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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 Lithuania****Summary****

The full report covers the two-year period (2021–2022) since the second session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names. The following are the matters included in the report:

Lithuania is a member of the Baltic Division of the Group of Experts. A representative of Lithuania is a Vice-Chair of the Division for a 4-year period which started in 2021. The delegation of Lithuania participated in two divisional meetings of the Group of Experts that were held during the reporting period. Lithuanian geographical names experts also contribute to the working group of Lithuanian Standards Board Technical Committee 86 on digital geographic information.

As of 17 July 2021 the requirements of the Open Data Directive of the European Union had been included in the national legal system, as well as in the Law on the right to receive information and data reuse of the Republic of Lithuania. Open data from the address registry is available under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International Public Licence for reuse purposes.

The official spatial dataset of Geographic Place Names for the Republic of Lithuania (see https://www.geoportal.lt/geoportal/web/gv_drlt_en) is updated annually based on the State mapping programme. In 2022, the search application programme interface for the dataset was significantly improved.

The State Commission of the Lithuanian Language is responsible for the standardization of place names in Lithuania at the national level on a regular basis. Starting on 27 October 2022, before registering a hydrographic object into the State cadastre of rivers, lakes and ponds, the State Commission must provide an inference upon request of the cadastre administrator.

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** The full report was prepared by the Vice-Chair of the Baltic Division, Rita Viliuviene. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2023/28/CRP.28, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/3rd_session_2023/.



Place names as a form of oral tradition are included in the intangible cultural heritage inventory managed by the National Cultural Centre of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania.
