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Toponymic data files: compatibility and structure of systems**Status report on the Project EuroGeoNames (EGN):
developing a European geographical names infrastructure
and services****Submitted by Germany******Summary*****

The EuroGeoNames (EGN) project started successfully on 1 September 2006 and will last for 30 months, until 28 February 2009. EGN is co-financed by the European Commission (contributing 50 per cent of the total costs) within the so-called eContentplus Programme. The project budget amounts to €1.9 million and is coordinated by the Federal Agency for Cartography and Geodesy (BKG).

The EGN project was reported on, in working paper No. 49, at the twenty-third session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names in Vienna in 2006. A status report on the EGN project was provided in March 2007 in the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names *Information Bulletin*, No. 33 (2007).

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