## European Geoparks Week in VIKOS- AOOS Geopark GREECE 2016

Dates of geoparks week: 1<sup>st</sup> June to 12th June Contact person: Haritakis Papaioannou, <u>h.papaioannou@epirussa.gr</u>, Georgia Kitsaki, gkitsaki@epirussa.gr Further information: <u>www.vikosaoosgeopark.com</u>

Category	Date	Activity / Event
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1. Geo & Geo	03.06, 07.06	Field trips in two interpretive hiking trails: the first in the Voidomatis river where the pre historical man used to inhabit and the second one in Vradeto rock steps, in order to discover the rare fauna of the area and admire the natural and human made landscape.
2. Geo & Culture/Music/	01.06-	A photo exhibition of the Geopark's landscapes, biodiversity, geology, culture
Literature/Arts	12.06	and people will be organized at the seat of the Region of Epirus, Ioannina. Its duration will be a week and its purpose will be to inform the local population regarding the existence of the Vikos - Aoos Geopark and the activities which will take place in the two municipalities: Konitsa and Zagori, between 3 and 9 of June. Moreover, foreigners and tourists will also have the chance to get informed about the geological value of Epirus. There is the possibility for the exhibition to be hosted at the seats of both municipalities during the summer months when the tourist season is at its peak
3. Geo & Education	08.06- 10-06 01.06- 02.06	A Geo-seminar to train the local entrepreneurs of the alternative tourism in the area, as well as the owners of hotels and guest houses, intended to last 2 days. Education activities, organized especially for school children of the area, in order for them to get introduced with the environment and its values-especially the geological ones. This activity will be co-organized with the Environmental School of Konitsa.
4. Geo & EGN/GGN	05.06, 06.06	Mini informative conferences of a day's duration will be organized by both municipalities (Zagori and Konitsa)for locals and tourists dedicated to the Geopark's values and its special characteristics as well as to the EGN/GGN and the Unesco Global Geoparks.