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National report of Croatia for the period January 2024 – January 2025

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National report of Croatia for the period January 2024 – January 2025		
A	Summary <i>A short summary, which describes main points of the national report. This part is also usually sent in a separate document before the national report.</i>	<p>This National report will present activities in the field of standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia in 2024.</p> <p>The Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names (the Commission) in 2024 held twelve meetings and worked continuously, through its working groups, on three documents (naming settlements, streets, squares and other public areas, version 2.0; naming relief forms; naming inland waters and seas) for the purpose of quality assurance of the Register of Geographical Names and in order to spread awareness about the topic of geographical names.</p> <p>By applying the Law on Settlements and Law on State Survey and Real Estate Cadastre in 2024 the Commission produced 61 Opinions and 1 Recommendation on proposal for naming streets and squares and other geographic objects in certain local self-government units and, consequently, standardized 185 geographical names.</p> <p>The information system of the Register of Geographical Names (website and network application) has been updated and new functionalities have been added. Online services for viewing and downloading data from system database are available to public users.</p> <p>Activities of the revision of geographical names records in the Register of Geographical Names, which began at the end of 2023, have been continued in 2024 on a new data set.</p> <p>Adopted decision on the entry into force of the "Act on Amendments to the Law on State Survey and Real Estate Register" which regulates the Register of geographical names.</p> <p>The Commission continuously gives its expert opinions to the users / interested public, related to the suggestions for naming and/or changing the geographical names of geographical objects in the Republic of Croatia.</p>
B	Member state report on the situation in their country <i>The progress made in the standardization of geographical names since the last UNGEGN session (news in the field of geonames in the country, progress of ongoing projects, finished projects, issues and use cases for inspiration for other countries, changes in database of geonames).</i>	<p>January 2024 – December 2024: By applying the Law on Settlements and Law on State Survey and Real Estate Cadastre in 2024 the Commission produced 61 Opinions and 1 Recommendation on proposal for naming streets and squares and other geographic objects in certain local self-government units and, consequently, standardized 185 geographical names.</p> <p>January 2024 – December 2024: Activities of the revision of geographical names records in the Register of Geographical Names, which began at the end of 2023, have been continued in 2024, so that geographical names for 22,5% of the whole Croatian territory have been revised and standardized by a team of experts in the fields of geography, cartography and the Croatian language.</p>
C	National and international meetings, conferences, symposiums, publicity and publications <i>- date of the meeting</i> <i>- name of the meeting</i> <i>- place of the meeting</i>	<p>Publication "Geographic names: a hidden part of our everyday life" second edition in 500 copies.</p> <p>Recommendations for the standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia - naming settlements, streets, squares and other public areas, version 2.0</p> <p>Recommendations for the standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia - naming relief forms, version 1.0</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>main theme</i> - <i>useful information from the meeting</i> - <i>in case of publications, guidelines: how often are they issued, what is the content of these publications</i> - <i>publicity: articles in international professional magazines, publication of own professional magazines.</i> 	Recommendations for the standardization of geographical names in the Republic of Croatia - naming inland waters and seas, version 1.0
D	Measures taken and proposed to implement United Nations resolutions on the standardization of geographical names, including the economic and social benefits <i>Information, recommendations, guidelines in legislative, control management.</i>	<i>Without changes: the country is solving or has solved the theme but has no news in this period.</i>
E	National standardization	
Ea	Field collection of names	January 2024 - in progress – Activities on the revision of selected records in the database of the Register of Geographical Names. The revision of selected records in the database of the Register of Geographical Names is a big step in its improvement, but also in the improvement of the work of the Commission. At the end of the year, preparations began for the revision of the next, new, data set.
Eb	Office treatment of names	January 2024 - December 2024 – the Commission continuously gives its expert opinions to the users/interested public, related to the suggestions for naming and/or changing the geographical names of geographical objects in the Republic of Croatia.
Ec	Treatment of names in multilingual areas	<p>January 2024 - December 2024 – At the request of multilingual local government units, the Commission recommended naming of 35 streets, squares and other public areas, all in the Italian language.</p> <p>By the Act on Amendments to the Law on State Survey and Real Estate Register", which regulates the Register of geographical names, experts in national minority languages were included in the Commission for the Standardization of Geographical Names. Experts for the following languages are included: Italian, Serbian, Slovak, Albanian, Hungarian and Czech.</p>
Ed	Administrative structure of national names authorities, legislation, policies and procedures	<u>State Geodetic Administration</u> The Commission for Standardization of Geographical Names - President The Commission for Standardization of Geographical Names - Members The Commission for Standardization of Geographical Names - Members
Ee	Toponymic guidelines for map editors and other editors	<i>Without changes: already solved.</i>
F.	Geographical names as culture, heritage and identity	Publication "Geographic names: a hidden part of our everyday life" second edition in 500 copies.

	<i>Including indigenous, minority and regional language names.</i>	
G.	Exonyms <i>New exonyms, extinct exonyms, projects regarding exonyms.</i>	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
H.	Toponymic data files and gazetteers	
Ha	Content requirements and standards	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Hb	Data management and interoperability	January 2024 – December 2024 – website Register of geographical names , web application Register of geographical names , NSDI geoportal - Dataset of geographical names services
Hc	Data services, applications and products <i>Including gazetteers and web services.</i>	<i>Without changes: already solved.</i>
I	Terminology in the standardization of geographical names <i>New or changed definitions and terms.</i>	<i>Without changes: the country is solving or has solved the theme but has no news in this period.</i>
J	Writing systems and pronunciation	
Ja	Romanization	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Jb	Conversion into non-Roman writing systems	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Jc	Writing of names in unwritten languages	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Jd	Pronunciation	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
K	Country names <i>New or changed country names from the UNGEGN List of Country Names that were imported to the list of geonames in this country (in language of this country).</i>	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
L	Toponymic education <i>Toponymical courses, works in organisation, issues and solution of problems.</i>	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
M	Features beyond a single sovereignty and international cooperation	
Ma	Features common to two or more nations	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Mb	Bilateral and multilateral agreements	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Mc	Coastal seas	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>

Md	Geonames of international waters and marine features in international waters	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Me	Geonames in Antarctica	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
Mf	International cooperation <i>Cooperation with institutions, countries – specific project.</i>	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
N.	Arrangements for the UNGEGN <i>Creating national and other reports, creating articles for Bulletin, communication, cooperation and fulfilment of tasks from the UNGEGN.</i>	January 2024 – National Report of the Republic of Croatia in 2023 has been sent to the ECSEED/UNGEGN.
O	Supporting sustainable development <i>Activities related to geonames that support sustainable development.</i>	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>
P	Other <i>If the country has worked on something special, that is not mentioned in this model.</i>	<i>Without changes: the theme hasn't been solved in this country yet – it hasn't been necessary or it hasn't been possible.</i>