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Report of Croatia

Submitted by Croatia**

Summary***

Croatia has several toponymic registers and databases in different organizations. The new Law of State Survey and Real Estate Cadastre is defining the national spatial data infrastructure (NSDI) that should merge all these registers.

The national mapping authority, that is to say, the State Geodetic Administration (SGA), is treating geographical names in the course of map production. In support of these processes, a project for the establishment of the Croatian Geographical Names Database (CGND) has started. It is an international Croatian-Norwegian project realized by a project consortium managed by the Croatian Geodetic Institute (CGI). It is the main recent development in respect of standardization and use of geographical names in Croatia. It will gather the main registers of geographical names of different authorities and organizations. The Names Database will define the background for further development and standardization of geographical names. It will be followed by the establishment of a geographical names standardization body and further legislative development.

National standardization in Europe is no longer possible on the national level without taking into consideration regional standards. The Law of State Survey and Real Estate Cadastre passed at the beginning of the current year is defining the legislative background for the implementation of the Infrastructure for Spatial Information in Europe (INSPIRE) directive in Croatia.

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