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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 Latvia

Summary **

The national report of Latvia covers the two-year period 2023-2024. The full report provides information on the situation (including developments, processes and events) in Latvia with respect to the standardization of geographical names in following areas:

- International activities;
- Activities of national geographical names authorities;
- Legislative basis;
- Geographical names, crowdsourcing, and field collection;
- Databases and registers (the Place Names Database of Latvia, the National Address Register, the Latvian Place Names Card Index, the Database of Livonian place names, etc);
- The promotion of Indigenous Livonian place names and dialectal Latvian place names;
- Consulting on toponymy;
- Publications, educational events;
- Treatment of names on maps and map browsers; and,
- Exonyms and country names.

Links to Latvian geographical names, related web sources (including legislative acts), and contact information of the involved institutions are included.

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