Results of Cooperation

We have issued invitations to join the forum, which right now comprising the six German Global Geoparks only. We addressed the following institutions:

- Federal Ministry of the Environment
- Federal Ministry of Economics
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- German Environmental Foundation
- Alfred Wegener Foundation – GeoUnion
- German UNESCO Commission

Meanwhile all addressed institutions excluding the Ministry of the Environment have answered and expressed their interest to collaborate, stating that a formal status should be established after a final UNESCO decision. Dr. Bottermann, the new general secretary of the German environmental Foundation expressed during a personal meeting the foundations interest in a permanent cooperation. This will be crucial, because the foundation is the biggest environmental foundation in Europe.

In Germany the question which Federal Ministry will be responsible for Geoparks still remains unsolved. Meanwhile we managed to join efforts to address the Federal Ministry of Economics. Two members of parliament issued an invitation for the 18th of December in Berlin, addressing all MP’s from our six GGN Parks to provide information on current developments at UNESCO and to urge the Ministry of the Economics to take the lead concerning Geopark matters in Germany.

During the CC meeting in the Harzregion, we will meet with Lutz Möller of the German UNESCO Commission and MP Schulze to discuss further developments.

The collaboration with the German Geopark Network is focusing on joint products like a German geopark flyer and a geopark map, highlighting the status of all 6 German GGN Parks.

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