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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 Bulgaria****Summary****

The national report of Bulgaria contains information on activities related to geographical names made since the 2021 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names.

The global coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, as well as the unstable local political environment, significantly affected the work concerning the standardization and management of geographical names, reducing it to a minimum: the maintenance of the database storing the register of geographical names by the Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Agency. In the fourth quarter of 2021, the Agency started a three-year project aimed at consolidating its three existing separate databases. Among the expected outcomes of the project are an enriched register database interlinked with the available cadastral information, and better system functionality in providing data and services, including with respect to standardized geographical names. Possibilities for supplementing the register with geographical names from different local governmental institutions and non-profit organizations are also being assessed.

* [GEGN.2/2023/1](#).

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