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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 Austria for the period 2019–2021****Summary\*\***

The report highlights the major activities undertaken by Austria since the 2019 session of the “new” United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held in New York from 29 April to 3 May 2019. Those included the international scientific conference on place names and migration, held in Vienna from 6 to 8 November 2019 on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Austrian names board; updates made to the online version of the glossary of terms for the standardization of geographical names of the Group of Experts, which is accessible on the site of the Austrian Board on Geographical Names; updates made to the map series of the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying of Austria; the ongoing efforts to harmonize the names of geographical features that are on two sides of the national border; the development of bilingual Slovene-German signs in Carinthian municipalities; the comparative study on place names in bilingual areas in Carinthia (Austria) and the Těšín area (Czechia); the attendance of members of the Austrian Board on Geographical Names at various national and international working group meetings, division meetings, board meetings and other events; and publishing activities related to place names in Austria.

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

\*\* The full report was prepared by Gerhard Rampl (Austria), University of Innsbruck, Department of Linguistics. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/91/CRP.91, 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/).

