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and on the progress made in the standardization of
geographical names**

Report of Spain

Summary**

The present report refers to the situation in Spain regarding activities related to the standardization and officialization of geographical names.

Spain is a multilingual country where competences for the standardization and officialization of geographical names are distributed among different public administrations, mainly the Spanish Government and the Autonomous Communities.

The National Geographic Institute is responsible for maintaining and publishing the Basic Gazetteer of Spain, which contains georeferenced names on topographic cartography at scales of 1:25,000 and smaller, both in Spanish and in the corresponding joint official languages. This gazetteer takes the form of a database containing approximately 1,200,000 geographical names with their corresponding descriptive attributes. In addition, the Autonomous Communities are gradually publishing their gazetteers containing official or standardized georeferenced names on topographic cartography at a scale greater than 1:25,000 of the respective Autonomous Community.

All these gazetteers are coordinated through the national gazetteer project, in the form of a viewer that integrates the toponyms published by the various competent bodies.

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

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