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

Report of Finland

Summary**

The report of Finland provides general information on the standardization of geographical names in Finland and specific information on the progress made and measures taken during the period 2023–2024 in relation to the following topics: field collection of names; office treatment of names and guidance on name planning; names data sets and services; and publications, campaigns, conferences and websites.

The following are the most important measures that were taken by the Institute for the Languages of Finland:

- Checking name changes made in the Geographic Names Register, which is maintained by the National Land Survey of Finland
- Publishing a bilingual online manual on name planning
- Adding a collection of personal and place names from old texts, including accounting documents from the sixteenth century, to the digital names archive
- Adding an article on inherited place names to the wiki list of national intangible cultural heritage, as well as an article on the procedure for standardizing place names in the Geographic Names Register to the list of good practices for safeguarding intangible cultural heritage

The following are the most important measures that were taken by the National Land Survey of Finland:

- Continuously updating and systematically supplementing the Geographic Names Register
- Developing the names data services and products

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