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Report of Hungary 2023-2024

Summary**

In terms of the operational framework, there have been no changes in the legislative background, the composition of the Hungarian Committee on Geographical Names or the officers. The governmental supervisory body for geographical names issues, the Department of Real Estate Registration and Cartography, has been transferred from the Prime Minister's Office to the Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development.

With regard to activities, the Committee holds four meetings per year as a rule and has also used electronic discussion and voting in several urgent cases. Two thirds of the cases received by the Committee concern public spaces and the parts of municipalities that have a role in the creation of addresses. Dozens of railway station names were decided. There is a growing trend towards the use of proper names for bridges. The Committee has prepared a comprehensive regulation of certain categories of names under its scope of responsibility: airports, bridges and nationality names. The collection and local coordination of map names at a scale of 1:10,000 is continuing.

In relation to country names, in addition to a number of minor changes, one major change has been made to the official Hungarian list of country names: the Hungarian form for "Great Britain" has been replaced by "United Kingdom" as the preferred variant.

In terms of international cooperation, representatives of the Committee followed the 2023 session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names online and attended the twenty-eighth meeting of the East Central and South-East Europe Division, held in Prague in May 2024, and the meeting of the Working Group on Exonyms held at the same time. Contributions were made to the content of the

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^{*} GEGN.2/2025/1.

Slovenian-language map of the Slovenian minority area in Hungary, which was prepared by Slovenian colleagues.

Hungary began chairing the East Central and South-East Europe Division in January 2025.