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**Minority place-name regulations in Slovenia**

**Abstract:** Slovenia is home to two ethnic minorities: Hungarian and Italian. Both minorities are guaranteed all the rights enshrined in the constitution and applicable international treaties.

The first regulation on writing geographical names in bilingual areas in Slovenia reaches back to Yugoslavia. At the end of April 1980, the Decree on Writing Geographical Names in Ethnically Mixed Areas was adopted. Also relevant for understanding this issue is the provision contained under Indent 10 of Article 15 of the National Land Survey Reference System Act (2014), which stipulates that the manner of writing geographical names in ethnically mixed areas in Slovenia on maps of the country is defined by the government.

The Commission for the Standardisation of Geographical Names of the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, which is responsible for the amendment and standardisation of geographical names, strives in its work to cooperate with representatives of both minorities and other interest groups. It also focuses its work on the preservation of Slovenian geographical names abroad, where the Slovenian minority lives, and cooperates with neighbouring standardisation commissions.

The lecture deals with the sources for geographical names, the legal basis, the standardisation process, problems and the results of the work.

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