will last for three years and will be conducted mainly as student study projects. The objective is to analyse both the official planned urban nomenclature and unofficial spontaneous urban names to obtain basic data for name planning. The principles of name planning and their practical applications, as well as people's opinions of planned names, will be studied.
