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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 Cyprus, 2023–2024

### Summary\*\*

The report, covering the period 2023–2024, pertains to the activities of the Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names of Cyprus. It contains a summary, background information and the main duties of the Permanent Committee, as well as the Committee's strategic goals and their relationship to the vision of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, as set out in the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names strategic plan and programme of work 2021–2029.

In that respect, the Permanent Committee pursues the following shared principles: (a) identify locations clearly; (b) respect culture and heritage; (c) provide accessibility for national and international use; and (d) maintain global consistency.

In addition, the report includes actions and main achievements, which pertain to the following areas:

- Website of the Permanent Committee
- Book on names of countries and capitals
- National gazetteers
- Gazetteer of sea geographical names
- Toponymic guideline editions
- EuroGeographics products and databases

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\* [GEGN.2/2025/1](#).

\*\* The full report was prepared by Andreas Hadjiraftis (Cyprus), President of the Permanent Committee for the Standardization of Geographical Names of Cyprus. The report will be available at [https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th\\_session\\_2025/](https://unstats.un.org/unsd/ungegn/sessions/4th_session_2025/), in the language of submission only, as document GEGN.2/2025/16/CRP.16.



- Odonyms
- Geographical names accessibility
- Collection and standardization of geographical names
- Participation in meetings and conferences
- Publication of articles

The Permanent Committee strongly supports and fulfils the vision of the Group of Experts and also the strategic aims and goals of the strategic plan and programme of work 2021–2029, such as culture, heritage and language recognition; promotion and exchange of knowledge; and establishment of resilient geographical names infrastructure. The Committee’s activities and duties are aligned with all relevant United Nations resolutions and strategic objectives. Relevant geographic databases exist, along with e-services that distribute and make available the geographical names of Cyprus internationally.

The Permanent Committee participates actively in the conferences, sessions and committees of the Group of Experts. In addition, it systematically submits technical papers, which are included in the Group’s bulletins.

The Permanent Committee recognizes the great importance of geographical names, raises awareness and provides professional support and consultancy to all interested organizations and individuals, following all authoritative procedures and standards.

The report ends with conclusions and recommendations.

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