

# Report of Estonia: Standardization of Geographical Names 2024–2026

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# Place Names Board of Estonia

- Altogether 10 meetings (2024 – 5, 2025 – 4, 2026 – 1)
  - Approval of names of populated places (Keskküla, Veneküla → Koplimesa)
  - Jõhvi + Toila vald → Jõhvi vald (municipality)
  - Guidelines for naming roads
  - Discussion of several street names that had problems
  - Approval of several unofficial names in place names register
  - Updates to the classifier of place names
- Place names days (2025 Rakvere , 21st day in 2026 Viljandi)
- Place Names Board webpage has been moved, the old one will be remained as an archive

# MaRu

- The Estonian Land Board is since 2025 the Estonian Land and Spatial Development Board (*Maa- ja Ruumiamet*, MaRu)
- The Board is responsible for the maintenance of the national place names register
- 362,000 entries in the register at the beginning of 2026
- Access also available through an integrated map application
- Integration of 1) Address Data System, 2) Place Names Register, 3) Points of Interest into a single unified platform **AKS** started in April 2025 with place names

# Institute of the Estonian Language

- Office for Onomastic Expertise
  - consultations on the usage of place names
- EKI Reference Book ([eki.ee/teatmik](http://eki.ee/teatmik))
  - instructions for the standardization of various place names (municipalities, streets, public transport stops, cadastral units)
  - guidelines for Estonian-Swedish names
  - detailed guidance on foreign names
- Dictionary of Standard Estonian (ÕS) 2025
  - contains all official names of populated places in Estonia
  - updates to foreign names