

SOME TOPONOMASTIC PROBLEMS OF THE CARTOGRAPHIC CONTENT ON THE MAPS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

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Cartographic toponomastics, as the science of geographic (topographic) names, contained on the topographic and geographic maps of Bosnia and Herzegovina is, among other things, language monument that had a violent exchange in a short period of time after its millennial existence. Cartographic toponomastics contributes to the understanding of the historical and geographical development of Bosnia and Herzegovina and linguistic identity of its equal nations and national minorities.

The geographical area is subject to various transformations, including all types of toponymy, which is why they must be recorded on maps. This process belongs to the readjustment or supplementation of the elements of geographical content on maps, especially those of large-scale. This process is time-defined and corresponds to periods of decades, most often those years during which a census is conducted.

The process of renovation, supplementation of new and revision of previous geographic content, including toponymy is performed by a specialized institutions and institutes in the field of geography, cartography and geodesy. Such specialized institutions for this purpose, unfortunately, are not present in Bosnia and Herzegovina, so the last update of geographic contents on topographic maps of large-scale was performed way back in 1974. In addition to the supplementation of the geographic maps there are other processes that have connotations of violent, non-scientific and tendentious changes of oikonymes that result in the disappearance of the primordial names on geographic maps.

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