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**Reports: Governments on the situation in  
their countries and on the progress made in  
the standardization of geographical names**

### Report of Italy

#### Summary\*\*

The Italian Geographic Military Institute, as the body in charge of compiling, updating and publishing the official map of Italy, ensures the standardization of geographical names in Italy through its Commission for Italian Official Toponymy.

In accordance with the relevant laws, the Commission acts in cooperation with other national, regional and provincial public institutions and with the support of academic organizations.

Since it previously reported, Italy has carried out the following activities for the standardization of geographical names:

- Continuation of the Veneto Region toponymic database, on the basis of the agreement between the Institute and the Veneto Region
- Signing of a new cooperation agreement between the Institute and the Directorate General for the Government of the Territory of the Regional Council of Campania
- Publication of the proceedings of the second international scientific symposium, on the theme “Toponymy and cartography between history and geography”, held in Venice in 2018
- Organization of the third international scientific symposium, on the theme “Permanence, transformation, substitution and oblivion of geographical names”, in cooperation with the Romano-Hellenic Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names
- Organization of the 30th International Cartographic Conference, scheduled to be held in Florence from 14 to 18 December 2021

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\* [GEGN.2/2021/1](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/).

\*\* The full report was prepared by the Chair of the Commission for Italian Official Toponymy, Andrea Cantile. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/81/CRP.81, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd\\_session\\_2021/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/).

