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Report of Finland

Summary**

The report of Finland provides general information on the standardization of geographical names in Finland and specific information on the progress made and measures taken during the period 2021-2023 in relation to the following topics: field collection of names; office treatment of names and guidance on name planning; names data sets and services; and publications, campaigns, conferences and websites.

Following are the most important measures that were taken by the Institute for the Languages of Finland:

- Checking name changes made in the Geographic Names Register, which is maintained by the National Land Survey of Finland
- Compiling an online manual on name planning, to be published in 2023
- Issuing statements regarding Finnish country names (translation of International Standards Organization standard 3166-1:2020) and the use of the Finnish name of a bilingual municipality

Following are the most important measures that were taken by the National Land Survey of Finland:

- · Continuously updating and systematically supplementing the Geographic Names Register
- Developing names data services and products

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.2/2023/30/CRP.30, in the language of submission only, at https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ ungegn/sessions/3rd session 2023/.





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