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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 Austria for the period 2021–2023****Summary****

The report highlights the following major activities undertaken by Austria since the 2021 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, held virtually from 3 to 7 May 2021:

- (a) The Board on Geographical Names held four meetings (three virtually and one in person) since the previous session; a new Chair was elected;
- (b) A list of Austrian Libraries locations abroad was reviewed and adopted in accordance with the resolutions of the Group of Experts;
- (c) The library of the Austrian Geographical Society, founded in 1856, was integrated into the library of the Austrian Academy of Sciences;
- (d) The national Austrian map series ÖK50, published by the Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying, was redesigned, reflecting a paradigm shift in the field of map fonts for geographical objects; an initial set of three sheets was published;
- (e) A bilingual hiking map in German and Slovene was published, reflecting not only officially bilingual names of populated places, but also the bilingual names of other geographical feature categories including farm and field names;
- (f) Studies were conducted on politically sensitive street names and the offensive naming of geographical features;
- (g) Members of the Austrian Board on Geographical Names attended various national and international working group meetings, division meetings, board meetings and other events;
- (h) Information on activities related to place names in Austria was published.

* [GEGN.2/2023/1](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/2023/).

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