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When standardizing a geographical name the Secretariat of the Czech Commission on Geographical Names cooperates with state bodies, municipalities, institutions and citizens. There are several main state bodies responsible for name standardization in Czechia.

- Ministry of Interior supervises the names of settlements, i.e. municipalities and their parts;
- Ministry of Regional Development oversees the names of regional entities in relation to tourism;
- Ministry of Agriculture cooperates on water names;
- Ministry of the Environment creates the names of protected landscape areas;
- The Czech Statistical Office standardizes the names of basic settlement units for the purpose of the territorial planning, statistics and elections;
- State Administration of Land Surveying and Cadastre is responsible for the names of cadastral units and for the standardization of other names to be processed into a database of standardized names (names of fields, oronyms, etc.).

An example of naming a pond in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture:
The Forests of the CR locate a pond in the territory they administer and compare it with the name in their documents. If there are differences, they send a letter to the municipality in which the pond falls in. The letter contains a description of the pond and place, coordinates and a proposal of a name.

After the municipality agrees with the name, the Forests send the letters to us, the Secretariat of the Czech Commission on Geographical Names and we standardize the name.