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Report of Slovakia

Summary**

The report presents an overview of activities related to the standardization of geographical names between May 2023 and May 2025.

Activities related to the standardization of geographical names inside and outside Slovakia are carried out on an ongoing basis. The database of standardized geographical names in Slovakia is continuously updated. Documentation on activities and selected lists of geographical names are published and updated. An online map application, MAPKA (formerly ZBGIS Map Client), is used for interactive work with digital data and allows the display, searching and analysis of spatial data and map services. Spatial data are provided free of charge as open data in the GPKG, Esri SHP, Esri GDB and CSV formats, as well as through the Web Map Service and Web Feature Service. Other geographical feature names, including names of canals, water reservoirs, capes and peninsulas, were added to the online map application.

Decree No. 50/2024 Coll. of the Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre Authority of the Slovak Republic, amending and supplementing Decree No. 300/2009 Coll., implementing Act No. 215/1995 Coll. of the National Council of the Slovak Republic, came into force on 1 April 2024.

The following international meetings of representatives of the nomenclature commissions of Czechia, Poland and Slovakia were held:

• Working meeting of the commissions on geographical names of Czechia and Slovakia (20 June 2023, Bratislava)

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- Seventh working meeting of commissions on geographical names of Czechia, Poland and Slovakia (5 September 2023, Prague)
- EuroGeographics (29 February 2024, virtual), including a presentation on delivering more accurate height data on mountain peaks in Slovakia
- Twenty-sixth meeting of the Working Group on Exonyms (14 and 15 May 2024, Prague)
- Twenty-eighth meeting of the East Central and South-East Europe Division of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (16 May 2024, Prague)

Since 2015, the content of the database of standardized geographical names has been gradually extended; other names from cadastral maps, forestry maps and more detailed watercourse names have been added.

Since 2021, thanks to highly accurate and detailed aerial laser scanning data on the whole territory of Slovakia, efforts have been undertaken in relation to localization and standardization of geographical names, including peaks and saddles, and the preparation a draft of suggested non-standardized geographical names in the Tatra Mountains. The suggestions are then verified by experts.
