

Speaking Notes

Promotion of Geographical Names Standardization and Cooperation Website of Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names of Cyprus (CPCSGN)

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The CPCSGN regularly maintains a website, where all relevant information is available. The website includes information regarding the historic background of CPCSGN, legislation and regulations regarding its operation, the organizational structure, announcements, activities, documents from our participation in conferences and other events, documents regarding the transliteration of geographical names in roman alphabet, several editions, photographs, maps, latest news, and main links. The website also includes a complete and fully searchable national gazetteer. A very helpful tool was developed for the automatic transliteration of geographical names from greek to roman alphabet, based on ELOT 743 of the Hellenic Standardization Organization (based on ISO843 of the International Standardization Organization).

All geographical names and toponyms included in the gazetteer were derived from the official large-scale cadastral maps and the land registers of the Department of Lands and Surveys. The Complete Gazetteer of Cyprus is currently available on CPCSGN's website in searchable format.

All cadastral maps of Cyprus have been digitized and their information was categorized and stored in digital relational databases and Geographical Information Systems (GIS), along with many other layers of spatial information. Based on these databases, it is possible to easily identify and locate any geographical name in Cyprus.

Geographical Names Accessibility

All geographical names and toponyms are included in the Geoportal of Cyprus at: www.geoportal.gov.cy, which is linked to the Committee's website. The Geoportal consists of two main parts these being: (a) INSPIRE Spatial Data Infrastructure Geoportal, and (b) DLS-Portal (The portal of the Department of Lands and Surveys).

Editions of the Committee:

1. National and Concise Toponymic Gazetteer
2. Book on Names of Countries and Capitals
3. Gazetteer of Sea Geographical Names
4. Two Books on Toponymic Guidelines, in Greek and English
5. Catalogue of Communities and municipalities of Cyprus
6. Poster and bookmark on standardization and transliteration of geographical names
7. Many articles, reports, information documents, and maps in Greek and English

All of the above are readily available for free for viewing and downloading.