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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 Finland****Summary\*\***

The report of Finland provides general information on the standardization of geographical names in Finland and particular information on the progress made and measures taken during the period 2019–2021 relating to the following topics: the field collection of names; the office treatment of names and guidance on name planning; names data sets and services; and publications, campaigns, conferences and websites.

For the Institute for the Languages of Finland, the most important measures were as follows:

- Checking the name changes to be made in the Geographic Names Register maintained by the National Land Survey of Finland
- Starting a project to create an online manual on name planning
- Extending the database of Finnish exonyms
- Giving statements on the terms and names used for the administrative units and areas to be established
- Publishing online the Finnish place name lexicon

For the National Land Survey of Finland, the most important measures were as follows:

- Continuous updating and systematic supplementing of the Geographic Names Register
- Developing names data services and products

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\* [GEGN.2/2021/1](#).

\*\* The full report was prepared by Ulla Onkamo, Institute for the Languages of Finland, and Teemu Leskinen, National Land Survey of Finland. It will be available under document symbol GEGN.2/2021/51/CRP.51, in the language of submission only, at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd\\_session\\_2021/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2nd_session_2021/).

