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## GND metadata services: permalinks in the coordinates of geographic entities changed from “http” to “https”

Dear Sir or Madam,

The geographic data base “Geonames”<sup>1</sup> has changed its permalinks (URIs) from “http” to “https”. This will affect the coordinates provided in the data records for geographic entities in the Integrated Authority File (GND). The validation of newly added geographic entities has been adjusted accordingly. Permalinks to the web resource “Geonames” that are already present in existing coordinates will be changed to “https”. The change run is expected to begin on 8 June 2021 (calendar week 23, 2021). The changes will be delivered through the OAI interface in the “authorities” set and in the GND change service provided in the calendar week 24, 2021.

Around 54,000 authority data records for geographic entities (Tg records) will be affected.

The geographic entities contain the following information in MARC field 034 (Coded Cartographic Mathematical Data) (R), subfield \$0 (Authority record control number or standard number) (R).

Until now:

```
034   $dE 009 22 02$eE 009 22 02$fN 051 36 32$gN 051 36 32  
      $2geonames$0http://sws.geonames.org/3207181$9A:agx
```

New:

```
034   $dE 009 22 02$eE 009 22 02$fN 051 36 32$gN 051 36 32  
      $2geonames$0https://sws.geonames.org/3207181$9A:agx
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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to mail us at [metadatendienste@dnb.de](mailto:metadatendienste@dnb.de) or phone us on +49 69 1525-1630.

Kind regards,  
on behalf of Deutsche Nationalbibliothek (German National Library)

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