



Agenda Item Number: 4(b)

Agenda Item Title: Reports: Divisions of the Group of Experts

Title of paper/report: Report of the East Central and South-East Europe Division

Statement/intervention provided by: *Darina Porubčanová - chairperson of this division. This is an answer to the question from UNGEGN regarding the Report of the East Central and South-East Europe Division*

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1. In our opinion, as Google maps is one of the most commonly used web map applications, it would be useful to promote the geographical names approved by the national authorities and thus contribute to:

- a) Technical, social, economic and cultural benefits.
- b) Improved communication.
- c) Cultural Heritage protection.
- d) Increased operational efficiency.
- e) Precise identification of locations.
- f) Elimination of confusion.
- g) Provision of clarity.
- h) Prevention of ambiguity.
- i) etc.

Currently, if an error occurs, it is possible to report it via the tool. But the disadvantages are:

- a) errors are only found randomly
- b) no errors are found in their entirety
- c) not everyone reports found errors

Andreas Hadjiraftis from Cyprus, who is a member of our division, proposed the Recommendation from the East Central and South-East Europe Division regarding Google with which we identify. We are also going to send it to Agenda Item Number 5. We used some information of his proposal in our answer.



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2. On the 22nd session of the East Central and South-East Europe Division one of our experts introduced this problem and explained it in his presentation. Presentation is published on the divisional website on this link:

<http://ecseed.zrc-sazu.si/Portals/22/22%20session/Hor%C5%88ansk%C3%BD.pdf>

The geomorphological divisions of countries are not the same, each country has its own division, therefore nowadays it is not possible to harmonize geomorphological units with neighboring countries.

In our opinion, it would be useful to solve this problem comprehensively and with direct cooperation of geomorphologists. The solution is quite complicated. In case the geomorphological unit crosses several states, it is necessary that this course is agreed by all experts of the countries concerned.

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