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the progress made in the standardization of geographical names**

Report of Denmark**Summary****

The Agency for Data Supply and Infrastructure has become the Agency for Climate Data. The Danish municipalities (all 98) can report place names online to the national place name registry. In recent years, the number of reports has decreased. To reverse that trend, the Agency has initiated a campaign focused on the usefulness of place name data. It includes articles in magazines, courses designed for municipal employees and presentations at network meetings.

The register of standardized Danish place names administered by the secretariat of the Danish Place Name Committee (at the Department of Nordic Studies and Linguistics at University of Copenhagen) is continuously updated and reviewed for errors. A new version of the register will be publicly available in the middle of 2025.

In the autumn of 2024, a small project group was created to prepare a concrete plan for re-establishing and revitalizing the historical database on place names of Denmark, in the aftermath of a hacker attack in 2022. An important focus point is a systematic integration of standardized forms from initial lists to the present.

In November 2024, the Danish Language Council published a new edition of the Danish spelling dictionary, including a selection of Danish place names. The secretariat of the Danish Place Name Committee served as a consultant by setting criteria for which place names should be included.

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