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### Fifth edition of the toponymic guidelines of Poland

#### Summary\*\*

The fifth revised edition of the *Toponymic Guidelines of Poland for Map Editors and Other Users* was published in December 2024. As with the previous edition, released in 2010, it was prepared by members of the Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland. The new edition retains a structure similar to that of its predecessor. It comprises eight parts: (a) Polish language; (b) Polish geographical names; (c) National minorities, ethnic minorities and communities using regional languages; (d) Standardization of geographical names in Poland; (e) Source materials; (f) Glossary of words necessary for the understanding of maps and geographical names databases; (g) List of abbreviations used on maps; and (h) Administrative division of Poland. In addition, there are three annexes: (a) List of counties and their seats by voivodships; (b) Dictionary of dialect and archaic topographic terms; and (c) a map of the administrative divisions of Poland.

The new edition incorporates updates reflecting changes in the principles and legal framework for the standardization of geographical names in Poland, source materials used and available (in particular maps and databases provided by the Geodetic and Cartographic Service), data on national and ethnic minorities and communities using regional languages, and the administrative divisions of Poland. The section on the Polish language has been expanded to include information about changes to the spelling of proper names that will take effect in 2026.

The publication is available exclusively in digital format (as a PDF file) and can be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Commission.<sup>1</sup>

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\*\* The full report was prepared by Maciej Zych (Poland), Commission on Standardization of Geographical Names outside the Republic of Poland. 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.2/2025/30/CRP.30.

<sup>1</sup> See [www.gov.pl/web/ksng-en/toponymic-guidelines-of-poland](http://www.gov.pl/web/ksng-en/toponymic-guidelines-of-poland).

