

2. THE SCOPE - D) NAMES AUTHORITIES AND NAMES STANDARDIZATION

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- Which authorities are responsible for which categories of names?
- What is the division of responsibilities between the national (or federal) government and regional/local authorities?
- What is the state of progress of the official standardization of names?
- What are the mail addresses of the (national and regional) names authorities, and, if these exist, of the advisory board(s) on geographical names assisting them?

In Austria (in 1979):

- **The names of inhabited places of all categories are standardized, and published by the federal names authority.**
- **The geographical names other than those of inhabited places are in the process of being officially collected and presented as standards through publication by the federal authority.**
- **In the meantime, the names on the most recent sheets of the official Austria Map, 1/50,000, are to be regarded as being official names.**
- **The Guidelines include a map showing the areas covered by provincial toponymic commissions.**
- **Which authority can inform you about place names in Austria?**

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