

# **APUAN ALPS GEOPARK (ITALY)**

## **Progress Report, March – September 2018**

### **Geopark activities**

- Geopark's funding for the recovery of the historical and cultural heritage of the Apuan Alps
- European Charter for Sustainable Tourism Forum with the participation of stakeholders and Tunisian delegation
- "Zero mile menù contest" with the participation of 10 certified facilities for the promotion of the local food and award ceremony in Pomezzana (Stazzema) including hiking tour, cooking course and tasting of typical products and dishes
- 7<sup>th</sup> edition of fairy tales award "Angels of St. Giuliano", award in memory of the victims of the 2012 earthquake in Molise region, for spreading the knowledge about the earthquakes' prevention and disaster risk reduction
- "Cibiamoci di Parco", edition 2018 for recommended facilities aiming to the promotion of local food and dishes
- Observation and inventory of the spring migrating raptors, confirming the Apuan Alps as one of the most important site in the Mediterranean area
- Spring count of mouflons: activity guided by Geopark Rangers for the monitoring of mouflons in the Apuan Alps
- 2018 "The Geopark in the exercise book" contest, collection of poems, stories, interviews, recipes and drawings
- Presentation of the monographic issue of Acta Apuana "In the Lands of Marble", dedicated to the sculpture from Gothic to Renaissance – from Nicola Pisano to Michelangelo
- Printing of "Apuan Alps, a world to get to know", new tourist map of the Geopark
- 21<sup>st</sup> edition of the Summer Solstice Festival: paintings exhibition, music performances by artists belonging to the Puccini Festival Foundation and other local groups, tasting of typical products, magic shows and performances, trekking with Park Guides
- Concert for the presentation of the sixth edition of "Music on the Apuan Alps"
- Opening of the path along the Gothic Line: cultural, naturalistic and geological trail
- Opening of the photo exhibition "'Apuan Alps wild lands" by Lorenzo Shoubridge at the Park's visitor centre in Seravezza
- Verification visit for the membership to the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism of the Apuan Alps UGGp
- "Natura e cultura si incontrano nel Parco", summer camps for children aged between 8 and 15 years, ten weeks during the summer on different topics to discover the Apuan Alps
- "The nights of Archaeology", exhibition and award of tales contest at the Apuan GeoLab, guided visits overnight

- “Orto ispirami”, extemporaneous drawing contest at the Botanical Garden in Pian della Fioba
- “Apuan Alps Festival” (Careggine): a lot of events in Careggine village and guided visit at the Geopark farm with tasting of typical food

### **Networking**

1. Attendance at the 40<sup>th</sup> EGN Coordination Committee Meeting and the 14<sup>th</sup> EGN Conference hosted by Azores Geopark (Portugal)
2. Attendance at the 41<sup>th</sup> EGN Coordination Committee Meeting, hosted by Karawanke-Karawanken (Austria and Slovenia)
3. Organization of a training course in favour of a Tunisian delegation from Dahar region on Geoparks’ philosophy, principles and management
4. Earth Day 2018: visit of delegation from the Hong Kong Unesco Global Geopark and Hong Kong and Macao Lions clubs for sharing experience on Geoparks’ management
5. Revalidation missions in Ningde UGGp (China) by Apuan Alps Geopark delegate

### **Activity by Partners**

- Workshop “Feuille de route pour la creation d’un geoparc UNESCO dans le Sud-est Tunisien”, organized by Office National de Mine in Tunis with the participation by delegates from Apuan Alps UGGp
  - 10° Mines’ National Day: guided visit along the “Silver road”, an opportunity for Versilia development coming from Renaissance mining activity organized by Pietrasanta municipality, Earth Sciences Department of Pisa University, Italian Alpine Club and Versilia Speleological Group
6. “Musica sulle Apuane” Festival, series of concerts at Apuan mountain huts
  7. Summer weeks for kids managed by the ECST partners of the Geopark
  8. 17<sup>th</sup> edition of “Sapori” (Fivizzano), sales exhibition for the promotion of typical products, ancient crafts and geological heritage of the Geopark
  9. Conference “Collezioni naturalistiche per la conoscenza della biodiversità delle Alpi Apuane” in Pian della Fioba Botanical Garden organized by Biology Department of Pisa University in collaboration with the Geopark

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# **AROUCA GEOPARK, PORTUGAL**

## **Progress Report, March to September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Arouca UGG attended the Qualifica (higher education fair), in Exponor (Porto), March 2018.
2. Organization of various school competitions for educational establishments in Arouca Geopark, March to June 2018.
3. Organization of several awareness actions related to biodiversity, March to September 2018.
4. Organization of workshops inserted in Child's Day, June 2018.
5. Organization of several fam trips and press trip to the Arouca Geopark, March to July 2018.
6. Organization of interpreted visits under the annual program 'Routes of Geosites Interpreted 2018', March, April, May, August and September 2018.
7. Organization and development several scientific field trips integrated in the national program 'Ciência Viva no Verão em Rede' (Life Science in the Summer), from July to September 2018.
8. Promotion of the historical event 'Arouca, História de um Mosteiro' (Arouca, the Monastery History), July 2018.
9. Organization of youth volunteering action 'The voice of the forest of Arouca Geopark', dedicated to the environment, July and August 2018.
10. Active commemoration of several important days: International Day of Monuments and Sites, International Day of Museums, International Day of Biodiversity, National Day of the Geologist, National Day of the Weatherman, National Day of Archaeologist, International Day of Forests and International Day of Water, from March to September 2018.
11. The Arouca Geopark – Welcome Centre – Interactive Tourism Store was attended by 3869 visitors and hosted 4251 people by 33 events, from March to August 2018.
12. The Rocks Delivering Stones House was attended by 19.204 visitors, from March to August 2018.
13. The Weather Radar from Arouca was attended by 2.546 visitors, from March to August 2018.
14. 4.790 students & 460 teachers visited the Arouca Geopark, under the Arouca Geopark Educational Programs, from all country from March to August 2018.

15. 771 people from 25 groups of geotouristic visits were accompanied, by Arouca Geopark guides, from March to August 2018.
16. 102.010 people from all world visits the Paiva Walkways, from March to August 2018.
17. Clipping of about 190 news in the local, regional, national and international media and on multiple digital platforms about Arouca UGG, from March to August 2018.

### **Networking**

18. Arouca Geopark attended to the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in the Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, March 2018.
19. Organization and wide promotion of several activities to celebrate the EGN Week, June 2018.
20. Organization of the event 'Sons da Terra' (Earth Sounds), with collaboration of the Arouca Music Academy, June 2018
21. Participation in a revalidation mission in M'Goun UNESCO Global Geopark (Morocco), June 2018.
22. Arouca Geopark attended to the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary GGN General Assembly and 42<sup>nd</sup> EGN Coordination Committee meeting in the Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy, September 2018.
23. Arouca UGG participated in a meeting about the application Interreg Atlantic Area «Atlantic Geoparks» and participated in a field trip to Armorique Regional Park, France, June 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

24. The Paiva Walkways (Arouca UGG) are nominated by the "World Travel Awards" for three categories: "Europe's leading tourism development project", "Europe's leading adventure touristic attraction" and "Europe's leading touristic attraction". The Paiva Walkways won two categories: "Europe's leading tourism development project" and "Europe's leading adventure touristic attraction".
25. During the official reception of teachers and teams of Arouca and Escariz schools, Arouca Geopark organized a fam trip to visit Arouca Geopark - September 2018.
26. Collaboration in the elaboration of the Canyoning Guide of the Magical Mountains – June 2018
27. Promotion of several activities promoted by our partners, from March to September 2018.

## **AZORES UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, Portugal**

### **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

#### **Geopark Activities**

1. Monitoring of the Azores UGG geosites in cooperation with the Nature Rangers from the Natural Parks in all islands, March to September;
2. Publication of the Geopark monthly electronic newsletters and daily update of the Azores Geopark's facebook, with activities, photos and news, March to September;
3. Production of posters/flyers for on-line dissemination of commemorative dates, in social networks and newsletter, March to September;
4. Collaboration with the "Açoriano Oriental" newspaper, by publishing a page every two weeks entitled "(Geo)diversidades", and the radio station "RDP - Antena 1 Açores", with the radio program "Geoparque Açores em 5 minutos/Azores Geopark in 5 minutes", twice a week, March to September;
5. Development of several activities for the general public, in partnership with the Azores Natural Parks and included in the campaign "Parque Aberto/Open Park", with a wide diversity of environmental awareness activities, as guided thematic trails in geosites and protected areas and different approaches within the environmental interpretations centres. In all the territory were carried out 44 activities with a total of 1,347 participants, March to September;
6. Implementation of the Geopark School Program, integrated in the regional offer "Scholl Park", with several environmental education activities, for all different education levels. This activity involved schools and students from all islands, and also from the mainland and other countries, during all the scholar year, with 237 activities and 5,649 students and teachers, March to September;
7. Celebration of the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Azores Geopark, March;
8. Publication of articles for the general public in the "Azorean Spirit" (SATA company in-flight Magazine), July to August;
9. Participation in the ITB (*Internationale Tourismus - Börse Berlin*), through the Azores Tourism Board, promoting the Azores UGG, March 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>;
10. Participation in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Jornadas de Reflexão de Animação Turística", under the theme Cultural Tourism in the Azores, March 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>;

11. Organization in the Azores Autonomous Region of the Regional Phase of the “National Olympiads of Geology, 2017”, involving 30 students from 11 schools, and from 6 islands of the archipelago, March;
12. Development of 5 activities integrated in the “Week of the Guide of the Portuguese Geological and Mines Sites Partners”, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>;
13. Celebration of the World Earth Day, with 12 activities in the archipelago and 239 participants, April 22<sup>nd</sup>;
14. Follow-up of the Pedro Costa internship, an Environmental Management student of the Domingos Rebelo High School, whose final work was focused in the Sete Cidades volcano caldera geosite, entitled “Determination of the carrying capacity of the “Caldeira do Vulcão das Sete Cidades” geosite”, April to July;
15. Collaboration in the organization of the festival “Sentir o Pico”, promoted by the Industrial Commercial Association of Pico Island, in Santa Luzia, site classified as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and geosite of the Azores UGG, to celebrate the culture of Pico Island, June 8<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>;
16. Promotion of the “2018 European Geoparks Week”, with 25 activities and 457 participants, May 25<sup>th</sup> to June 10<sup>th</sup>;
17. Participation in the closing ceremony of the “Jornadas Parlamentares Atlânticas 2018”, organized by the Azorean Parliament, with an exhibition about the Azores UGG including geoproducts and handicrafts, June 18<sup>th</sup>;
18. Release of a new function in the navigation bar of the Azores UGG website, entitled “TO VISIT” with location and tourist information on geosites, landforms and geodiversity features “not to miss” in the 9 islands, June.
19. Cooperation with the Ponta Delgada Municipality on the ECO-Tour Project (e.g. with geological trails) and the tourism valuing of important viewpoints of the S. Miguel Island; June to September;
20. Participation in the X National Congress of Geology, with the theme “Geology Commitment to Global Development”, July 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>;
21. Publication of 2 abstracts in the Scientific Magazine “Vulcânica”, under the themes “Definition of carrying capacity for touristic use of Geosites: a tool for the sustainability and tourism valuing of the natural resources of the Azores” and “Geological heritage

of the Azores islands: science behind promotion and science dissemination initiatives”, both presented in the X National Congress of Geology, July;

22. Follow-up of the Kevin Goulart internship, a student of the Estoril Higher Institute for Tourism and Hotel Studies, focused on the analysis of the relation between the territory labels (cf. UNESCO Global Geoparks, Natural Parks, UNESCO World Heritage Sites) and the choice of the destination by the visitors, July to August;
23. Follow-up of the Caterina Rossi internship, an Erasmus+ Programme student, focused in the dissemination and promotion of the Azorean Geological Heritage, Environmental Education, Geoconservation and Geotourism, July 23<sup>rd</sup> to September 24<sup>th</sup>;
24. Promotion of a contest of short movies under the theme “Azores Geopark: Flavours, Smells and Experiences”, in partnership with AJIFA (Youth Association), encouraging the sustainable use of the Azorean geodiversity and volcanic landscapes, July 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>;
25. Participation at the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the EXPOMAR Fair, with a stand to promote the Azores UGG territory and present the INTERREG Project “Atlantic Geoparks”, August 5<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>;
26. Participation at the "Ponta Delgada Meeting - Affordable City", sponsored by CRESAÇOR - Regional Cooperative for Solidarity Economy, with the aim of raise awareness among the stakeholders in the tourism sector to the importance of accessibility to the urban environment and its cultural facilities and to the importance of promoting products and services accessible to people with special needs, April 12<sup>th</sup>;
27. Participation in the Celebrations of the Children’s Day, with a booth with several activities and experiments in Ponta Delgada city (S. Miguel Island) and the activity “Geo-tour Through the Atlantic” related to the European Atlantic Geotourism Route (INTERREG Project “Atlantic Geoparks”), at Faial Island, June 1<sup>st</sup>;
28. Participation in the “Rural World Fair” with a stand dedicated to the promotion of the Azores UGG and the INTERREG Project “Atlantic Geoparks”, and activities under the theme “Man and Geodiversity” to Professional School students, June 1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup>;
29. Promotion, in close cooperation with the Tourism Office of Maia (S. Miguel Island), of an interpretative walking trail through the historical windmills of Vasquinho recently restored, September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **Networking**

30. Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke/karawanken UGG, Austria, March 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>th</sup>;
31. Participation in the GEOFAIR organized by the Karavanke/Karawanken UGG, with the promotion of Azores UGG territory and geoproducts, March 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>;
32. The Azores UGG and the Lanzarote y Archipelago Chinijo UGG (Canary Islands, Spain) signed a Twinning Agreement, aimed to promote both territories and enhance common synergies, May 2<sup>nd</sup>;
33. Cooperation with the EGN “GeoHazards Thematic Working Group”, with the production of the common leaflet “Good Practices for Disaster Risk Reduction in UGG”, April;
34. Participation in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Coordination Meeting of the INTERREG Project “Atlantic Geoparks”, held in France in the territory of the Parc Naturel Régional d’Armorique (Aspiring Geopark), June 28<sup>th</sup>;
35. Participation in 2<sup>nd</sup> Chinese Volcanic Geoparks Forum (CVGF 2018) that took place in the Leiqiong UGG, Hainan Province, China, June 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>;
36. Visit to the Hong Kong UGG, China, June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>;
37. Several activities at the aim of the EGN “Volcanic Thematic Working Group”, where the Azores UGG Scientific Coordinator act as Catalyst.

## **Activity by Partners**

The Azores UGG has currently about 47 partners, including public and private institutions and private companies. For a detailed listing and characterization of the partners activities consider checking the Azores Geopark Newsletters and website.



# BAKONY–BALATON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, HUNGARY

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Geoeducational programme for pupils in an elementary school in Veszprém (county seat, the largest town within the Geopark), March 2018
2. Geopark booth and geo-activity programmes for families at the Geological Days in Budapest, April 2018.
3. Geoeducational programme for pupils at Lake Köcsi geosite, April 2018.
4. Various programmes, geo-activities for families at the Geopark booth, Wild Garlic Festival in Fenyőfő village, April 2018.
5. Final of the Bakony–Balaton Geopark Contest in Zánka village (for 10 elementary school teams), in cooperation with local sponsors (Valley of Herbs Visitor Centre, Csalán Association, Cartographia LLC, Herend Porcelain Manufacture), two tests and field trip. A 3-day-long geotrip within the Geopark for the winners, April and June 2018.
6. Presentation at a Geopark Partner Steiner school on the occasion of the World Water Day, April 2018.
7. Guided geotour during the Festival of Wooded Pastures and Shepherds near Olaszfalu village, June 2018.
8. Presentation of our Geopark for the jury of Entente Florale Europe, Veszprém, June 2018.
9. Field survey and updating the GIS database of geological key sections and springs (preparing the declaration of their legal protection as natural monuments), March–June 2018.
10. Programmes for 9 days in the Valley of Arts Festival (Kapolcs village), one of the most popular summer festivals of Hungary: Geopark stand, guided geotours, children's programmes, etc., July–August 2018.
11. Numerous interviews and articles on the Geopark in the national and regional media – also in TV shows of high ratings, March–September 2018.
12. Numerous oral presentations about our Geopark, March–September 2018.
13. Guided geotours (altogether 2,263 participants), guided by the members of the Geopark Group and the Department of Ecotourism and Environmental Education. The total number of the participants in our *other* programmes in this period: appr. 2,000 people. March–September 2018.
14. Maintenance works at some geosites by our staff, March–September 2018.
15. Working with an EU project on management of geosites: key sections, caves, sinkholes, geological nature conservation areas, nature trails with holistic approach, etc. Total budget: appr. 500,000 €, March–September 2018.

16. Preparing and promoting of the 11th geotour-guide training course in the “Valley of Arts” region, July–August 2018.

### **Networking**

17. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke/Karawanken UGG (Austria–Slovenia), Taking and preparing for publication of EGN CC members’ portrait photos, updating the contact list, March 2018.

18. Participation at the meeting of the Hungarian Geoparks Committee in Novohrad–Nógrád UGG, giving a presentation on our Geopark’s activities, April 2018.

19. Preparing and wide promotion of the EGN Week, for more details please see our EGN Week 2018 programme and report, May–June 2018.

20. Consultative meeting at our headquarters with the delegation of Đerdap Aspiring Geopark, Serbia, May 2018.

21. Geopark booth at the Family Festival in Novohrad–Nógrád UGG, June 2018.

22. Working with the Danube GeoTour INTERREG DTP project on geotourism networking and development (Coordinator: Idrija UGG, other partners include 9 Geoparks, total budget: 1,665,509 EUR, BBUGG budget: 257,000 €): preparing the future volcanological nature trails, the new exhibition in Hegyestű Geological Interpretive Site, etc., March–September 2018.

23. Participation of a student group of our partner Lajos Lóczy Grammar School (named after the most famous Hungarian geologist) in the International Geoparkcamp “Arts Meet Energy” (Muskau Arch UGG, Germany–Poland), August 2018.

24. UNESCO evaluation mission in the Aspiring Geopark Grevena–Kozani, Greece (Barnabás Korbély, Atsuko Niina) in July, submitting the mission report, August 2018.

25. Collecting and preparing for publishing the reports on European Geoparks Week and the progress reports from all the members of the EGN, March–August 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

26. Helping the successful application of Bakonyalja Barátai Association, one of our Geopark Partners, for financing a geotour-guide training course to start in September 2018 in the “Valley of Arts” region, in cooperation with the Geopark management organisation, March 2018.

27. Open days (“Dino Expo”) by the Hungarian Dinosaur Fund at the only Hungarian dinosaur locality, situated in our Geopark (Iharkút): geopark booth, visiting the excavations, meeting researchers, thematic programmes, July–August 2018.

28. Guided geotours of our Geopark Partners (geotour-guides trained by our Geopark), March–September 2018.

# **BASQUE COAST GEOPARK, SPAIN**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. New replica of a 6 meter-long icnofossil from the coastal flysch was made by a well known expert from Spanish Geological Survey to be showed in Algorri Interpretation Center with an interpretation panel and a making off video.
2. “The Great enigma” new guided tour with cultural content about Basque language and traditions was included into the official program of guided tours. More than 20 visits were programmed along the year.
3. Basque Coast Geopark was invited to take part at Basque Fest Tourism Fair in Bilbao during Eastern.
4. Training session about European Charter of Sustainable Tourism by Europarc addressed to local stakeholders, to deepen the Geopark into a nature destination.
5. GeoloDay is an initiative held in all the provinces of Spain at the same time. In May 2018 the GeoloDay was hold in our Geopark.
6. Geotalks 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of an innovative event that mixes science with other disciplines of art. In 2018 two wellknown scientist’s talks and Volcanos of the deep sea” film emision.
7. Basque Coast UGG presented its network of collaborators. 20 entities are already displaying their accreditation plaques at their establishments which distinguish them as a Collaborating Entity of the Geoparkea.
8. School drawing competition about the human and prehistory. Around 800 drawings participated in the competition.
9. Arrietakua Palace, the birthplace of famous navigators was open to the public after getting an agreement with the currently owner family. The visit to the Palace was included in the official program also.
10. Temporary exhibition called “original or replica” was set up with different fossils and minerals. The audience had to guess which were the originals and which the replica. A prize was drawn among all the participants.
11. 21 news published at the web site from March to September 2018 ([www.geoparkea.eus](http://www.geoparkea.eus)).
12. e-newsletter format to send news to a specific list of emails. 2 deliveries along the period leaded basically to citizen written in bilingual, Spanish and basque language, in order to rise the awareness of the Geopark actions.
13. Publishing several news on the media (TV, radio, press), off and on line. Active presence in social networks: Facebook /Geoparkea and @geoparkea on twitter and Instagram.
14. Oral communication about Geotourism at Nature Wach Conference in Somiedo (Spain)

## **Networking**

15. Participation of the two official representatives in the EGN 41st Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke.
16. Participation in the Geofair celebrated during EGN Coordination meeting, along with the other 11 UGG in Spain. Promotional leaflets and local food was shared with participating other Countries.
17. Participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference of the GGN in Adamaello Brenta UGG. The two official representatives will give an oral communication each representative.
18. Basque Coast Geopark representative gave a lecture in Geological Heritage Training course in Brazil and other collaborations with aspiring Geoparks.
19. Basque Coast Geopark representative gave a lecture in Geological Heritage Training course in Sobrarbe UGG
20. Undergoing Four-year revalidation in Basque Coast Geopark by Unesco Revalidatos during summer 2018.
21. Revalidation missions underwent by Geoparkea official representatives: Lushan UGG (China) and Rier Aspiring Geopark in Germany
22. Geoparkea received a visit from Spanish aspiring Geopark from Cantabria, within the on going Interreg project.
23. Presentation of the European Geoparks Week 2018 by the Spanish Geopark Fora in Madrid (Geological Survey building).
24. Visit and advise to Cabo Ortegal aspiring Geopark in Galicia (Spain)
25. Oral communication at Rural Tourism Congress in Arnedillo (La Rioja)

## **Activity by Partners**

26. New path way and viewpoint to K/T boundary. Wooden made works to prepare the place to the increase of visitors and the erosion it causes.
27. Tree planting with volunteers in a Geopark rural area. 350 native species of trees were planted in a Sunday morning by a parents association along with Geoparkea and Regional Government.
28. To carry out new educational material for blind people available at the interpretation Center of the Geopark. The material was paid by an industrial multinational company sited in Zumaia.
29. New Strategic Plan of Tourism for Zumaia, one of the member Councils of the Geopark.

# BEIGUA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ITALY

## Progress Report, March – September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Regular programmes of walks and guided tours have been realized in Spring and Summer 2018
2. Two new editions of the “Parco del Beigua – Beigua Geopark” newsletter (readable in the web-site too) has been published and distributed in April 2018 (Spring) and July 2018 (Summer). They contain articles about projects, activities and future plans; special features were dedicated to the Geopark territory and his highlights, etc.
3. Six issues of the monthly electronic newsletter of the “Parco del Beigua – Beigua Geopark” (downloadable by the web site) has been uploaded. It contains articles on activities, promotional offers and special features about the Geopark area (<http://www.parcobeigua.it/newsletter.php?arc=beiguanews>)
4. Joining the European Geoparks Week 12<sup>th</sup> May – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 with several activities (please see at the EG Week 2018 report)
5. Launching of the new project about a special label and logo for accommodations in the Beigua Geopark according to innovative proposals and offers for sustainable tourism and geotourism (“Ospitali per Natura”) in June 2018
6. Developing a new project about sustainable tourism “ViviMED” in the framework of the Interreg Maritime IT-FR funds programme involving local operators in June 2018
7. Organization of the “Mare e Monti 2018” event: non-competitive walks along the coastal area and the mountains of the Beigua Geopark – with the collaboration of the Arenzano Municipality (September 8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2018)

### Networking

8. Submission of one article for the GGN Newsletter 2018 issue 1 about geoconservation activities in the Beigua UNESCO Global Geoparks
9. Attendance at the 41<sup>st</sup> EGN CC Meeting in Karawanke-Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark (Austria-Slovenija) on March 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2018
10. Hosting a delegation from Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark on 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 with guided visits and meetings with local stakeholder sharing best practices

11. Undertaking the evaluation mission (by Maurizio Burlando) in Chirripò aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, Costa Rica, July 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2018
12. Undertaking the evaluation mission (by Marco Firpo) in Vis Archipelago aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia, August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> 2018
13. Submission of one article for the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks – Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy, 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2018
14. Submission of the EGN Week 2018 report in order to produce the total EGN Week 2018 Report to be published in EGN web-site and to be discussed during the 42<sup>nd</sup> EGN CC Meeting in Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark (Italy) September 10<sup>th</sup> 2018
15. Submission of the Activity Progress Report March – September 2018 in order to produce the total EGN Progress Report to be published in EGN web-site and to be discussed during the 42<sup>nd</sup> EGN CC Meeting in Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark (Italy) September 10<sup>th</sup> 2018

### **Activities by Partners**

16. Field works and researches in Beigua Geopark led by the Earth, Environment and Life Sciences Department of the University of Genoa (May - June 2018)
17. Several activities have been carried out by local sports associations (UISP, CAI, FIE, etc.) to enjoy some of the most interesting geological features of Geopark (canyoning, trekking, hiking, bouldering, mountain biking, orienteering).

# **BERGSTRASSE-ODENWALD GEOPARK, GERMANY**

## **Progress Report, March 2018 – September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Event programme with 500 guided tours (Geopark Rangers, Geopark-on-site Guides, cooperation partners)
2. Publication of 3 electronic newsletters and one printed 28pp magazine (“Geo-Naturpark aktuell”, issue 27)
3. Publication of meanwhile 12 regional hiking maps in the new series from Geo-Naturepark Bergstrasse-Odenwald in cooperation with Naturepark Neckartal-Odenwald
4. Contributions in hiking and biking magazines, touristic brochures and maps
5. Public lectures about Earth heritage and the Geopark within the Geopark region
6. Adventure Trail Wine & Culture, Heidelberg: Hiking day, presentation of new brochure and information panel about bats in cooperation with “Natural Heidelberg”
7. Vocational training of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Geopark on site team Lampertheim
8. Cooperation with the Pedagogic University of Heidelberg: SDGs 2030 and ESD in the Geopark territory – seminar
9. Participation in International Forest Art Conference “Arts, Ecology and Ecovention” – Darmstadt with presentation
10. Two-part exhibition Global Nomadic Art – Nature Art in the UNESCO Global Geopark in cooperation with the International Forest Art Association, the UNESCO WHS Messel Pit and the Environmental Education Centre Kühkopf
11. Geopark Ranger activities (Geo-workshops in cooperation with UNESCO WHS Messel Pit, Nature workshops, Geopark on the farm, cooperation with schools) within the whole Geopark territory
12. Tree planting events in member communities (Heidelberg, Fischbachtal) in cooperation with the Nature Association Germany of the fruit Varieties of the Year 2016 and 2017
13. European Geoparks Week 2018 with more than 70 events in cooperation with regional stakeholders and partners
14. Celebration of Geo-Naturepark Day in cooperation with the “Martin Luther School” Rimbach (certified Naturepark School) and several regional partners
15. Participation in the International Annual Conference Geotope 2018 (Selb) with presentation
16. Further development of new web-platform on SDG 2030 including best practise
17. Participation in founding events of regional ESD networks in Darmstadt and Heidelberg
18. Participation in the 5. Day of Sustainability of the State of Hesse with Geopark Ranger and partner programme and brochure

## **Networking**

19. Participation in the Peony festival of Naturtejo UGG, Portugal with booth and presentation in cooperation with UNESCO WHS Messel Pit
20. Peony Festival in the Geopark: extension of the Peony garden, opened by Zhu DongE, director of Mt. Lushan UGG, PR China
21. Cooperation visit of Prof. Ka Ming Yeung (Hongkong UGG, PR China)
22. Member of the Editorial Board of the EGN Magazine (J.W.) and publication of contribution in EGN magazine No. 15
23. Catalyst (J.W.) and Publication of EGN Electronic Newsletter 12
24. Workshop of UGG in Germany on renewable energy in cooperation with the German UNESCO Commission and the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
25. Regular meetings of the Forum of Global Geoparks in Germany (common activity of the 6 Global Geoparks in Germany)
26. Cooperation with UNESCO WHS Abbey Lorsch/Open laboratory Lauresham (Germany): modification of joint exhibition on the "The Auerochs" to a travelling exhibition for the local communities of the Geopark
27. Participation in the first Ruritage kick-off meeting in Bologna
28. Further preparations for Ruritage project (HORIZON 2020) with local partners (International Forest Art Association, UNESCO WHS Messel Pit, Historical Mining Association, Fruit Tree Rescue Association), other Geoparks & institutions
29. Catalyst of WG on SDG 2030 (EGN) and member of similar GGN WG
30. Member of GGN Communication Committee
31. Revalidation mission to aspiring UGG Quarternary Geopark Northern Granada Valleys, Spain together with Kana Furusawa (Japan)
32. Delegation visit from 25 Geopark managers (PR China, Japan) and Lions members, lead by Prof. Ka Ming Jeung (UGG Hongkong)
33. Meeting and delegation visit from UGG Zhangjjajie, PR China

## **Activity by Partners**

34. Participation and planning of new projects within the regularly meetings of the 4 LEADER-working groups for the new funding period 2014-2020
35. Preparation of Global Nomadic Art 2019: 20 international artists, integration of refugees into the workshops (part of Ruritage project)
36. 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and preparation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> "Forest and Meadow kitchen" in cooperation with the "Bioversum", Darmstadt
37. Publication of a "Trail Markers´Guide" for volunteers, maintaining the Geopark trails and 4 regional meetings with the Trail Markers and Trail Wards



# **BOHEMIAN PARADISE GEOPARK, CZECH REPUBLIC**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Oral presentations about our Geopark at numerous schools, universities (Charles University in Prague, MEDELU, University of Hradec Králové etc.), institutes and civil organisations, (March–September 2018).
2. Excursions and fieldtrips for visitors from the whole world (March – September 2018).
3. Summer camp for kids interested in geology and mineralogy (July, August 2018).
4. Student internships (March – September 2018)
5. EGN week – preparation and realization (May – June 2018).
6. Several events mostly focused on kids and families – presentation of geopark using educative games and other playful tools (May- September 2018)
7. Excursion to experience the sandstone phenomena in the East and North-East part of the Příhrázské skály Protected Landscape Area the rock formations in the sandstone of the Hrubá skála cuboid that have a distinct penetrating neo-volcanic rock (May 2018).
8. Excursion to experience the sandstone phenomena in the Podtrosecká údolí with the oldest network of lakes and watermills that exist in the Bohemian Paradise. This lays on the edge of the Hrubá skála rock formation, the largest rock formation of the Geopark where the sandstone rocks reach heights of up to 120 m and where it is possible to observe the directions of the ancient sea currents and the migration of huge sand dunes imprinted in the rock (October 2018).
9. Excursion to experience the sandstone phenomena in the Plakánek valley, a canyon with a distinct ravine and sandstone rock display where a hidden gothic castle Kost lays (November 2018).

### **Networking**

10. Participation in 41th EGN CC meeting, Karawanken / Karavanke Geopark, (March 2018).
11. Participation in GEOTOP 2018 (<http://www.geotop2018.de>), Germany (May 2018).
12. Martina Páskova's participation in the EGN, GGN General assembly, GGN Advisory Committee, UNESCO Global Geoparks Council activities (March - September 2018).
13. Mentor visit to Geopark project of Male Karpaty and participation on related workshop on Slovakian geoparks, Slovakia (June 2018).
14. Evaluation of the the Cilento, Vallo di Diano e Alburni UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy (June 2018).

15. Participation in 42nd EGN CC meeting, on UNESCO global geoparks evaluators workshop, 8<sup>th</sup> Global Geoparks Conference 2018 (chairing the session, presenting contribution), Adamello Brenta Geopark, Italy (September 2018).

### **Activity by Partners**

16. New information leaflets and materials published by strategic partner organizations, e.g. House of the Nature (March – September 2018).

17. Detailed geological mapping of Bohemian Paradise geopark continues under leading of geopark strategic partner Czech Geological Survey (March – September 2018).

18. New regional products certified (March – September 2018).

19. Installation of the phyllite plate with a nice ichnofossil in the House of Nature of the Bohemian Paradise - just below the large map of the Bohemian Paradise UNESCO Global Geopark (June 2018).

20. Updates of “Regional guest Card” (March – September 2018)

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# **BURREN AND CLIFFS OF MOHER UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, IRELAND**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Delivery of final report for GeoparkLIFE project 2012-2017. July 2018.
2. Delivery of two Geopark modules for Global Ecologies course at Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan. July/August 2018
3. Erection of two new 'Respect our Heritage' signs at two archaeological/cultural sites in collaboration with landowners at Murrooghkilly. June 2018.
4. Facilitation of Tourism Ireland film shoot with local Geopark guide. March 2018.
5. Presentation to visiting Swedish Cultural landscape delegation from UNESCO world Heritage site, Oland. March 2018.
6. Presentation of Training on 'Water in the Burren' to Burren Ecotourism Network. April 2018.
7. Ongoing distribution of Burren Geopark maps to tourism businesses in the Geopark.
8. Hosted field trip of Directors of European Geological Surveys in collaboration with Geological Survey Ireland. May 2018.
9. Application for Excellence in Local Government Awards for Burren Geopark. May 2018.
10. New Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark manager appointed July 2018.
11. Geology field trip for Adult Education group from East Clare. March 2018.

### **Networking**

12. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Bleiburg, Austria, March 2018.
13. Published article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 15, March 2018.
14. Continued participation in Atlantic Geoparks Interreg project, including study visit to Armorique aspiring Geopark, Brittany. June 2018.
15. Meeting with representative of North West Highlands Geopark, Lisdoonvarna. May 2018.
16. Presentation of the Geopark at the Burren Slow Food Festival in Lisdoonvarna. March 2018
17. Continued active promotion of Geopark on Social media.
18. New blog about Geotourism and Geoparks for Atlantic Geoparks Interreg project. June 2018.
19. Participated in European Geoparks Week June. 2018.
20. Presentation to visiting Italian municipal managers delegation. June 2018.

21. Support for application by National University Ireland, Galway for visiting Fullbright scholar to conduct research on Burren limestone. July 2018.
22. Participation in National Heritage Week events; guided Geology walks at Fanore and Bridges of Ross. August 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

23. Production of Geopark branded 'keep cup' by Burren Ecotourism Network in collaboration with local entrepreneurs and the #LoveYourCup campaign to reduce plastic waste. March 2018.
24. Burren Food Trail members initiate Burren Long Table Events showcasing the best local food produce in the Burren area.
25. Radiocarbon dating of Bear bones from Aillwee Cave gave dates of 10,400 years and 4,600 years.
26. Support for application by National University Ireland, Galway for visiting Fullbright scholar to conduct research on Burren limestone.
27. Lisdoonvarna Historical Group with Leader support open new exhibition at Lisdoonvarna Spa Wells, Lisdoonvarna.
28. Burren National Park launch new updated website. June 2018.
29. Free guided walks by staff of the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Burren National Park. July 2018.
30. Burren Ecotourism Network produce new promotional leaflet showcasing members. July 2018.
31. Doolin2Aran ferries launch new low emission ferry service to Aran Islands.
32. Kilinaboy Heritage Group and the Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings working weekend for conservation work on historical 16<sup>th</sup> Century building. August 2018.

# CABO DE GATA NIJAR GEOPARK, SPAIN

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Monitoring and environmental compliance control, support and collaboration in the organization of sport events: ( more than 9 activities from March to September.
2. Collaboration on the organization of the Classical music festival “ Classics in the Park” and flamenco music festival “Flamenco 340” during July & August 2018.
3. Continuous activity of our Instagram account ( more than 100 pictures post, 1200 followers, more than 12.500 likes)
4. Participation as in the ACT4LITTER project by MedPan, to monitoring and raise awareness about the Marine Litter problematic in the Mediterranean.
5. Participation in the Marine Litter Watch Month second edition on May 2018, monitoring marine litter at emblematic beaches.
6. Authorization, monitoring and environmental compliance control to audiovisual producers interested in the shooting of movies, documentaries and commercials including the filmation of Terminator & at La Isleta del Moro ( June 2018)
7. Attendance to the Mid-term Conference MPAs facing pollution in the Mediterranean: thinking beyond boundaries as part of the partners of the ACT4LITTER project at Pisa, Italy 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.
8. Still working until the end of april with the new programme “Winter Geopark” the colaboration of the Geopark´s strategic partners, every weekend a new georute from February to April, with geotourism enterprises of the Geopark.
9. Collab with the University of Almeria to include a Volcanic Garden at the University, with a representation of the diversity of the geopark´s volcanic heritage.
10. Participation as partner at the CO-Adapta project, to raise awareness about the importance of the 5220 habitat of Community Interest and the *Ziziphus lotus*.
11. Welcoming ,as every year, more than 20 universities that came annually to the geopark for fieldwork with their geology students.
12. Newspaper appereance every week from in april promoting “Winter Geopark” programme.
13. Attendance to the Spanish Geoparks Comitee Metting held in Madrid, June 2018.
14. Develop meeting of the LIFE AdaptaMed project, which involves Doñana , Sierra Nevada and Cabo de Gata-Níjar protected areas at the Sierra Nevada National Park Office in Pinos Genil , Granada ( May 2018)
15. Participation and CO-organization of the II AmbBioBlitz, at the Almeria´s University, focused on get students of all ages close to the environmental values of the almeria province including Cabo de Gata-Níjar UGG qith a stand and activities
16. Collaboration and ellaboration of an action plan for the sampling of volcanic rocks for a new collection to be exposed at The House of the Volcanos ecomuseum.

17. Collaboration in the organization of the “International Meeting in Defence of the Natural Darkness of night” celebrated ( April 2018)
18. Collaboration in The night of the Eclipse, celebrated on July 27 with a talk of our geologist about the Geology and the formation of the moon.
19. Meeting of the Participative body of the geopark, in June 2018.
20. Collaboration with the event of the Duchenne Parent Project with an astronomic georute to watch the Perseides shower ( August 2018)
21. Collaboration at the Night of the Candles and the Natural Darkness of the Night celebration at Rodalquilar ( August 2018)
22. Meeting with the artisanal fishermans of La Isleta del Moro in order to exchange opinions, mutual collaborations, and other questions of interest related to the everyday fishing activities carried out by them.
23. World Environment day celeration : “Adopt a Ziziphus Lotus” activity at the Cabo de Gata Elementary School.

### **Networking**

24. Attendance to the 41th EGN georpaks meeting at Karavanke UGG , Austria/ Slovenia s 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2018
25. Spanish geoparks fora coordination meeting at the 41th EGN georpaks meeting at Karavanke UGG , Austria/ Slovenia s 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March 2018
26. Collaboration at the Sobrarbe UGG EGN Week with a talk about the Cabo de Gata -Níjar UGG geology at Aínsa ( May 2018)
27. Direct collab, meetings and common work with the other 3 andalusian geoparks, the Public Use dept. & the Andalusian Regional Government.
28. Attendance to the Spanish national comitee meeting ( Madrid, June 2018)

### **Activity by Partners**

29. All types of education activities carried out by our partners at the Amoladeras Visitor´s center framed in the educative programme they develop every month.
30. Geotours by our Partners ( kayak, boat, scuba diving, snorkel, hike etc.), March–September 2018.
31. Activities carried out in the frame of the Sensibilization and Environmental Participation programme at Cabo de Gata-Níjar UGG by partners.
32. Celebration of the Threshing Party 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, at the Era of La Isleta del Moro, in collab with Cervezas Alborán, one of our associated partners

# CARNIC ALPS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, AUSTRIA

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. 23<sup>rd</sup> of June: Oral presentation of "Der Wilde Westen der Karnischen Alpen" (The Wild West of the Carnic Alps)
2. 17<sup>th</sup> of August: Oral presentation of "Aliens in der Tier- und Pflanzenwelt" (Aliens in the plant and animal kingdoms)
3. 22<sup>nd</sup> of August: Oral presentation of "Der Wilde Westen der Karnischen Alpen" (The Wild West of the Carnic Alps)
4. Numerous guided hiking tours and programmes with schools and individual customers
5. Consequent project work for the Interreg-project "Geotrac" with the focus on:
  - a) Three new geotrails (Lake Wolayer, Kötschach-Mauthen and Straniger Alm-Lanzenpass)
  - b) Development of the exhibition design for the new visitor centre
6. Numerous articles in different media (for example <http://www.gailtal-journal.at/kultur/die-buckelwiesen-der-egger-alm/70873/> or [https://www.kleinezeitung.at/kaernten/oberkaernten/5469229/Hermagor\\_Wiekamen-die-Buckel-auf-die-Alm](https://www.kleinezeitung.at/kaernten/oberkaernten/5469229/Hermagor_Wiekamen-die-Buckel-auf-die-Alm))
7. Submission of a scientific paper for print on "The geological history of the Alps" (Hans P. Schönlaub)
8. Submission of a scientific paper on "Review of the Devonian/Carboniferous boundary in the Carnic Alps of Austria" (Hans P. Schönlaub)
9. Submission of a scientific paper on "The geological secret of mountain Hochwipfel in the Carnic Alps (H. Kabon and Hans P. Schönlaub)
10. Submission of a scientific paper on "*Lonsdaleia carnica* n. sp., a new colonial coral from the late Mississippian Kirchbach Formation of the Carnic Alps (Austria)" (S. Rodriguez, H. Kabon & H. P. Schönlaub)
11. Publication of a scientific paper on "Lower Serpukhovian /Steshevina) foraminifers and algae from exotic limestone clasts of Nötsch (Eastern Alps, Austria)" by D. Vachard, K. Krainer & H.P. Schönlaub) in *Geobios*, 51.

### Networking

12. Cooperation with Italian Partners within the Interreg Project "GeoTrAC" with the aim to establish a cross-border Geopark Carnic Alps
13. Cooperation with the Geopark Karwanke with the aim of permanent funding by the Province of Carinthia

14. Cooperation with research institutes:
- a) University of Innsbruck and Vienna, Austria: research topic “Rossalm-Section”
  - b) Umweltmuseum GEOSKOP Thallichtenberg, Germany: Research on the oldest tetrapod ichnofossils in Austria
15. Installation of new trilingual panels at Geotrail Plöckenpaß in cooperation with “Friends of Dolomites” and the Alpine Club Obergailtal-Lesachtal

### **Activity by Partners**

16. Cooperation with “Via Iulia Augusta Concert Summer 2018”: joint evening event (concert and hiking tour); <https://www.via-iulia-augusta.at/index.php/schatten-und-licht/duo-stadler-finkel>)
17. Corporate marketing project “Naturerleben Kärnten”; partners: tourist organisations (Naturarena Kärnten, Kärnten Werbung), Carinthian nature and national parks; <http://www.kaernten.at/naturerleben>



# CAUSSES DU QUERCY GEOPARK, FRANCE

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Edition of the new Tourist Discovery Guide of Parc/Geopark, March 2018.
2. Meeting of the National natural reserve of geological interest's Advisory Committee (validation of the Reserve diagnosis and issues), March 2018.
3. Numerous articles on the Geopark in local, regional and national medias, including two TV shooting for national TV news and show, March–September 2018.
4. Lectures on Causses du Quercy geological heritage and the Geopark in Cahors, Figeac and Mouillac (neighbouring towns of the Geopark), March, April & July 2018.
5. Organisation and hosting of "Géole" annual meeting, the section of *Société géologique de France* dedicated to the popularisation and dissemination of Earth Sciences, April 2018.
6. Lecture on the Causses du Quercy territory geology/karstology for a training course from the French Speleology School, April 2018.
7. Launch of three roaming loops on Geopark heritages for electric bicycles and organisation of "Défilé de paysages" (Landscape parade), an event to promote the Geopark discovery on electric bikes rides, April 2018.
8. "Rebuilders seeds", two teenager's workcamps in "Hameau de Barrière" Linked site on the theme of the restoration of the traditional built heritage, April & August 2018.
9. Hydrogeological tracing on "Causse de St-Chels", April–May 2018.
10. Several events on geological heritage for the general public, April–July 2018.
11. Collective and public worksite to clean-up an unauthorized landfill site in "Lébratières" phosphorite cave (organized by the Geopark and local speleologists). May 2018.
12. Representation of "Clara and the stairs of time" show, a musical geological tale based on the Geopark geological history, May 2018.
13. Launch of two "Geocaching" canoe routes on the Célé River, May 2018.
14. Pedagogical meeting with local secondary school teachers about the participatory science project "Seeds of palaeontologists", May 2018.
15. Openings of the travelling exhibition "Landscape portraits" (3 exhibition venues), May, June and September 2018.
16. Publication project of a Causses du Quercy geological guidebook by Omniscience Editions: definition of 12 trails, June–August 2018.
17. Training course for Lalbenque-Limogne Tourist Information Office staff and proximity tourist partners (tourist sites, accommodation providers and tour-guides) on Geopark and "Perte du Cros" Geosite, June 2018.
18. A musical wandering reading show for the general public on "Cloup d'Aural phosphorite cave" Geosite, June 2018

19. Launch of *Capture ton paysage* (“Catch your landscape”) App, a digital participatory observatory tool to monitor local changes (in partnership with the German university of Osnabrück, as a declination of the PAN project App realised with TERRA.vita Geopark), June 2018.
20. Publication of a paper in the French Journal "Espèces" on Quercy fossils and phosphates, June 2018.
21. Organization and hosting of a training day for laboratory staffs from secondary schools from all the Midi-Pyrénées area (visit of “St-Cirq-Lapopie” & “Calvignac” geosites), June 2018.
22. Collective restitution of classes’ achievements within the framework of the educational program “Geoparcours” (14 participating classes for the 2017-2018 school year), June 2018.
23. Celebration of the first anniversary of the Causses du Quercy “UNESCO Global Geopark” Label, July 2018.
24. Official openings of “dolmens interpretation trail” and “sheep interpretation trail” in Espédaillac, July & September 2018.
25. Public information meetings on the Geological Reserve regulation, July 2018.
26. Voluntary work days for the restoration of dry stone walls, July–September 2018.
27. Opening of a micro-quarry to provide restoration construction sites with limestone roof tiles (“lauzes”) (within a partnership with local craftsmen labelled for their know-how in the restoration of built heritage), September 2018.
28. Training session on the geological history of the Causses du Quercy for the Geopark inhabitants and partners, September 2018.

### **Networking**

29. Participation in the 41th Coordination committee in Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark (2 delegates), March 2018.
30. Participation in the European Geoparks Week, May–June 2018.
31. Receiving a delegation from Armorique aspiring Geopark (France) & hosting the annual information meeting for French aspiring Geopark organised by CNGF (French national Geopark Committee), April 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

32. Carrying out the topographic survey and launching of a call for tenders for the definition of new facilities for the visitor itinerary on Cloup d’Aural phosphorite cave Geosite, Août 2018.
33. Palaeontological digs in the Causses du Quercy phosphorite caves under the coordination of the University of Lyon, July-August 2018.
34. Validation of an ANR funding for DEADENDER, a project-based research relying on palaeontological materials from Causses du Quercy Geopark proposed by Montpellier University, June 2018.
35. Rebuilding drawings of Causses du Quercy Eocen and Oligocen mammals from fossils by Maeva Orliac, researcher at Montpellier University, March–July 2018.

# CHABLAIS GEOPARK, FRANCE

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Lead role in an educational project with Ballaison Junior School : valorisation of a Chablais UGGp geosite using digital media. The project ended in July with the official opening of a “virtual” visit in the presence of members of local, departmental, regional government and the national education authorities.
2. Preparation of the National Science Festival for the Chablais UGGp territory: theme 2018, “The Future”.
3. Renewal of the exhibition at the Fishing and Lake Eco-museum, Thonon. Participation Chablais UGGp in the working group.
4. Member of a working group with ASTERS (Department of Haute Savoie environmental protection partner) looking at harmonising the valorisation of environmental education along the shores of Lac Léman).
5. Renewal of the Chablais UGGp politicians. Dedicated Chablais UGGp Vice President elected onto the SIAC executive committee. Working groups and brainstorming sessions.
6. Visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site in the Chablais UGGp with the freshwater archaeological team. Organisation of a conference presenting the site and its hidden treasures for the general public 30/5.
7. Examination of participations in the Geopark Guide Training program for the validation of their qualification “Chablais UGGp Guide”. 14/5.
8. Geoparks Week 19/5 to 2/6. Presentation stand, workshops and treetop discovery in Evian 19/20-5, Free geosite visits and events 26/5 – 6/2, Public talk on bronze age archaeological UNESCO WH site 30/5, animation in Thonon 30/5.
9. Meeting with Danone (Evian Mineral Water) to explore how to integrate the new factory visit into the existing Geopark offer presenting the Evian catchment.
10. Participation in the sampling of erratic boulders for a study looking to better refine the timing of the Alpine “Würm” glaciation, with the University of Grenoble. 11/6.
11. Fieldwork with a geomorphologist and glaciologist exploring a fossilised rock glacier and a “cold scree” to better understand one of the Chablais UGGp’s geosites. 25/5.
12. Field activity for Douvaine secondary school as part of an exchange visit with Irish school students: the past, present and future landscape of Lac Léman. 14/6.
13. Working group meetings with the councillors of the Chablais following the UGGp. 18/6.
14. Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee. March 2018.
15. Fieldwork preparation for the ERASMUS+ exchange programme with Rokua and Sesia Val Grande UGGp’s. 22/6 and 24/6.
16. Fieldwork with the RTM geological survey examining the landslide affecting the Reyvroz municipality. 3/7.
17. Continuous fieldwork training for the official UGGp Guides “The Nappes of the Chablais”. 5/6–7.
18. Participation in the science festivals for the Thonon and Evian areas May 2015.
19. Visits by schools to geosites April – July 2018 with UGGp guides, organised by the Chablais UGGp. Junior and senior school levels.
20. Organisation of visits to a Neolithic archaeological site for the UGGp guides, councillor’s pf the UGGp working group and members of the scientific advisory committee. 28/8.

21. Continued development of the senior school tool kit with activity sheets and problems. February – August 2018.
22. Development of new interactive models to explain tsunamis, sediment transport and the formation of Lac Léman.
23. Working in partnership with “Visite en Chablais”, an association that brings together all the major tourism visitor sites in the territory to create a new promotional brochure.
24. Approval of the “Public Awareness Raising Program” by the Haute Savoie Department that will finance up to 80% of Chablais UGp the listed actions.
25. Chablais UGGp became a member of Educ’Alpes a network of institutional and private partners that work to promote sustainable development in a mountain environment.
26. Preparation and printing of a 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Lakes of the Chablais, renewed and extended to cover the whole of the Chablais UGGp territory.

### **Networking**

27. Participation in the EGN AC in Karawanchen, Austria-Slovenia. 20/03.
28. Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> EGN CC in Karawanchen, Austria-Slovenia. 21/3 – 23/3.
29. Poster presentation explaining UNESCO Global Geoparks, the Chablais UGGp, its ski game activity explaining UNESCO Global Geoparks and our approach to geotourism and science communication at the EGU conference, 9-13/4.
30. Submission of an ERASMUS+ project with Rokua and Sesia Val Grande UGGp’s “Geoheritage and climate change for highlighting the professional perspective”.
31. Reception of a Russian delegation from Irkutsk, Lake Baikal. Presentation of the UNESCO Global Geoparks and the Chablais UGGp. Visit of the UGGp. 3/5.
32. One day workshop on the theme of Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark and the potential to create an UGGp at Lake Baikal. 4/5.
33. Meeting for the French National Geoparks Committee with Savoie Mont Blanc tourism to discuss promotion of the UGGp label. 29/5.

### **Activity by Partners**

34. Award of the label « membre du réSEAU des écoles associés de l’UNESCO » for the highest level of environmental education to a Geopark partner, the Douvaine Secondary School. They also joined the “My Responsible Restaurant” program for quality school meals that respect the environment. 30/3.
35. Creation of an augmented reality interpretation product for the Abbey d’Aulps. The Chablais UGGp was one of the testing team.
36. Establishment of a new geotourism product for the Chablais by Escursia: a geotourism package tour.
37. Organization and publicity for events during the Geopark Week by the three groups of municipalities and the partner visitor sites of the Chablais UGGp.
38. Establishment of a program “Artaclim” to understand climate change risks in the Haut Chablais and how municipalities can incorporate this into future projects. Chablais UGGp provided bibliographic resources for the 3-year program.

# **CHELMOS VOURAIKOS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. During two days, 4-5 June, within the framework of the educational activities that carried out by the Primary School of Kalavryta, Chelmos-Vouraikos Management Body took an active role both with the provision of supporting material and with the presence of the Forest Protection Specialists, June 2018.
2. Participation in the events titled "EN SYRMO 2018 – Odontotos Festivities" with topic "Odontotos rack railway" and the "Geotope of Vouraikos Gorge". April-May 2018.
3. Children's workshop "The Gorge of Inspiration" took place with events for children 6-12 years from the Environmental Education Center of Klitoria-Akrata at the bridge of Zachlorou, in the gorge of the Vouraikos river that inspired the great painter Yannis Spyropoulos, May 2018.

### **Networking**

4. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karawanken Geopark, Austria, March 2018.
5. Sending an article for the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 16, Aug2018.
6. Organization and wide promotion of the EGN Week. For more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2018
7. Collecting and preparing for publishing the reports on European Geoparks Week, the progress reports (March–September 2018) and the portraits of the EGN CC members, August 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

8. Participation in the 1st International Conference of UNESCO Global Geoparks of Greece and Cyprus in C. Kranidioti Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, May 2018.

# **CILENTO AND VALLO DI DIANO GEOPARK, ITALY**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

During last six months Cilento and Vallo di Diano Geopark staff started his work to improve the geological heritage conservation and promotion.

The following are call out important activities:

### **Networking**

1. Participation to the EGN CC meeting in Karawanken Austria, March 2018
2. Support to organization 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Geoparks in Adamello Brenta Geopark
3. We will participate to the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Geoparks on September 2018 and submission of the article
4. Support for the aspiring Geoparks
5. Participation in working group of EGN
6. Organized EGN week 2018

### **Geopark activities**

7. Annual program of environmental education in the schools of the park, with the purpose to introduce the young generations to environmental problems helping them to understand the values of the territory in which they live and the necessary actions for the correct maintenance and fruition. Such projects have been planned foreseeing moments of popularization in the classrooms integrated by excursions on the territory for the direct knowledge of the natural beauties and particularly of the geo-diversity present.
8. We have produced new videos to promote the Geopark
9. A are realizing a new visibility (through a new panels) in all most important site and municipality of Geopark
10. Tour with the university students on the geosites
11. Participation some national and international workshop to promote the Geopark.
12. Participation in national programs television were we speak about the Cilento and Vallo di Diano Geopark and the EGN-GGN and has published some articles on the news paper
13. The Geopark is implementing the museum on geodiversity in the center in Vallo della Lucania (SA), and the museum of Geo-biodiversity in a new Centre of Castellabate (SA)
14. Organized, during the summer, cultural events in some municipalities, for geological historical and environmental valorisation of the territory. (for example Elea Velia geo-archeosite theater)
15. We are working to master plan to manage all UNESCO designations: a unique strategy of conservation
16. We started to create the book of UNESCO designation

## **Activity by Partners**

17. We are working with all stakeholder a permanent forum to sustainable tourism

18. We are realizing with Italian University research project on biodiversity and geodiversity and cultural heritage

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# **COPPER COAST UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, IRELAND**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Numerous interviews and articles on the Geopark in the national and regional media, March–September 2018.
2. Coastal Archaeology lectures in collaboration with national program of archaeology on archaeology of the Copper Coast Geopark as part of national heritage week 2018, August 2018
3. Running of Earth Sense education program with local early years education centre, March 2018
4. Collaboration with local authority in production of maps and infrastructure for a geopark on road cycle route.
5. Recording, production and installation of first geopark audio information post. August 2018
6. Oral presentations about our Geopark at numerous schools, universities, institutes and civil organisations, March–September 2018.
7. Work on local aspects of Atlantic Geoparks Geotourism Route ERDF co-funded project in Copper Coast Geopark March-September 2018
8. Editing and replacement of Geopark information panels in geological garden, May 2018
9. Field trips led by Copper Coast Geopark staff for special interest groups and university tours of particular geological features, June 2018
10. Employment of new geopark freelance guide and operation of Geopark tours for retirement groups, July 2018.
11. Programmes and educational activities for 5 days within the Bealtaine festival of outdoor science and learning, a regional science festival: children's programmes, guided geowalk and workshops. May 2018.
12. GIS and field surveying of coastal subsidence issues within geopark in conjunction with national geological survey March–April 2018
13. Presentation of the Geopark within local partner school to stephane Crozon, ambassador of France to Ireland, April 2018
14. Participating in the Comeraghs Wild Festival with numerous activities taking place throughout the Geopark, July 2018

### **Networking**

15. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke Geopark, Austria/Slovenia, March 2018.
16. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: geowalks, womens event, history talks , etc., for more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2018



17. Attendance by Geopark staff at national Geoparks forum and assistance of organisation of same, June 2018
18. Attendance of co-ordination meetings for Atlantic Geoparks Interreg project with other European Geoparks in France, June 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

19. Helping local Bunmahon tidy town organisation apply for funding for protective boardwalk for local beach.
20. Guided tours of the Geopark (geotour-guides trained by our Geopark), March–September 2018.
21. Collaboration with Geological survey in organisation of events for National Heritage Week, August 2018
22. Organisation by local authority and Geopark staff of geopark re-revalidation steering group for 2019. March to September 2018
23. Assistance with local Geoparks partner school in the winning of a national award. March to September 2018
24. Working with Dunhill Eco-park geopark partner in celebrating universe of its foundation- this included an information stand from the eco park on same.

# **EL HIERRO GEOPARK, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN.**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Oral presentations, visit and placement of poster about geopark and conservation of fossil of La Caleta beach, June 2018.
2. Guided visit to geopark of journalists, March-July 2018
3. Oral presentations about our Geopark at schools, institutes and civil organisations, March–September 2018.
4. Educational Conference in the El Pinar nature about the geopark's classroom: workshops, puzzles, theatre, geo-games, Twister geopark..., March-June 2018
5. Selection of research institutes on the geopark for the project "Youth ambassadors". April 2018.
6. Oral presentations "the Canary Islands geological origin and El Hierro", in the institutes, in charge of geologists Ramon Ortiz and María de Los Angeles Llinares, March 2018.
7. GEO routes carried out with schools, institutes and groups with disabilities.
8. Guinea volcanic tube tourist attractions, March-September 2018.
9. Visits to tourist to the centre of interpretation of El Hierro geopark and geological interpretation centre, March-September 2018.
10. Guided tour in Geoloday geologists "The aborted sliding in The Hierro island", May 2018.
11. European Geoparks Week May-June 2018.
12. Participation meeting of hikers in El Hierro, April 2018.
13. Participation in swimming across, September 2018.
14. Course of geology for tour guides, September 2018.

### **Networking**

1. Participation in the 33rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Sobrarbe Geopark, Spain, March 2018.
2. Travel of young ambassadors of the geopark: El Hierro geopark to Molina de Aragón Geopark, April 2018.
3. Visit of young ambassadors of the geopark Molina de Aragón to El Hierro, May-June 2018.
4. Signing of twinning between geopark of Lanzarote y Archipiélago Chinijo and El Hierro, May-July 2018.

# ENGLISH RIVIERA GEOPARK, UK

## Progress Report, March - September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. The English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark's contribution to the tourism economy in Torbay was recognised at the 2017/18 South West Tourism Excellence awards when it received an Outstanding Contribution to Tourism award.
2. Geopark Management Plan under review.
3. Installation of 2nd large ERUGG logo'd welcome sign at the main entrance to the Geopark complete.
4. Social media remains active with @RivieraGeopark followers increasing to 4,083 on twitter and our Facebook page followers increasing to 1,035.
5. Discussions underway with six local organisations/businesses in relation to the new ERUGG Associate Partnership level. An application from Torbay Cleaner Coasts Initiative to join the scheme was unanimously approved by the Geopark Management Group during its meeting on 4 July.
6. The Geopark Management Group are engaged in continued discussions with the Torbay Development Agency and Torbay Council re future sustainability.
7. Successful coordination of the 2018 Geopark Festival, 26 May to 3 June.
8. Working to integrate the Geopark into the public realm as part of two town centre regeneration projects at Torquay Harbour and Paignton Station Square.
9. Collaboration with the Creative Direction and Cultural Programme Development Manager of Torbay's Great Place Scheme (a three year project funded by the Arts Council and Heritage Lottery fund under the direction of the Culture Board). The intention is to enhance Geopark cultural and creative activity to reach over the whole year if possible, building audiences and engagement as the year progresses as well as building on the successful foundations of the annual Geopark Festival
10. As a result of a recent visit and meetings held with Keijan Xu collaboration with University of Geosciences, Beijing, on Chinese translation of main leaflet, website and subtitles for the Geopark film will initiate soon

### Networking

11. Melanie Border ongoing participation in GGN Executive Board.
12. Participation of Nick Powe in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting.
13. As previous host of the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks the English Riviera has been providing ongoing advice and support to Adamello Brenta who will host the conference in 2018.
14. Nick Powe completed the revalidation mission of Ningde UGGp
15. Hosted visit of the Hong Kong International Lions Club in April 2018

16. Hosted the visit of a group of 2nd year Geography students from Sungshin University in Seoul, Korea, accompanied by their professor, Prof. Kyeong Park, visited the Geopark in July 2018. The group used their time to learn about how the area uses Geotourism to create economic and social regeneration and to apply their knowledge to aspiring Geoparks and the 3 existing UNESCO Geoparks in Korea. The team of students had won the universities 'Global Frontier' prize and were able to use the prize-winnings to come to the UK on a Study/Research visit.
17. At their next meeting the Geopark Management Group will consider a request received from Tianzhushan UGGp to consolidate the already existing signed agreement of cooperation with them and effectively upgrade the relationship to full sister partnership.
18. Due to the great potential for collaboration between Kents Cavern and Zhoukoudian Caves early discussions are taking place regarding a partnership with Fangshan UNESCO Global Geopark.
19. Providing advice and support to Waitaki-Whitestone aspiring Geopark in New Zealand. The New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO has shortlisted the 'Waitaki Whitestone Geopark' as its preferred candidate to apply for UNESCO Global Geopark status. A visit for delegates from Waitaki to the English Riviera will take place in mid-September.
20. Preparations are underway for the English Riviera to host a live internet linked Global Junkjam event with school and community groups from UGGp's around the world in Oct. The participating UGGP's are Arouca, Bergstrasse Odenwald, Hateg, Lanzarote, Stonehammer, Tumbler Ridge, Zhanjiajie, Qhesm and the Waitaki-Whitestone aspiring geopark.

### **Activity by partners**

1. Following significant storm damage and an enforced temporary closure of the Paignton Geopark earlier in the year, volunteers and partners worked successfully to clean up and ensure all equipment was repaired and safe in order to pass the required play safety standards. Whilst closed for the repairs, additionally Stoneycombe, a local quarry, run by Aggregates South donated and delivered additional limestone boulders to be used in order to improve safety and discourage access to and from certain areas. The park was re-opened for the public in time for the Easter holiday.
2. Donald Knaack aka The Junkman, who is now acting as an Arts Education Ambassador for the Geopark ran workshops for the Geopark at the Grinagog Music Festival and on Earth Day. He has also out and about across the country, visiting schools, running workshops and performing at festivals and events spreading the word about the English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark as he goes.
3. New Associate partner, Torbay Cleaner Coast Initiative share a common vision to work collectively to improve the marine and coastal environment within the Geopark. Over the last year they have removed 5 tonnes of litter from the Geopark coastline.
4. Filming of the visit of Prof Fred Coolidge from the University of Colorado to Kents Cavern took place for a TV documentary.
5. Sportiva events successfully ran the 4th Geopark Triathlon in July 2018 with over 200 competitors

## **FFOREST FAWR UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, WALES, UK**

### **Progress Report: March 2018 – September 2018**

#### **Geopark Activities**

1. Local Ambassador training for Powys library staff, Brecon: 21 March 2018
2. Exclusive Ambassadors event at Buckland Hall, Bwlch: 22 March 2018
3. Local Ambassador training for staff of Sgwd Gwladys Lodge, Pontneddfechan: 26 March 2018
4. National Park Ambassador training at National Park Visitor Centre, Libanus: 27 March 2018
5. Geopark tour from Penderyn for Society of National Park Staff: 14 April 2018
6. Guided walk for staff of Aon Benfield Reinsurers, Penderyn: 3 May 2018
7. Mountain & Moorland Ambassador training, Crickhowell: 10 May 2018
8. The Geopark hosted the annual meeting of the UK Committee UNESCO Global Geoparks (UKCUGG) 15 -17 May 2018.
9. Fforest Fawr Geopark Festival 19 May – 3 June 2018 Eight events with an estimated 550 participants including one in association with Hay Literary Festival
10. Address to Brecon Beacons Tourism members meeting, National Botanic Garden of Wales: 12 June 2018
11. Guided geological walk over Moel Penderyn, Sgwd yr Eira for SWGA: 16 June 2018
12. Talks and walks for local people at “Residents’ Day” at Pontneddfechan: 17 June 2018
13. Further Local Ambassador training for staff of Sgwd Gwladys Lodge, Pontneddfechan: 19 June 2018
14. Geocaching demonstration at Garwnant Forest: 19 July 2018
15. Local Ambassador training for information volunteers, Brecon: 25 July 2018
16. Partnership discussions with Cambria Tours, Aberystwyth: 1 August 2018

#### **EGN Common Projects**

Ongoing participation with several other Geoparks in the EU Atlantic Interreg Project including:

17. Open day for public held at Craig- y-nos Country Park on 30 May 2018.
18. three day meeting (26-29 June) with partners in the Armorik Aspiring Geopark, Bretagne, France.
19. Filming around geopark as part of Interreg collaboration

#### **Conservation and Geo-conservation**

20. Attended as co-opted committee member, meeting of Geological Society of London Geoconservation Committee: 1 May 2018
21. Continued participation by Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark in SEWRIGS – South East Wales’ Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites - the operational area of the group, which engages in geoconservation, includes the whole of the Geopark.

#### **Education**

22. Supervising four undergraduate mapping projects in the Carreg Cennen and Black Mountain areas of Fforest Fawr Geopark. In collaboration with the School

of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University.

### **Mentoring Aspiring Geoparks**

23. Meeting with Ugandan High Commissioner re Geopark status for Rwenzori Mountains National Park, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### **Research**

24. Sediment DNA and pollen stratigraphy at Traeth Mawr Geosite: This research involves scientists from Cardiff University's Schools of Biosciences, Earth and Ocean Sciences, and School of History, Archaeology and Religion, and Fforest Fawr Geopark.

25. Structural Geology of the Swansea Valley and Vale of Neath Disturbance : A collaborative project involving the School of Earth & Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University and Fforest Fawr Geopark.

### **Networking**

26. Participation, in the 41st EGN CC and AC meetings Karavanke-Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark.

27. Editing articles for the EGN Fossil Working Group.

28. Editing the request for contributions for - An exhibition of human-made stone objects at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Global Geoparks – Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark.

29. Silica Firebrick Manufacture at Penwyllt Brick Works, Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark. Contribution to the exhibition of human-made stone objects at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Global Geoparks with support from the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University.

30. Editing Issues 1 and 2 of the Global Geoparks Network Magazine.

31. EGN Magazine 16 – administration.

32. Editing contributions for the EGN Fossil Working Group - Book

33. Editing articles for EGN Newsletters 11 and 12.

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# **GEA NORWEGICA GEOPARK, NORWAY**

## **Progress Report, March – September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Regular events for schools on topics related to geodiversity and biodiversity, culture and history.
2. Education program for university college students on/at the volcanic area of Fen
3. Free guided tours in the season from May to September. 1100 people attended the guided tours
4. Developed a collection system for garbage in the national park.
5. Project “marine pollution” ten school classes cleaning the coastline
6. Interviews in local and national radio and newspapers on different topics.
7. Launched new website
8. New dinosaur exhibition in the Geopark centre
9. New adventures project connected with Norwegian whetstone.

### **Networking**

10. Participation in the European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke/Karawanken in Austria/Slovenia
11. The manager gave lectures at intensive course on Lesvos and participated in GGN ExB meeting.
12. Seminar in Athens, Geopark presentation
13. Geopark presentation and advisor for an aspiring Geopark in Finland
14. Four revalidations/evaluation; China, UK and Kazakhstan.
15. Manager: several Skype meetings with GGN ExB

### **Activity by Partners**

Cultural events by partners

Designed new partner logo.

Partners participated in regional food market with new geopark products.

# GEOMON UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, WALES, UK

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Running a week for the entire 6<sup>th</sup> form of the French International School in London and 6 of their staff with 4 geologists and six volunteer
2. Receiving an Honorary Fellowship from the University of Bangor for Public Distinction. Full ceremony on Youtube.
3. Running fortnightly geowalks Easter to October in cadnabt Gardens and other venues as booked.
4. Working with Bangor and Cardiff Universities on research with students.
5. Monitoring geosites on conservation sites in Anglesey.
6. I Huws managing the team sorting out a storm disaster that caused polystyrene on all the beaches and rocks in the north and west of the island.
7. Discussions with AONB on partnering Geopark and new committee of JAC instituted on making GeoMon sustainable and financed
8. AONB discussing partnering with Minister of the Environment from Wales Parliament. Management and Financial status AS our financial status is not good we have numerous volunteers working for us. We have now formed a new committee with the AONB Joint Advisory committee to look into our financial status and sort this out as a partnership. The Welsh government is working with us to find solutions and has designated a government person to help us in this
9. Minister talked with M.Wood re situation and asked for a new Business plan to be done with GeoMon and the AONB. And to include governance and sustainability.
10. Minister to meet with GeoMon once plan produced and accepted.
11. Continuing supervision of Ph. D. student re Newborough area with Cardiff University.
12. Teaching open university student a d We have pme student doing his B.Sc part time with us in exchange for his help with Business advice as he is a Business Consultant in the Government run Co-operative Society. Degree course centred on practical fieldwork within geological Periods in Anglesey.
13. Rock clock and plinth vandalised. Organised repairs.
14. T. Williams wishes to work with GeoMon geoscientist to get some dating of specimens paid for by himself. These will benefit research on the island,
15. Working with County Council AONB as Joint Advisory Councillor. Sustainable tourism (Geotourism) We work with the Tourism officers in the County Council who have already created geotourism signs, information boards and plinths for us and



repair as necessary. Our own geology of the island is a sustainable way of showing the geology without creating a footprint

16. Geoconservation We continue to look after our sites under the leadership of the government agency NRW who are monitoring our sites for us and will do remedial work where required.
17. Promotional activities GeoMon is represented at all local shows and further afield with the County Council. We are represented all meetings in Anglesey where we can promote the Geopark and all relevant organisations have slate plaques with our UNESCO logo. We attend and display at all local events eg Menai Food festival and Beaumaris festival. We are planning next year to partner officially with the Beaumaris Festival as it coincides with EGN week.

## **Networking**

18. AS our financial status is not good we have numerous volunteers working for us. We have now formed a new committee with the AONB Joint Advisory committee to look into our financial status and sort this out as a Attending all EGN and GGN meetings.
19. Member of Atlantic INTERREG group for 1 year
20. Working with County Council AONB as Joint Advisory Councillor. Working with several Anglesey groups as partners eg Wildlife Trust, NRW. Red Squirrels
21. Joint working with the Government Conservation body NRW NRW Advertising GGN at shows in Anglesey and Cheshire.
22. The Welsh government is working with us to find solutions and has designated a government person to help us in this.
23. Attending Anglesey Show, Beaumaris and Menai Food festivals and displaying with the Anglesey Tourism Association.
24. Working on EGN week and new partnership with Beaumaris festival that advertises wisely organises events. We were part of this during EGN week and next year we will work more closely with them.
25. Continue to work with Food group and display our material and attend their festivals. 2 of Anglesey chefs on Great British Menu and Masterchef.
26. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: geotours, and Festival partnership
27. Talks as requested and Facebook entries daily on the photograph and comments with many queries on rocks, fossils and minerals that we answer daily.

## **Activity by Partners**

28. Working with County Council AONB as Joint Advisory Councillor
29. Working with several Anglesey groups as partners eg Wildlife Trust, NRW. Red Squirrels

30. Joint working with the Government Conservation body. NRW Advertising GGN at shows in Anglesey and Cheshire.
31. The Welsh government is working with us to find solutions and has designated a government person to help us in this
32. Geoconservation We continue to look after our sites under the leadership of the government agency NRW who are monitoring our sites for us and will do remedial work where required.
33. Sustainable tourism (Geotourism) We work with the Tourism officers in the County Council who have already created geotourism signs, information boards and plinths for us and repair as necessary. Our own geology book of the island is a sustainable way of showing the geology without creating a footprint.

# **HATEG COUNTRY UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ROMANIA**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Organising the Geopark Challenge Half Marathon, 4<sup>th</sup> edition. A sports competition connecting medieval heritage in the Geopark, April 2018
2. Numerous interviews and articles on the Geopark in the national and regional media – on-line, printed, radio and TV, March–September 2018.
3. Guided geotours and educational programmes, carried out by the Geopark team, volunteers and partner NGOs, March–September 2018.
4. Presentations and other activities in 9 schools in the Geopark, members of the EduGeopark Network, March–September 2018.
5. Scientific fieldwork and new palaeontology discoveries by the University of Bucharest – Department of Geology and Geophysics, June – August 2018.
6. Renovation of the interpretation point House of Science and Art, June 2018.
7. Opening three new exhibitions in the House of Science and Art – “Dinosaurs and their eggs”, “Earthquakes” and “Dinosaur World in Lego”, in partnership with various organisations, July-August 2018.
8. Organising the “Ia day” a celebration of the Romanian traditional blouse, June 2018
9. Organising the revalidation visit of the UNESCO evaluators Dr. Klaus George and dr. Jianping Zhang, July 2018.
10. Organising the “Dinosaurs Festival” fourth edition, with many activities like workshops, conferences, presentations, guided tours etc., July 2018.
11. Organising “Volcano Day” third edition, a scientific and educational event, for the first time on national level, August 2018.
12. Organising the second Romanian National Geoparks Forum, June 2018.

### **Networking**

13. Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark, Slovenia/Austria, March 2018.
14. Publishing an article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 15, March 2018.
15. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: geotours, conferences, presentations, workshops, events, etc., for more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2018
16. Signing the UNESCO protocol between all the UNESCO designations in Hunedoara County, May 2018 and promoting UNESCO Geopark Program
17. Coordinating the Instagram account GGN youth, together with Tumbler Ridge UGG, March–September 2018.
18. Participation of a volunteers and ambassadors group in the International Geoparkcamp “Energy Meets Geology” (Muskau Arch Geopark, Germany–Poland), August 2018.

19. Activities carried out in the Interreg Danube project Danube Geo Tour, March–September 2018.
20. Preparing the *Stone made objects. Intangible Heritage of UENSCO Global Geoparks* to be open in Adamello Brenta Global Geopark during the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference.
21. Promoting the geopark program in other aspiring geoparks in Romania (July – August)

### **Activity by Partners**

22. Various activities carried out in the project “Hateg Country – Retezat Ecotourism Destination” – publishing materials, designing and marking cycling and hiking trails, organising events, creating a mobile app etc.
23. Various activities in the project “Promotion of the protected areas in Hunedoara through game” implemented by a strategic NGO partner, April – September 2018.
24. Participating with a group of volunteers representing the Malaesti Fortress to the European Castles’ Fair, May 2018.
25. “Bucurie în Mișcare” sports event in Deva (county capital) invited the Geopark team to participate with workshops and creative games for children, June 2018
26. “Junior’s Cup” a national football competition for young players, gathering aprox. 1000 participants. The Geopark is present with the visual identity of the competition (a dinosaur reconstruction – *Magyarosaurus dacus*), the volunteers and educational activities, June 2018
27. Participating as partner to Balkan Cavers Camp 2018, a regional speleology event. The geopark’s volunteers were guides for the participants, June 2018
28. “Festivalul Narciselor” is a local event celebrating the daffodils in a nature reserve. The Geopark is present every year with awareness campaigns, workshops and educational activities, May 2018
29. “Sub Semnul Acvilei Roman Festival”, historical re-enactment festival organised in partnership with the geopark, August 2018.
30. “Muzica Muntilor”, cultural event organised in partnership with the geopark, August 2018.
31. Participating with a special stage in the competition ProPark Adventure Race 2018, August-September 2018.

# HAUTE-PROVENCE GEOPARK, FRANCE

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Implementation of pedagogical programs in 5 elementary schools of the Haute-Provence GGp
2. Several interviews and articles on the Geopark in regional media – also in TV shows, March–September 2018.
3. Participation to Fête des Monges, annual geotrek, July 2018.
4. Participation to the organization of 7st Trail de Dormillouse, 1<sup>st</sup> UGHP trail competition, August 2018.
5. Training session for local partners in Le Caire village on geoheritage, June 2018.
6. Participation in the Foire de la lavande (lavender fair) in Digne-les-Bains, 5 days Auguste 2018
7. Geo tours with mountain bike around Digne-les-Bains, August 2018.
8. Production of video clips for the Haute-Provence GGp YouTube channel, March to September 2018.

### Networking

9. Presentation of the Geopark within a guided field trip organised for Caobang UGGp (Vietnam) officials, April 2018.
10. Two days reception of Perm region (Russia) Geopark project Official, July 2018.
11. Guided tour for Iranian geoparks specialist, July 2018.
12. Guided tour for students coming from a Czech Geopark, June, 2018.
13. Participation in the French geoparks national Comitee meeting in Causse du Quercy (France) UGGp, April 2018.
14. Publishing one article in the Birds international congress organized by Naturtejo UGGp (Portugal), May 2018.
15. Organisation and promotion of the EGN Week: geovisits mainly for children and pupils. for more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2018
16. Participation to the project “l’@venture géologique” of our partner the Geological nature reserve, March to September 2018.
17. Collecting and preparing for publishing the reports on European Geoparks Week, the progress reports (March–September 2018), August 2018.
18. Production of video-clips for the EGN : one in ITB fair in Berlin and one on international intensive course on Geoparks in Lesvos

## **Activity by Partners**

19. Geovisits in Digne-les-Bains via ferrata by our geopartners, August 2018.
20. Assisting the application of several partners in the local Leader program, April to July 2018.

# UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK HARZ · BRAUNSCHWEIGER LAND · OSTFALEN, GERMANY

## Progress Report, March 2018 – September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Geoguide course in co-operation with LEB Helmstedt, March to September 2018
2. Advanced training for geoguides, 5 field trips from April to August 2018
3. Several events at UNESCO World Heritage Day, June 2018
4. Presentation of the new infopanel „Luther trail“, Landmark 17, June 2018
5. Reprints of landmark-leaflets: „4/Brocken Mountain“, „8 / Wernigerode Castle“, „9 / Roßtrappe“, „13 / Baumanns-Cave“, „17 / Mansfeld Castle“ (German Versions); „4 / Brocken Mountain“, „9 / Roßtrappe“, (Englisch Versions)
6. Presentation of the new infopanel at Geopoint Horstberg, Landmark 8, June 2018
7. Opening of the new Geopark Infopoint Schoeningen, June 2018
8. Reprint of the Geotrail Oderwald leaflet, June 2018
9. Presentation of the new Natura-Broschüre, No. 11 / Iberg, July 2018
10. Presentation of new Geopark-Steles at Neuhof, Bartolfelde and Bad Lauterberg, July 2018
11. Geopark tours and events, Calendar of Events 2018

### Networking

12. Participation in ITB tourism fair Berlin with a press conference about UNESCO Geoparks, March 18
13. Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karawanken UGG, Slovenia and Austria, March 2018
14. Meeting of Geopark Advisory Committee in Aschersleben, April 2018
15. Conference of the Geological Association “OGV “ (Upper-Rhenish Geological Society) with several field trips to the geopark area in Braunschweig. As a result a new scientific geological guide book of the Northern Geopark Area, April 2018
16. Participation in the “Geotop 2018” Conference and attendance to the National Geopark Working Group Meeting at Selb, Bavaria, May 2018

17. Participation in Meeting of the German UNESCO Geopark Forum in Selb, Bavaria, May 2018
18. Common Fossil and Archeological Finding information day at palaeon Schoeningen, May 2018
19. Meeting with member of the Lower Saxonian state parliament in Koenigslutter, May 2018
20. Participation in the DUK-workshop "Protection of Fossil site and trade of Fossils at UNESCO designations" at Senckenberg, Frankfurt Main, June 2018
21. Participation in the DUK-workshop "Energy revolution / alternative energy" in Kassel, June 2018
22. Revalidation missions of the two CC-Members to Novohrad-Nograd UGG and Hateq UGG, July 2018
23. Meeting of the Geopark Executive Board in Quedlinburg, August 2018

### **Activity by Partners**

24. Opening of the exhibition „Tricture - 3D-mining“ at World Heritage Site Rammelsberg, Goslar, March 2018
25. Participation in 2. Gipskarst-Workshop, April 2018
26. Opening of the special exhibition at Heineanum and City Museum Halberstadt: „Urzeitliche Schätze – Plateosaurus, Mammut & Co.“, May 2018
27. New excavation campaign of the State Museum of Natural History in Jurassic shales at Schandelah geosite, June to September 2018
28. Miners Day at Show Mining Büchenberg, July 2018
29. Miners Day at Mining Museum Grube Glasebach / Straßberg, July 2018
30. Several Sunday hiking tours on the Karst Hiking Trail, April - September 2018
31. Several Tours and events of several geopark partners, Calendar of Events 2018



# THE HONDRUG UNESCO GEOPARK, THE NETHERLANDS

## Progress Report, March-September 2018

### Geoparkactivities

1. Published several news items in the media (TV, radio, press)  
Active presence in social networks Facebook and on Twitter
2. Continuous work on improving the website
3. Guides of the Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark and our partners National Park Drentsche Aa, Drents Landscape Foundation and the State Forestry Commission have conducted guided walks for the public throughout the year.
4. Several presentations for groups
5. Promotion De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark by the Geopark Promotion Team at many events
6. Again 20 entrepreneurs of De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark have participated in a course to become an ambassador of the Geopark.
7. Hondsrugacademy lectureseries and excursions
8. Several workshops with a link to the genesis of the Hondsrug region and archaeology
9. In cooperation with partners we organized for entrepreneurs in Recreation and Tourism in De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark the annual fair.
10. The implementation of the theme 'Farmers on the Hondsrug' has been started.
11. The cycling route *Discover Prehistoric Groningen* is extended several times in spring and summer with a POP-UP route. In churches, Hunebedden, a pingo-ruin and mills information is provided by guides.
12. Hunenweg-Hondsrugpad – an attempt is being made to make the route a Leading Quality Trail of Europe. An inventory of the route is currently taking place, which forms the basis for the application. (see Networking)
13. In cooperation of Marketing Drenthe and the Hunebedcenter we will organize the hunebedden campaign in autumn this year. The Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark organize the big event 'The Mystery of the Sleenerzand': An evening walk to the hunebed 'De Papeloze Kerk'. On the way the participants will enjoy special encounters with 'builders of hunebedden' witte Wiew'n, and storytelling.
14. In cooperation with The Hunebed Highway Business Club promotion of the Hondsrug region.
15. Research into the identity of the Hondsrug region: What characteristics does the population see as determining the identity of the Hondsrug region and how does it develop through time?

16. Hunzebos 3D project: making the rich ice-age landscape around Exloo visible and experienced, with play routes for children and using modern media such as augmented reality.
17. Craftsmen project: strengthening the business operations of craftsmen in food and non-food with the aim of preserving and strengthening the number of craftsmen and artisans with expert knowledge.
18. Research after the prehistoric route in the area by a student.
19. Geoparkweek 2018- separate appendix

## Networking

20. Participation EGN meeting Karavancken 21/23 March
21. Participation ITB Berlin 7- 9 maart 2018
22. Cooperation agreement signed between De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark and Natur UNESCO Geopark TERRA.vita) We work together with a combined Activity Plan 2018 - 2021 in the Interreg project Germany-Netherlands. The UNESCO recognition and the cross-border cooperation between both parks is hereby reinforced. Together we will work on the realization of the Hunenweg / Hondsrugpad. A long distance hiking route that connects both areas. The Activities Plan also includes educational projects, films, and marketing and communication projects.

## Activities by partners

23. Promotion activities to prohibit climbing on hunebedden by Drents Landschap Foundation and the Hunebedcenter.
24. Exhibitions in De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark gateways.
25. Living history in the Gateways Hunebedcenter and Veenpark
26. The Hortus Haren is improving the communication and education of the 'Hondsruggarden'.

# **IDRIJA GEOPARK, SLOVENIA**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Participating in a working group for Tourism strategy of Idrija Municipality, June – September 2018.
2. Numerous interviews and articles on the Idrija Geopark in the national and regional media – also in regional live show shows of high ratings (VAL 202, Radio Koper – live show, Radio Trst, Primorske novice, etc.) - March–September 2018.
3. Guided geo-tours and geopedagogic programmes, carried out by the Idrija Heritage Centre and members of the Geopark Group (lacemaking and old traditional games for Elementary School from Gorizia, Guiding along Rake for Elementary School/kindergarden from Sp. Idrija, workshops about rocks for 6<sup>th</sup> grade for Elementary School from Gorenja Vas, Wild lake for Secondary school Idrija, Turf Hunt along Rake for 8<sup>th</sup> grade of Elementary School Idrija, March – September 2018.
4. Organising and carrying out 4 summer workshops for children – Počitnikarija 2018 – July, August 2018
5. Promoting Idrija Geopark area and its activities at the ITB Berlin (March 2018), Idrija Lace Festival (June 2018), Geo-fair at the CC meeting in Geopark Karavanke (March 2018), Cultural Bazaar (April 2018), Children's Bazar (September 2018)
6. Presentation of Idrija Geopark and its activities (also within the Danube GeoTour project) to various organisations: to the students of Faculty of Tourism, University of Maribor, presentation of the of development of culinary products (best practices), which was organised by the Local development t agency ICRA, April 2018
7. Introducing recommendations of behaviour for visitors, inhabitants and investors in Idrija Geopark area (animation within the Danube GeoTour project (June 2018)
8. Managing two EU projects (reporting, monitoring): Danube GeoTour (Interreg Danube Transnational Programme) and ESTEAM (Erasmus +),
9. Organising 4<sup>th</sup> ESTEAM project meeting in Idrija Geopark (Črni Vrh nad Idrijo), preparing programme involving also local providers, March 2018
10. Testing of prepared educational programmes (exercises for the APP) within the ESTEAM project in Elementary School Črni Vrh nad Idrijo, May 2018
11. Filming short promotional movie in Idrija Geopark with crew from Bakony-Balaton Geopark (within Danube GeoTour project), May 2018
12. Developing Idrija Geopark trademark for geo-products (arts&crafts, geo-food), organising several workshops for local providers, co-ordinating working groups (witning Danube GeoTour project), March – September 2018
13. Carrying out the tourism market survey for the Marketing Strategy of the Danube GeoTour (within Danube GeoTour project), April 2018

14. Preparing contents for the Visitors Centre of Idrija Geopark (within Danube GeoTour project), March – September 2018
15. Installation of tourism information boards in Idrijske Krnice and Zavratac, supplementing the stratigraphic column with the info table about rocks on Hleviška planina (June 2018)
16. Preparing Educational programmes from Elementary Schools, March 2018
17. Involving into the Green Scheme, tourism standards prepared by STO, July – August, 2018

### **Networking**

18. Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark, Slo/Avstria, March 2018.
19. Publishing an article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 15, March 2018.
20. Preparing a short news for a Newsletter no. 12
21. Preparing two abstract and presentations for the 8<sup>th</sup> International conference on UGG in Adamello-Brenta Geopark, March 2018
22. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: geo-hikes, exhibition guided tours, etc. for more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2018
23. Applying as project partners, contributing to the project contents of several projects: GeoCrafts (EEA), BAG ROAD, GEA - Geo-tourism and Sustainable Development in the Adriatic-Ionian area (ADRION), June 2018
24. Carrying out study tours for journalists, March – September 2018

### **Activity by Partners**

1. Participating and organising events for EGN Week 2018, May – June 2018
2. Participating at the promotional events – GeoFair in Karavanke/Karawanken UGG, March 2018, ITB Berling, March 2018, Fair of minerals and fossils in Tržič (May 2018)
3. Participating at the workshops and workgroup meeting for the Idrija Geopark trade mark – 19 new SMSs, 9 new NGOs involved to the Danube GeoTour project activities

# KARAVANKE/KARAWANKEN UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, SLOVENIA-AUSTRIA

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Publishing several news on the media (TV - "Dobro jutro, RTV SLO", TV Koper, Radio - "ORF", Koroški Radio, press); active presence in social networks: Facebook @geoparkkarawanken and @geoparkKaravanke on Twitter.
2. Updating the web site [www.geopark-karawanken.at](http://www.geopark-karawanken.at) with new chapters.
3. Articles about the Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, its activities, projects and Geofestival 2018 in the regional journal ŠUMC, N-vestnik, PROTEUS (thematic number), Geologija, Konkrecija, EGN Newsletter, E-Koroška, Geosciences ...
4. Presentation of Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark and its projects, activities at Interpret Europe conference, 23.-26.03.2018, Kőszeg, Hungary; 18. conference of teachers of succursal schools (20.04.2018); to students of geology (22.05.2018); at 14. ERBE Symposium, Ravne na Koroškem (04.-09.06.2018); at Symposium Perspectives and challenges of industrial heritage revitalization – Innovative Cultural Tourism, Ljubljana (27.03.2018), ...
5. Participation at the several international fairs: Place to go, Zagreb, Croatia (16.03.-18.03.2018); Culture Bazaar, Ljubljana, Slovenia (05.04.2018); Freizeitmesse, Klagenfurt, Austria (06.-08.04.2018); Tourismus Tag, Klopeiner See, Austria (12.04.2018); Argus Bike Festival, Wien, Austria (14.-15.04.2018), ...
6. Edition of new brochure "Let's take care of the unique and exceptional geological and natural heritage of the Geopark Karavanke" in the frame of INTERREG Danube GeoTour project.
7. New didactic materials (Geopark playing cards, Geopark stone collection, Geopark map, ...).
8. Preparation of abstracts for Slovenian geological congress and 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks.
9. Workshops for children, Črna na Koroškem - 19. and 22.06.2018.
10. Daily guiding of tourists in Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken Information Center "World of Geology" in Bad Eisenkappel, Austria.
11. Implementation of Geofestival 2018 (19.05.-30.06.2018) and in its frame numerous events (workshops, fieldtrips, oral presentations, ...) adapted to different age groups, including Geopark-run (25.05.2018), School Choirs' meeting (30.05.2018), second Crossborder Petzen/Peca Football Cup (17. and 18.08.2018), Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken - Doors open days and Geopark fair (02.05.2018), Workshop for teachers and educators (23.05.2018), ...
12. Implementation of Geopark camp for children in July (23.-27.07.2018) and August (20.-24.08.2018).
13. Excursion for teachers and educators to "Krajinski park Goričko", SLO (29.05.2018).
14. Excursion to the EGTC Europaregion Tirol-Südtirol-Trentino (20.06.2018).
15. Filming a documentary about the Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken.
16. Establishment of Geopark Karavanke - Network of schools and kindergartens.
17. Close cooperation with the "Tourismus Region Südkärnten" and implementation of several hiking offers each week during the summer 2018 - Petzen hike to

- Feistritzer Spitz, Family adventure hike with games & fun, Nature hike with Antonia, Nature hike with Paula, Alpine hike on the coral reef, Village hike through Bad Eisenkappel, African Sunrise Hike, ...)
18. Hosting the EUGEN 2018 (6.-12.08.2018) - European Geoscience Student Network, and organisation of two whole-day fieldtrips in the Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken (09. and 10.08.2018), Sonnegger Lake, Carinthia, Austria.
  19. Opening of the new climbing wall (in the frame of NatureGame project) - St. Michael, Austria, 06.07.2018.
  20. Opening of the new mountain biking adventure trail for experienced riders in abandoned tunnels of the Mežica lead and zinc mine, new Geoproduct in the frame of Danube GeoTour Project - 19.04.2018.

## **Networking**

21. Participation of the Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark representatives at Slovenia and Austria Geopark Forum meetings.
22. Participation of the Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark representatives at 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Meeting (Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, Pliberk/Bleiburg, Austria, 19.-24.03.2018).
23. Organisation of the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Meeting (Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, Pliberk/Bleiburg, Austria, 19.-24.03.2018), under the theme *Sustainable tourism - Regional identity in crossborder regions*. In the frame of the meeting Open session, Geofair, Press conference, Whole-day fieldtrip and Post-meeting excursions were implemented.
24. Participation of the Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark representatives at Kick-off meeting (Ruritage project, Horizon 2020) in Bologna, between 04. and 07. of June 2018.

## **Activity by Partners**

25. Ongoing EUfutuR, NaKult and NatureGame projects (INTERREG V-A SLOVENIA-AUSTRIA).
26. Ongoing Danube GeoTour project (INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme).
27. Ongoing RURITAGE project (HORIZON 2020).
28. Activities (workshops, meetings, ...) in the frame of the establishment of the EGTC (European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation).

# KATLA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ICELAND

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Presentation about our Geopark and geological nature conservation for the Westman Islands Knowledge Center. (May 2018)
2. Presentation about Katla Geopark, including our new Destination Management Plan for forum held by nature conservation group Eldvötn, included in audience was the Minister of Environment. (April 2018)
3. Articles on the Geopark in regional media regarding Whimbrel festival (Katla Spring Festival) and also regarding Katla Geopark's first published book on the eruptions from Katla Volcano (1625-1850) compiled by Professor Mr. Jónsson at the History Department of the University of Iceland. (May-July 2018)
4. GeoMuseum timeline and Virtual Reality material developed. (March-September 2018).
5. Three new hiking paths implemented in the hiking app WAPP within the Geopark, established in collaboration with partner Einar Skúlason at WAPP, funded through NPA Drifting apart project; Landbrotshólar pseudocraters, Sveinstindur Peak at the hyaloclastite ridges by lake Langisjór, and Sólheimajökull outlet glacier.
6. Signage within the Geopark continued in collaboration with municipalities and landowners, marking of our geosites. Project funded by the Icelandic Tourist Board.
7. Signage by Gígjökull outlet glacier put up in collaboration with Safe Travel Iceland funded by the Icelandic Tourist Board (April)
8. Signing cooperation agreements with Asgard Beyond and Volcano Huts Þórsmörk, our new Geopark Partners.
9. Inaugurating the first Katla Geopark Spring Festival (Spring Festival = extended geoweek)
10. Brand new tourist map constructed and published with municipalities covering Katla Geopark with emphasis on chosen geosites, for free within all information centers on the south part of Iceland, including Reykjavík capital. (March/April)
11. Applying and receiving funding for Katla GeoSchool project, intended as an educational Geo-app.
12. Drawing up/signing a lease agreement with local partner enterprise Eyjafjallajökull Erupts visitor center that recently closed, to open the first Katla Geopark Visitor Center, to be opened in 2019.
13. Translation of Destination Management Plan for Katla UNESCO Global Geopark by NOHNIK architecture and landscapes into Icelandic.

### Networking

14. Participation and presentation (Geoparks in a Global, European, Nordic and Icelandic Context) at the Nordic Parks and Nature Congress in Reykjavík (August)

15. Participation in Ruritage project (funded by Horizon 2020), as Role Models on Resilience, meeting in Bologna and 2 presentations given covering Katla Geopark and Resilience (June)
16. Participation in a project funded through NORA and Nordisk Kulturfond, with Magma Geopark, Ilulissat Icefjord, Faroes Geological Survey. Meeting in Greenland. GeoMuseum and geoVR, timeline and Virtual Reality. (June)
17. Participation in forum and seminar with the District Commissioner and other experts in the field, regarding geohazards and risk reduction, in Hvolsvöllur (March).
18. Presentation and a meeting with a group from an aspiring Geopark from Russian Bashrik Republic in Selfoss (April).
19. Participating and planning a conference for the 100th year anniversary since Katla's last big eruption in 1918, held in October 2018, along with University of Iceland, Meteorological Office, Geological Society of Iceland, Mýrdalshreppur Municipality.
20. Organisation and wide promotion of Katla Geopark's Spring Festival including first Migratory bird day "Whimbrel Festival" (geoweek).
21. Participation of two EGN-CC members in meeting in the 41<sup>st</sup> EGN-CC meeting in KaravankeL/Karawanken (March)
22. Participation in the application phase of a new European project on SLOW Islands based on a previous NPA project SAINT (Slow Adventure in Northern Territories)
23. Consultation regarding the possibility of hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Volcandpark conference in Iceland in 2019 on the management of protected volcanic areas, including raising public awareness and geotourism.
24. Material developed for publication by UNESCO on Good Practices for Disaster Risk Reduction in UNESCO Global Geoparks.
25. Input into Newsletter 11 of the European Geoparks Network regarding the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 of the United Nations.

### **Activity by Partners**

1. Participation in a meeting in Höfn and an excursion with the professional group (faghópur) of chosen individuals representing marketing issues of South Iceland.
2. Participation in a meeting of Fótspor in Kirkjubæjarklaustur, a group that raises awareness and funds to restore and preserve history and archeological remains within the Skaftárhreppur district.
3. Attending a meeting of the board of the Icelandic Geoparks Forum at the Icelandic Institute of Natural History (August).
4. New office space made available for Katla Geopark by Rangárþing eystra municipality in Hvolsvöllur.



# **KULA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, TURKEY**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. In order to introduce the Kula Geopark to the local people guided geotours and geopedagogic programmes were carried out by the members of the Geopark Group, some assisted by colleagues, and local government, March – June 2018.
2. In order to promote sustainable development within territory of the geopark several meeting were held with the participation of Geopark teams and the Manisa Metropolitan Municipality Mayor and mayors of Kula, Salihli districts. March - September 2018.
3. Several news and articles were shared from Facebook, Instagram and web site ([www.kulageopark.com](http://www.kulageopark.com) - [jeoparkbelediyelerbirligi.com](http://jeoparkbelediyelerbirligi.com)). March - September 2018
4. Deformed information panels and directional signs inside the geopark have been identified and replaced with new ones. March - September 2018
5. Oral presentations have been given about our the Geopark at numerous schools, universities and civil organisations. March–September 2018.
6. Numerous interviews and articles about the Geopark in the national and regional media were published. March–September 2018.
7. Educational seminars and educational trips were held for summer sport schools students. June - September 2018.
8. In order to improve the quality of servicing 10-days of educational seminars were given to the restaurant and hotel owners within the territory of Kula Geopark. July 2018

### **Networking**

9. Kula Geopark Coordinator Dr. A. Serdar AYTAÇ and Kula Geopark's Manager Engineer Yigit KARAKUZU attended International Meeting & Workshop on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Iran (28-30 April 2018)
10. Kula Geopark Coordinators Prof. Dr. Tuncer DEMİR and Dr. A. Serdar AYTAÇ attended the International Intensive Course On Geoparks 2018 | Unesco Global Geoparks And Geoheritage Management Geoparks in Greece (7-17 June 2018)

11. Kula Geopark Coordinator Prof. Dr. Tuncer Demir will attend the 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks (8-14 September 2018 Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark) (September 2018)

### **Activity by Partners**

12. "Guided tours in Katakekaumene" was organized by the staff of the Kula Geopark Head Office. May 2018
13. An activity called "Explore the Adala Canyon Hiking Program", was organized by Staff of the Kula Geopark Head Office. May 2018
14. "Private guided tours for the families and the special groups in the whole geopark area" was organized by Staff of the Kula Geopark Head Office. May 2018
15. "Guided tour for Turkey's 107 natural monuments: Kula Fairy Chimneys and Çakırca Basalts Column" was organized by Staff of the Kula Geopark Head Office. May 2018
16. "Tracing the footsteps of prehistoric footprints", special guided tour was organized by Staff of the Kula Geopark Head Office, May 2018
17. "The life of a volcano: From the birth to death", was organized by Staff of the Kula Geopark Head Office. June 2018.
18. "Organic market; products from the villages within the boundaries of the Kula Geopark", was organized by Kula Municipality and the Kula Geopark Head Office. June 2018
19. "Photograph exhibition at the Virgin Mary Culture Center", was organized by Kula Municipality and the Kula Geopark Head Office. June 2018
20. Cultural heritage-themed guided excursion: Gölde Village, Historical Emir Springs, Kula Historical Houses, was organized by Kula Geopark Head Office. June 2018
21. Religious tourism at the Kula Geopark with guide: Historical Mosques at Kula, Yunus Emre and Tabduk Emre Sacred Tomb and Carullah Bin Süleyman was organized by Kula Geopark Head Office. June 2018
22. An activity called "Tell a story of the fairy chimneys at the Fairy Chimneys" was organized by Kula Geopark Head Office. June 2018

# LANZAROTE AND CHINIJO ISLANDS GEOPARK, SPAIN

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Publishing news on media (TV, radio, press). Interviews, articles and mentions about Geopark and Geological Heritage in local, regional and national media, March-September 2018.
2. Presence in social networks: Facebook (Geoparque Mundial de la UNESCO de Lanzarote y Archipiélago Chinijo), Twitter (GeoparkLanzarot) and Instagram (Geoparque Lanzarote), March–September 2018.
3. Updating the web [www.geoparquelandzarote.org](http://www.geoparquelandzarote.org) with news and information about geosites, geological heritage, activities and news, March–September 2018.
4. Presentations about Geopark and our Geological Heritage at schools, High Schools and Vocational training students, March–September 2018.
5. Geoparque...ando, a guided geotours for all the family, with many participants, March–September 2018
6. Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands Geopark Gymkana Contest for Sport Teams, April 2018.
7. Presentation of the geotourism map of the Geopark and distribution among the tourist information point, March-September 2018.
8. Co-organization with University of Bergen (Norway) of the International Conference on Oceans, Climate and Ecosystems, called PREFACE (The Project Enhancing Prediction of Tropical Atlantic Climate and its Environment), April 2018.
9. Organization of the “Geolodía 2018”, with the “Spanish Society of Geology”, under the title “Geology of coast”, May 2018.
10. Development of an educational project in Rural Schools, under the title “Bringing Art, Culture and Tourism Centers closer the Schools, May-June 2018.
11. Meeting with Emergency Authorities on Volcanic Risk Plan, May 2018.
12. Magisterial Conference on “Lanzarote: Volcanoes, water and Planetary Habitability”, by Prof. Jesús Martínez Frías, May 2018.
13. Presentation of the didact guide “Lanzarote, Mars on Earth”, May 2018.
14. Talk in elementary school about “Lanzarote as analog of Mars”, May 2018.
15. Participation with a booth at the Canary Day Fair of the Unitary Schools, May 2018.
16. Opening of the traveling exhibition “El Geoparque en imagines”, in the Exhibition Room of Socio-Cultural Center of Costa Teguisse, June 2018.
17. Activities of Geo-Conservation with volunteering in Playa Blanca in the campaign “Lanzarote is wonderful as it is. Without moving a single stone”, June 2018.
18. Opening of the traveling exhibition “Tesoros de la tierra”, in House of Volcanoes, Jameos del Agua, May-September 2018.

19. Screening and forum of the Documentary “La Cultura del Volcán”, at the Municipal Theatre of Tinajo, June 2018.
20. Attending and supporting guest visits from different universities and projects, March-September 2018.
21. Contest between rural primary schools for the Geopark mascot, June 2018.
22. Lanzarote WineRun2018, the wine race, June 2018.
23. Opening of the virtual exhibition “European Geopark Network, achievements achieved” in Insular Library, June-September 2018.
24. Visit to the Aspiring Geopark “Armorique”, in France, June 2018.
25. Delivery of the “Geoparque Award” for the best photography in the framework of the “9º Open Fotosub Lanzarote Sea of Lavas” Contest, June 2018.
26. “Stars in Family”, enjoying with our heaven with the family, July 2018.
27. With the preliminaries of the 4<sup>th</sup> Symosium of Anchialine Ecosystems, June-September 2018.
28. Launch of the civil work for the relocation of the House of Volcanoes, headquarters of the Geopark, June 2018.
29. The Geopark staff is tutor of five students of vocational training, March-June 2018.

### **Networking**

30. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting with two members, in the crossborder Karanvanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, March 2018.
31. Signature of the Twinning Agreement between Azores UGG and Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UGG, with an institutional visit to Faial island (Azores) for the signature.
32. Presentation of the Twinning between Beigua UGG and Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UGG, June 2018.
33. Preparations for the signing of the twinning agreement, between El Hierro UGG and Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UGG, June 2018.
34. Publishing one article for the GGN Newsletter Issue 2018/1, “Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark will host the 4<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Anchialine Ecosystems”, March 2018.
35. Geopark Team are members of EGN and GGN working groups: Volcanic, Tourism and Islands Working Groups.

### **Activity by Partners**

36. Educational activities of The Art, Culture and Tourism Centres of Lanzarote, Marc-September 2018.
37. Collaboration with several scientific and research institutions collecting data and maintenance of measurement.

# **LAS LORAS GEOPARK, SPAIN**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. First face-to-face meeting of the Geoparque Art and Territory work group. March 2018.
2. First face-to-face meeting of the Scientific Committee of the Geopark. June 2018.
3. Meetings with various municipalities to see how to support their proposals and promote the sustainable development of municipalities.
4. Guided geotours, for different groups, universities, cultural associations, School teachers, politics and technicians of national and regional administrations, international journalist, etc. March–September 2018.
5. Oral presentations about the geopark in different places, museums, business associations, cultural events, business meetings, etc., March–September 2018.
6. Organization of the activity “Touch of bells in the Geopark” on April 21<sup>st</sup> with a great participation and elaboration of videos (Under the convocation of Hispania Nostrum Organization for the declaration as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO of the manual touch of bells and chimes).
7. Beginning of the study of the carrying capacity for one of the places of interest with the participation of the local and regional administrations. June- September 2018.
8. Preparation and placement of furniture and exhibition inside the Visitor Center of the Geopark in Villadiego, for its opening at the end of August.
9. Design and development of the programming of the European Week. June 2018.
10. Presentation of the Geopark and guided tour in the Regional Tourism fair. April 2018.
11. Celebration of the Geolo-day. May 2018.
12. Preparation of a report of allegations, requested by the regional government, for the construction of a quarry within the geopark. May 2018.
13. Elaboration of didactic and informative material and training of the workers of the tourist offices. March-June 2018.
14. Research about new geological sites in the Geopark. Detailed study of some geosites already catalogued. March–September 2018
15. Development and implementation of the “Geoaching activity: 12 treasures in the Las Loras Geopark”. July-August 2018
16. Development of the signaling project of roads and new routes in the Geopark. March–September 2018
17. Numerous interviews and articles on the Geopark in the national and regional media – also in radio and TV programs. March–September 2018.
18. Maintenance and promotion of social networks and (FB: 2948 likes, and 2973 followers, 211 publications during these months, also Instagram) and web page.

### **Networking**

19. Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark. March 2018.
20. Publishing an article in the 45 EUROPARC bulletin.
21. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: geotours, oral presentations, meetings, student activities, etc., for more details please see our EGN Week report. June 2018
22. Presentation of the EGN Week together with the National fora and CNEG.
23. Preparation and support in all the activities of the students and teachers of the Erasmus + Geoparks project. Final meeting of the 4 European geoparks. From April 13 to 18.
24. Participation in the National Geopark Committee meeting. July 2018.
25. Participation in the Meeting of the Local European Charter of sustainable tourism May 2018.
26. Welcome, accompaniment and joint work (also with Salamanca University and Santa María la Real Foundation) with the student of the Autonomous University of Mexico during their stay in our Geopark for their work on the quarries of the Romanesque churches of the Geopark. April-May 2018.
27. Beginning of the work of the student in practices of the University of Salamanca on some geosites of the Geopark. July 2018.
28. Telephone and email support for several final year and master's degree students who required information about the geopark (students of tourism, geography, geology and teaching). March-July 2018.
29. Cooperation with the Museum of Contemporary Art of Castilla y León for the realization of an artistic work on fossil fuels. May 2018.
30. Talk and field trip for the course on Geological Heritage in the Las Loras Geopark of the AEPECT (Spanish Association for the study of Earth Sciences). April 2018.
31. Collaboration with the Archaeological Research group of Icedo Pre-Roman Fort

### **Activity by Partners**

32. Collaboration with the municipality of Villadiego in the different sporting events, IX Spanish Championship of Adapted Cycling and Cyclist tour to the province of Burgos. April and July 2018.
33. Collaboration with the municipality of Sargentos in different activities, III race Btt in las Loras, photography contest, party of the municipality, cultural workshop: the bell language. March–August 2018.
34. Collaboration in the activity of Environmental Volunteering of the town of Castrecías, monitoring of the custody program. August 2018.
35. Collaboration with the Fundación Caja de Burgos-Geopark Las Loras project: Do you know your town? for primary and secondary students. June 2018
36. Collaboration in the II Festival of short films of Villadiego, special prize to the videos recorded in the Geopark. August 2018.
37. Collaboration with the City Council of Aguilar de Campo in the activities and promotion on the occasion of the Ages of Man
38. Collaboration with the Foundation 8th Centenary of the Cathedral of Burgos for the realization of activities within the Geopark

# LESVOS GEOPARK, GREECE

## Progress Report, March 2018 – September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Founding of the National Thematic School Network entitled “UNESCO Global Geoparks in Greece” (4 April 2018)
2. Celebration of International Day of the Earth (22 April 2018)
3. Organization of the 1st Meeting of the National Thematic School Network “UNESCO Global Geoparks in Greece” in collaboration with the Environmental Education Center of Evergetoulas (4 – 6 May 2018)
4. Celebration of the International Museum Day (18 May 2018)
5. Celebration of EUROPEAN GEOPARKS WEEK 2018 (25 May – 15 June 2018)
6. Collaboration with the 5<sup>th</sup> High School of Mytilene for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Students Conference of Research and Technology» (June 2018)
7. Celebration of World Environment Day (5 June 2018)
8. Presentation of the exhibition “AEGEON · BIRTH OF AN ARCHIPELAGO” at the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago (Closing: 6 June 2018)
9. Organizing the INTERNATIONAL INTENSIVE COURSE OF GEOPARKS 2018 «UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism development» (7 - 17 June 2018)
10. GREEN CULTURAL ROOTS 2018 – Special geotour jointly organized by the Antiquities Ephorate of Lesvos and the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest under the aegis of the Hellenic Ministry of Culture (10 June 2018)
11. Celebration of “European Cultural Heritage Days” (28 - 30 September 2018)
12. Promotion at the “Alternative tourism in Greece 2018” book and the website
13. Guided geotours and educational programs for school groups
14. Realizing of special field educational programs for university students
15. Presentation of the exhibition “The FOREST under the ROAD” at Mytilene– Organization of special educational activities for school groups
16. Numerous radio-TV and newspapers interviews and articles on the Geopark’s activities in the national, regional and local media – also in TV shows
17. Updating of the Lesvos UNESCO Global Geopark website
18. Implementation of the geotouristic activity “Daily guided boat tours with a glass bottom boat at Marine Nissipi Petrified Forest Park”
19. Celebration of “The Earth Festival 2018” – Organization of local food tasting events in Lesvos Geopark
20. Implementation of the European project “Conservation and promotion of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos – “Kyria Apolithomeni”, “NSRF 2014-2020”
21. Implementation of the project “Construction of the new road Kalloni - Sigri” in collaboration with Hellenic Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation

### Networking

22. Participation in ITB Berlin (7 - 11 March 2018)

23. Participation in the 41st Meeting of the European Geoparks Network organized by Karawanken/Karavanke UNESCO Global Geopark, Slovenia/Austria (20 - 22 March 2018)
24. Participation in the International Meeting organized by Qeshm UNESCO Global Geoparks in Iran (27 – 30 April 2018)
25. Implementation of the collaboration program with Yanqing UNESCO Global Geopark China about conservation of fossils – Field conservation in China (20 – 27 May 2018)
26. Participation in the 1st International Conference “UNESCO Global Geoparks in Greece and Cyprus: Geological heritage”, Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Athens Greece (17 - 18 May 2018)
27. Receiving delegation from Suining China (15 June 2018)
28. Signing of cooperation agreement with Geological and Palaeontological Institute Nanjing of China (14 - 17 Ιουλίου 2018)
29. Participation of 7 students from Lesvos in the 3rd International Geopark Camp organized by Muskauer Faltenbogen/Łuk Mużakowa UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany – Poland (4 – 11 August 2018)
30. Receiving students from the China University of Geosciences Beijing (19 – 24 August 2018)
31. Participation of 7 students from Lesvos in the 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks organized by Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy (8 – 14 September 2018)
32. Publishing of European Geoparks Network Magazine - Issue 15/2018
33. Printing of poster “UNESCO Global Geoparks” - Issue 2
34. Updating of the European Geoparks Network website
35. Participation in the videoconference of the Hellenic Geoparks Forum
36. Operation of the Secretariat of the Hellenic Geoparks Forum
37. Participation at the Global educative project “I AM A GEOPARKER”
38. Implementation of the European project «RURITAGE – Rural regeneration through systemic heritage-led strategies»
39. Implementation of the European project “GEO-IN / Geotourism in insular Geoparks”, INTERREG V-A «Greece – Cyprus 2014-2020»

### **Activity by Partners**

1. Collaboration in common activities with ORGANIZATION OF TOURIST DEVELOPMENT OF LESVOS (September 2017 – March 2018)
2. Organization of running activity of 320 km in collaboration with the Lesvos Runners (22 – 23 September 2018)
3. Promotion of Lesvos in Athens by Gera Association (23 September 2018)
4. Organization of common promotional event by the members of the Lesvos' Museums Network (14 May 2018)
5. Participation in the educational meeting organized by the Environmental Educational Centre of Evergetoulas at the island of Samos (26 March 2018)
6. Promotion of Lesvos Geopark by the Region of North Aegean through the organization of targeted visits of journalist, high profile writers and bloggers



# **LUBERON GEOPARK, FRANCE**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Meeting on Sustainable Tourism in Luberon on the UNESCO designations topic gathering 120 stakeholders in tourism development (tourist offices, visit sites, accommodation professionals, elected people, financial partners...)
2. Geoparks week  
International meeting of climbing: Escala'Buoux : concerts, entertainments, climbing activities, discussions, informations on Luberon UGGp and Unesco Global Geoparks
3. Welcoming the public  
Guided tours to the exhibition “D’Apt à Aptien le découpage du temps” at the Salignan mill in Apt in april, july and august. This exhibition deals with time in geology, the aptian stratotype and the scientist Alcide-d’Orbigny.  
“Sorties buissonnières” : guided tours for general public proposed by the Geopark’s staff about geology, natural and cultural heritage.
4. Digitalization of a mammal footprint slab by photogrametry
5. Exhibition on water saving « Regards et paroles sur le Calavon-Coulon : économisons l’eau ! » travelling in several municipalities completed by conferences, interactive tools, workshops, educational activities...
6. Integration of an important fossil collection including Eocene mammals in the Geopark’s collection
7. Upgrading of the mobile application “Ochre by bike”

### **Networking**

8. Visit of the Luberon Geopark staff (more than 30 people) in the Sobrarbe UGGp: discovery of geosites and activities, meeting with the management team.
9. Reception of Yuliya Glazyrina from the Museum of Perm (Russia) to discover educational activities and interpretation tools in the Luberon Geopark
10. Participation to the EGN meeting in Karwanken/Karavanke UNESCO Global Geopark
11. Participation to the intangible heritage exhibition coordinated by Alexandru Andrasanu

### **Activity by Partners**

12. Festival of ochre in the Apt region
13. Workshop in partnership with south Luberon tourist office to create a geology stay and 2 georoutes
14. A day to discover former ovens (lime, gypsum, iron, etc.) organized by a geopartner in the Dauphin village
15. Publication of the Monts de Vaucluse encyclopaedia including part of the Geopark

# MADONIE GEOPARK, ITALY

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Presentation about our Geopark and geological nature conservation for Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, September 2018.
2. Interviews and articles on the Geopark in the regional and local media – also in TV shows, June and August 2018.
3. Guided geotours, carried out by the members of the Geopark Group and local trade associations and voluntary associations March–September 2018.
4. Oral presentations about our Geopark at numerous schools, universities, institutes and civil organisations, March–September 2018.
5. applications mountain trails and qr codes; drafting agreements and collaboration programs; Creation of a map of Sicily integrated with QR code by APP Sicilytourism.net to allow tourists to access useful information;
6. Training course for environmental inspector for the protection and control of the Geopark Madonie sites organized by the Palermo police; at the end 5 employees received a certificate, March 2018;
7. Modification of the UNESCO logos, the information of Madonie Geopark and its geotourism in the new signs and the letterhead of the Municipalities of the Park;
8. Madonie Landscapes Art Culture and Nature: format creation for naturalistic, artistic and religious itineraries in the Madonie Park from July to December 2018. Exhibition folk group dance “Pantomima della Cordella” –with historical re-enactment of ancient rituals in honor of the goddess Ceres- June 2018;
9. Event MADONIE IN SCENA in the City of Palermo Italian Capital of Culture for the year 2018: folk shows, conferences on biodiversity, itineraries taste flavors and slow food presidiums; guided excursions on geological paths;
10. GIS surveying of the nature trails within the Geopark, creating a professional geodatabase in collaboration with the Sicilian Alpine club July –August 2018;
11. Presentation of the Geopark in occasion of the "XIV Italian day" at Blegny Mine in Belgium to the honorary consul Domenico Betta of the province of Liège in Belgium and presentation within paths for school students of all levels - March – September 2018.
13. Organization of the Science Festival in Pollina with educational and popular activities of Astronomy and Earth Sciences: observations, seminars, meetings and workshops for children to discover the stars;
14. Conference on Astronomy: Planetarium and observation of the Sun with telescopes in the GAL Hassin Astronomical Park. Meetings with astronaut Paolo Nespoli and Roberto Battiston, president of the Italian Space Agency;
15. Guided tours to the discovery of the Gorges of Gazzarra among ancient calcareous white rocks rich in fossils in the village of Caltavuturo and visits among the deposits of the succession of basinal lithologies of the ancient Imerese Domain and deep

basin on the edge of existing coral reefs in ancient Tetide - today Mar Mediterraneo;

16. Conference on sustainable aquaculture in the sea and inland areas of the territory. Development of the EMFF 2014-2020 project - development incentives. Application of the guidelines of the SNSvS "Environmental Action Strategy for Sustainable Development", Ministry of the Environment.
17. Collaboration with Club Alpino for the improvement of the network of paths with the installation of signs aimed at naturalistic interpretation and for the safe use of natural areas
18. Establishment of the Commission of the Regional Order of Geologists at the headquarters of the Madonie Park for the study and development of actions aimed at enhancing the territory, use and preservation of the geological heritage in the Madonie park.
19. Workshop on FORBIOENERGY project "Forest Bioenergy in the Protected Mediterranean Areas" - Technical Panel: Action Plan for the removal of technical and administrative barriers that hinder the extraction and use of biomass in protected areas ".
20. Conference on the theme of Biodiversity of the Park. From knowledge to enhancement in collaboration with the University of Palermo, Metropolitan City of Palermo and the Idimed association. Presentation of the Paniere Natura registered trademark - June 2018;

### **Networking**

21. Participation in the UNESCO Geoparks National Committee meeting in Rome may 2018.
22. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: geotours, slides and oral presentations. For more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2018
23. Preparation of documents and progress reports March–September 2018; participation in the 8th conference International UNESCO World Geoparks Conference;

### **Activity by Partners**

24. Cooperation agreements signed to guarantee the sustainable development and performance of the Geopark with Confesercenti Sicilia Association, museum university faculty University of Palermo, Piano Battaglia company, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Italian Federation of parks and nature reserves Europarc Italia, Association Camminiamo Insieme, ITIMED Association, S.Elia Foundation and the metropolitan area of the city of Palermo - May-August.
25. Organization of the EGN Week in collaboration with about 20 local authorities among public authorities, associations and private entrepreneurs - May-June 2018.
26. Organization of voluntary actions in the EGN week, June 2018.
27. Realization photo contest instageopark: prize to student for the photo Rocca di Sciara - hashtag #settimanageopark #caltavuturo #madonie, which is an important geological site, June 2018.

# MAGMA GEOPARK, NORWAY

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Development of Magma Geopark localities with several information panels provided with new Magma Geopark UNESCO logo within the EU-Interreg North Periphery Programme- project Drifting APART and with local funds.
2. Progressing and testing of educational TeachOut APP for natural science teachers in the Erasmus Esteam project.
3. Development of new paths in the Turf Hunt section of the geo-located Magma Geopark APP.
4. Magma Geopark owners and partners with cooperation contract with Magma Geopark got aluminium sign board with Magma UGGP logo, every owners and partners is now displaying it outside the entrance door.
5. Establishment of Magma Geopark on line booking system for tours and activities.
6. Establishment and content's development of new Magma Geopark webpage.
7. Establishing the Trollpikken company and opening of the new Trollpikken Geopark location with parking lot, kiosk and gadgets for sale.
8. Final Reporting for the Drfting Apart project, Interreg North Periphery Programme.
9. Reporting to UNESCO for Magma Geopark revalidation 2018.
10. Abstracts for Adamello Brenta Conference 2018.
11. Report to NORA – middle report 2018.
12. Final report and accounting GEOMuseum project.
13. Preparation for the ESTEAM project meeting in Portugal, October 2018.
14. Meeting with Dalane Folkemuseum for finalising the cooperation in the setting up of the geological exhibition.
15. Meeting with teachers for geoVR test and presentation of Magma Geopark activities.
16. Guided course for 15 people where half of them have got contract with Magma.
17. Daily guided tour in Egersund city centre all summer.
18. NINA project –support in the collecting of the logs.
19. Development of new leaflet about endangered flora-fauna of the Geopark

### Networking

1. ESTEAM project meeting in Slovenia, March 2018
2. EGN Meeting in Karavanke Karavanke UNESCO Global Geopark, March 2018
3. GEOMuseum and GEOvr projects meeting in Greenland, June 2018
4. RURITAGE project meeting in Bologna, June 2018.
5. Pål Thjømøe's revalidation mission in Funiushan, China.

### Activity by Partners

1. Eigersund Næring og Havn runs regional tourist office in Magma office.
2. Outdoor Organization mounted signs at several geopark locations.
3. Dalane Folkemuseum and Sokndal municipality finalised the process and got all the approvals for starting the building of the Jøssingfjord Science Museum which should be finalised by autumn 2019.
4. Common leaflet with partner Grand Hotel, Egersund promoting package with Magma.

# **MARBLE ARCH CAVES UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK (MACUGG) UK/IRELAND**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Geopark Manager, Richard Watson retired after 33 years of service from Fermanagh & Omagh District Council on 1 April 2018.
2. On-going progression and delivery of a Governance and Management Review for the Geopark.
3. Visitor Numbers to all Geopark sites remain high with numbers exceeding those of the previous year.
4. Approximately £90,000 of funding has been secured by the Geopark to provide new and upgrade existing recreational infrastructure and routes at key locations in the Geopark, namely Cuilcagh Mountain, Tully Castle, Lough Navar, Drumoney Falls, Castle Saunderson.
5. Development of Geopark Principles, an illustrative list of guidelines to educate visitors to the geopark of the importance of preserving this unique environment.
6. Signing of Service Level Agreement with Waterways Ireland to develop Ballyconnell – Ballyheady Greenway to link to existing Geopark site at Canal.
7. Under Town and Village Revitalisation funding development of Community Coffee Shop at Swanlinbar to incorporate Geopark interpretation.
8. Establishment of MACUGG partnership agreement with University College Dublin to undertake full archaeological audit of Cavan Burren Park.
9. Hosting of series of FAM & Media visits most notably by Irish Tourism Board (Fáilte Ireland) and Tourism Ireland to Cavan Burren Park and Marble Arch Caves.
10. Geopark continues to be influential in National Tourism Strategy being a key component in Fáilte Ireland's new tourism proposition 'Ireland's Hidden Heartlands' and in Tourism Northern Ireland's Tourist Vision for County Fermanagh.
11. Development of Cycling and Walking Sustainable Tourism Strategy for County Cavan to encompass all Geopark sites in West Cavan for future development.
12. MACUGG has participated in a number of recreational, agricultural and tourism shows providing a mix of interactive activities and information dissemination.
13. Published and on-going delivery of events guide for 2018 with a number of events being over-subscribed.
14. On-going delivery of Geopark Education Programme with approx. 2,000 students having participated in programmes to date. Production of new post-primary geodiversity field guide for the Geopark and use of Geo VR as an educational tool continues to be rolled out across the Geopark.

### **Networking**

1. On-going participation in €1.8m INTERREG Atlantic Geoparks Project with existing and aspiring Geoparks.

2. Progression towards the completion of the INTERREG VB Drifting Apart project, in partnership with a number of aspiring and existing Geoparks.
3. Representatives from MACUGG attended the EGN meeting in Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, Slovenia & Austria.
4. Kirstin Lemon attended and was keynote speaker at the Capacity Building Workshop for Geoscience Popularisation organised by Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark.
5. MACUGG hosted a visit from the Hong Kong Lions Group who were touring various European Geoparks to find out more about education programmes in UGGps.
6. Representatives of MACUGG attended the UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks Annual Meeting in Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark.
7. Kirstin Lemons undertook a UNESCO Global Geopark revalidation mission to Longhushan UGGp in China and an evaluation mission to Toba Crater Aspiring Geopark iApron Indonesia.
8. Representatives from MACUGG attended meetings of the Irish UNESCO Global Geoparks Committee.
9. MACUGG led on the production of a leaflet for the Irish UNESCO Global Geoparks

### **Activity by Partners**

1. Geopark is a strategic partner in an INTERREG Project 'Collaborative Action for the Natura Network (CANN)' which focuses on a range of conservation and land management actions for Cuilcagh Mountain.
2. On-going development on a collaborative cross-border Rural Development Funded Cuilcagh Mountain Experience project to include for proposed capital and resource development for the Geopark.
3. On-going progression of the 'Heritage Champions' or Geopark Ambassadors Project for which £14,000 funding has been secured through the Lough Erne Landscape Partnership.
4. The Geopark is a main partner in the, Heritage Lottery Funded Arney River Corridor Project which is community led and have secured £200,000 for a series of heritage events and conduction of a recreational audit within the Geopark.
5. The Geological Survey of Northern Ireland (GSNI) organised the annual Science Week at Stormont event, attended by numerous environmental and heritage organisations including MACUGG.
6. GSNI is part of an application for funding from the INTERREG Atlantic Area programmes called PAGEO. This project, if successful will support the establishment of an Atlantic Geohazards Network that will use citizen science to increase the awareness of geohazards
7. GSNI is working with partners in the North Atlantic Geoscience (NAG) area of Geological Surveys to develop on application to H2020 to use citizen science to increase the awareness and understanding of geohazards in UNESCO-designated areas that have a high tourism footfall.
8. GSNI presented at the Geological Society of London's geoconservation committee on UGGs in the UK and Ireland including MACUGG.

# **MASSIF DES BAUGES GEOPARK, FRANCE**

## **Progress Report, March 2018 – September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Purchase of 2 electric cars for the Geopark team, March 2018
2. Formulation of 3 forest service road projects, March - July 2018
3. Landscape master plan on the “Plateau de la Leysse”, 10 municipality and Grand Chambéry conurbation involved, April to July 2018
4. Accompanying of municipalities in order to preserve heritages in forestry sites, March-June 2018
5. Dialogue on the canyoning sites, manage the activity, April – June 2018
6. GAYA = Governance And Youth in the Alps, Interreg Alpine Space project, “Release your ideas”, projects and ideas for the Massif des Bauges Geopark, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018
7. Shooting of a film on culinary heritage of the Geopark, May 2018
8. Geopark’s eco-volunteers and civic services team to welcome and raise tourists during summer holiday on main sites, May-Sept 2018
9. “Break in Bauges” during the EGN Week, Discover the Geoheritage of the Geopark by byke, 25<sup>th</sup> May – 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018
10. Edition of 2 new booklets. Annecy Tour and detours in French and English versions
11. Application for a second “positive energy balance territory” project in collaboration with 3 conurbations, June 2018.
12. Working group Interreg Alpine Space programme, ASTUS - Alpine Smart Transport and Urbanism Strategies, June 2018
13. Introduction of a one week fieldtrip across the alps for the Open university of the Geological society of London, in the Parc house June 2018
14. Edition of the new Geopark touristic map and hiking brochure, June 2018
15. Initiatives market for tourism stakeholders, Geopark interpretative centre, Aillon, 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018
16. Launch of the “Nature and Music in Bauges” festival, Geopark interpretative centre, Aillon-le-Jeune, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018
17. Opening of the Geopark Trail running station, Aillon le Jeune, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018
18. Geopark’s schools event, gathering of 500 pupils which have participated to the annual pedagogical programme, Chainaz-les-Frasses, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018
19. Formulation of a new geosites layout project (Lake La Thuile), July 2018
20. Massif des Bauges “flowering meadows” contest, alpine pastures, 3-4<sup>th</sup> July 2018
21. Launch of the touristic study for the natural gate of the ski-resort Savoie-Grand-Revard, St François, July 2018
22. Installation of the vertical activities pole, Sambuy resort, July 2018
23. Decision of the Executive Board of the Geopark to rewrite the 15 years strategic plan for the Massif des Bauges territory, linked with the Regional Nature Park national label, 19 July 2018
24. Creation of a website on the positive initiatives of the territory, July 2018
25. Publication of a video on black grouse, July 2018
26. Launch of the hiking promotional software “Geotrek” <http://rando.parcdesbauges.com/>, July 2018
27. Publication of a video about the EGN week event, Echappée en Bauges

28. Validation of the touristic diversification project of the Aillons-Margeriaz ski resort, July 2018
29. New interpretative panels in the Prér rouge cave entrance, July 2018
30. Vernacular heritage restoration, 6 projects (pond, bread oven, church tower, oratory, basin...), July 2018
31. Temporary exhibition "Stories full of the plate", culinary heritage, in the cultural heritage Geopark house, Aillon-le-Jeune, July-August 2018
32. "Be a lumberjack", 8 touristic visits of logging sites, July-August 2018
33. Summer hustle and bustle in the Geopark's interpretative centre "Chartreuse", July – Sept 2018
34. Modern art exhibition on the field, Art School of Annecy, July-Sept 2018
35. Fest'Aillon, festival week in the Geopark's interpretative centre "Chartreuse", 3 – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018
36. Forest interpretative trail, Gorna forest, August 2018

### **Networking**

37. 41<sup>st</sup> EGN CC, Karavenken Geopark 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2018
38. Cooperation agreement "Be Part of the Mountain", Winters activities and Nature preservation, Alparc, March 2018
39. Welcome of a Chilean delegation (Patagonia), tourism development in preserved natural areas, April 2018
40. Participation to the annual "Geole" gathering, popularisation and dissemination section of the French Geological Society, Causses du Quercy UGG, 12-15<sup>th</sup> April 2018
41. Welcome of a Georgian delegation, agriculture and heritages, June 2018
42. Participation to the regional working group for quarries master plan, June 2018
43. Participation to the Geological society of France General Assembly, June 2018
44. Participation to two UGG evaluation missions, André Guerraz (Maroc), Jean-Luc Desbois (China), June, August 2018

### **Activity by Partners**

45. Participation to the tourism diversification project of La Féclaz ski resort in collaboration with Grand Chambéry conurbation, March to July 2018
46. Participation to the urban area Grand Annecy master plan for 2050, Link between Geopark and the Grand Annecy conurbation, March – June 2018
47. Launch of a local products shop, dairy cooperative La Compote, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2018
48. Participation to the organisation of "Bauges Y Cimes". Two days to discover outdoor activities and geoheritage, Saint-Jean d'Arvey, 16-17<sup>th</sup> June 2018
49. International Symposium on Karstology 2018. 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the French Association of Karstology, - Chambéry – Visit of the Geopark, 27<sup>th</sup> June / 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018
50. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Coteaux du Salins, Ecomuseum, Grésy-sur-Isère, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018
51. Geofestival Beaufortain-Vanoise, 2 conferences in the Geopark Gate-Town and collaboration, July to August 2018
52. Feast of the earth, Young farmers, Jarsy, 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018
53. Savoyards of world gathering, discovering of the Geopark, Aillon, conference and field trip, 3 – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2018



54. Local stages (Annecy and Jarsy (village of possibles) of the Alternatiba tour (citizen movement about climate change)

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# COMARCA DE MOLINA-ALTO TAJO GEOPARK, SPAIN

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. A women's project. Video made by women's day with images of all the workers that the Geopark has had. March 8, 2018
2. Inauguration of photography exhibition "Castles in the air" by Pilar Catalán. March 9, 2018
3. Talk about our Geopark and about geology, by Jose Antonio Martínez, Geologist of the Regional Museum. March 13, 2018
4. Excursion to the Regional Museum of the alumnus of 1st ESO of the Dionesano College of Guadalajara. March 21, 2018
5. Workshops of the Geoeschool for children. March 26, 27 and 28, 2018.
6. Presentations of the students of 4th of ESO of IES Molina de Aragón for the Young Ambassadors Project. April 5, 2018
7. Participation in the design of the Geopark flag by the young Center of Molina de Aragón. April 14, 2018
8. The young ambassadors of the exchange with the Isla del Hierro Geopark arrive at the Madrid airport and are received. April 17, 2018
9. Exhibition of the works carried out by the winners of the Young Ambassadors Project. April 19, 2018
10. Exhibition of the works of the young ambassadors to the students of 5th and 6th grade of the CEIP Virgen de la Hoz. May 8, 2018
11. The geology of 2018 moves to Riba de Santiuste, Imón and Paredes de Sigüenza. May 10, 2018
12. The students of 5th and 6th of the CEIP Virgen de la Hoz de Molina. We were in the Celtiberian Castro of El Ceremeño. MAY 15, 2018
13. Presentation of the European Week programs. May 17, 2018
14. Presentation of the book "Luna en el Alto Tajo" by Isabel Gozález del Vado. May 26, 2018
15. Fair of Handicrafts and Rural Tourism in Molina de Aragón. May 26, 2018
16. The young ambassadors of our Geopark travel to Isla del Hierro. June 2, 2018
17. Fossil workshop with the children of 4 years of the CEIP Virgende la Hoz. June 6, 2018.
18. Placement of the aragonite structure in the municipality of Torremocha del Pinar. June 10, 2018
19. Presentation of educational activities for all centers in the region of Molina. June 14, 2018.
20. Craft Fair in the municipality of Corduente. June 16, 2018
21. Ceramic workshop with students of 1st grade of CEIP Molina de Aragón. June 18, 2018
22. Participation in the 6th Permanent Ecotourism Seminar in Spain. Our Lorena and María went to CENEAM (Valsain, Segovia). June 19, 2018.
23. Presentation of the book "Molina and her Land in the Middle Ages: its history, its jurisdiction and its people (1154-1375), by M<sup>a</sup> Dolores Barrios Martínez, June 22, 2018.
24. Signing of the collaboration agreement FDMCM-Molina Alto Tajo Geopark. June 28, 2018
25. XI Spanish Castilian Speleology and Cannon Meeting From June 29 to July 1, 2018.
26. VI crafts and food fair in El Pobo de Dueñas. July 1, 2018

27. Summer Course of the UNED in the Geopark of the Comarca of Molina-Alto Tajo. From July 4 to 6, 2018.
28. Evaluation for the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in the Comarca De Molina de Aragon and the Alto Tajo. July 6, 2018
29. Presentation of the book "La canción del Bisonte" by the writer and journalist Antonio Pérez Henares. JULY 15, 2018
30. Geopark Blog creation. July 21, 2018
31. Reevaluation of our Geopark. From July 25 to 29, 2018
32. Visit of the children from the Multideporte Campus to the Molina Museum and to the San Francisco del Geoparque exhibition. August 3, 2018.
33. Handicraft Fair in the municipality of Mazarete. August 11, 2018.
34. Handicraft Fair of Maranchón. August 14 and 15, 2018.
35. Conference on the Geopark of the Comarca de Molina-Alto Tajo in Terzaga. August 16, 2018.
36. VI International Time Lapse Festival. August 25, 2018.
37. Craft Fair and Hook Festival in Peralejos de las Truchas. August 25, 2018.
38. Georutas for the territory of the Geopark. August 2018.

# MONT D'ARDÈCHE UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, FRANCE

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Creation of new Geopark educational tools (banners, lithoscope, exhibition on the geological history of the Geopark) (June)
2. Saint André Lachamp former mines : Finalization of the scientific study and study report (May)
3. Training course about South Ardeche recent volcanism (March)
4. Training course about ancient volcanism around mounts Mezenc and Gerbier (September)
5. Organization of 14 guided tours « Les rendez-vous géologiques » between March and September
6. Organization of a conference about the geology of the Loire river (June)
7. Starting of the study about volcanic building materials in Mount Mezenc (April)
8. Publication of the Geopark hiking guide in partnership with Eds. Glenat
9. Jury and award ceremony for the 3rd Geopark school competition (May). Visit of des Confluences Museum in Lyon for all participating classes.
10. Inauguration of new facilities at Bois du Four Geosite in Vernoux (June)
11. Implementation of new belvederes at Coulées de Fabras Geosite, (July)
12. Finalization of new developments at Naves Geosite, (September)
13. Finalization of new developments at Cascade de Baumicou Geosite (July)
14. Finalization of new developments at Neck de Craux Geosite (August)
15. Finalization of new developments at Sucs de Breysse Geosite (September)
16. Construction of new interpretation desks for Mont Signon geosite and for Cirque des Boutières geosite (September)
17. Finalization of new developments on the foothpath « wine and geology » in Rosières (August)
18. Organization of a training course « *What is Monts d'Ardèche Geopark ?* » for officers of Aubenas-Vals-Antraigues Tourist offices (June)
19. Creation of Geopark goodies (bags, polos, pins)
20. Implementation of 3 new geototems at non-equipped geosites (June)
21. Equipment of all partner museums with Geopark welcome panels (May)

22. Starting of the design of a geosite virtual tour tool (March)
23. Collaborative elaboration of the next Geopark action plan 2019-2022 (March-September)

### **Networking**

1. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karawanke Geopark, Austria/Slovenia (March)
2. Participation and presentation given at The Tourism Development workshop organized by Lubéron Geopark (April)
3. Welcome of the russian delegation of Bachkortostan aspiring Geopark (April)
4. Welcome of the senegalese delegation of Ferlo Biosphere Reserve (May)
5. Welcome of the delegation of Pyrénées catalanes Geopark project (May)
6. Organisation of the mission and welcoming of auditors for Monts' D'Ardèche GG revalidation mission (9 - 13 July 2018)
7. Development of cooperation initiatives within the Leader network, to develop a cooperation project about the digital valorization of dinosaur's footprints (June)

### **Activity by Partners**

1. Finalization and study report of the research project on geoarchaeological by University of Clermont-Ferrand (March 2018)
2. Publication of Journal de la société géologique de l'Ardèche (N°11) (June)
3. Organization of conferences and guided tours by several partner associations : l'Archéo-logis, les amis du Mézenc, Paléodécouvertes, Société géologique de l'Ardèche, Clapas, PHTVV.
4. Finalization of the exhibition centre of Juvinas météorite by Municipality of Juvinas, in partnership with the Geopark (August)

# MUSKAUER FALTENBOGEN / ŁUK MUŻAKOWA GEOPARK, GERMANY / POLAND

## Progress Report, March 2018 – September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Further meetings and negotiations with representatives of Federal and State Ministries to forward the EGTC funding process (European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation) to establish a unified management structure as basis for a sustainable long-term and strong co-operation between the UNESCO Global Geopark Office, local authorities, communities and other stakeholders of the geopark, March – August 2018
2. Holding a two day symposium on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August 2018 in close cooperation with the study group “Baukultur” (building culture) and the town of Weißwasser/O.L. As part of this event, three objects / places in Germany and Poland have been visited, where the topic "building culture and tourism" is examined and developed in workshops. The symposium received external expertise from three guests from Germany and Poland, inter alia Adam Hajduga, Katowice, vice president of the ERIH (European Route of Industrial Heritage) and head of the Industriada project. Visits included the Neufert building in Weißwasser/O.L. (Ernst Neufert was a famous German architect), the old Babina mine in Łęknica and the former park brewery in Bad Muskau.
3. Starting the expansion and restructuring activities in the Old Brickery Klein Kölzig to establish the new visitor centre of the Muskau Arch UGG and the new head office. First phase: erection of a new escape and rescue route, installation of a lift (2018 – 2019). Parallel to this, the old clay railway route is enlarged until December 2018.
4. Staging a flash mob of a polish and a german youth choir in the Neiße river valley as one of the most beautiful geosites in the UGG Muskau Arch. This event is the first of a series of yearly youth choir concerts, which will connect geology and music in a different, but fascinating and spectacular way. 150 participant, Bad Muskau, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018
5. Posterpresentation “The use of post mining landscape for geotouristic purposes in geopark – by the example of Polish part of UNESO Global Geopark Muskau Arch” at IXth PROGEO Symposium June 25<sup>th</sup> .-28<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Chęciny near Kielce, Poland

### Networking

6. Signing the grant agreement of the “UNESCO Global Geopark Muskauer Faltenbogen / Łuk Mużakowa – joint heritage in the German-Polish border region“ Interreg BB-PL project. The project unites five partners in Poland and Germany and a large number of infrastructural, geotourist and regional development measures in Germany and Poland with an investment volume of over 2 Mio. EUR. Guben, 08<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

7. Implementation of the III. International Geopark Camp for Youth, under the umbrella of the majors of the town of Weißwasser/O.L. and Łęknica. According to the motto “Energy meets Geology”, 34 youth from Greece, Romania, Hungary, Italy, Poland and Germany gained knowledge about the development of the energy region Lusatia and the current structural change. In workshops and discussion sessions, the participants dealt with complex issues of the global change and the sustainable development goals and built up an overall picture of their own future needs. Weißwasser/O.L. and Geopark area, 04<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018
8. Continuation of the “UNESCO sites in Lusatia” meetings in preparation of a framework agreement on mutual support and joint projects, including the complete Lusatia region and four UNESCO sites World Heritage “Muskau Park” (PL/G), UNESCO Biosphere Reserves “Spree Wood” (G) and “Upper Lusatia Heath and Ponds Landscape” (G), the Intangible Heritage of the “Traditions and Customs of the Sorbs” (G, on the National List) and the Muskau Arch UGG.
9. Participation in the 41th Coordination Committee Meeting – Karavanke-Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, Bleiburg, 20<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2018
10. Participation and active contribution in meetings of the National Forum of German UNESCO Global Geoparks and German National Geoparks, Selb, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2018

### **Activity by Partners**

11. Presentation of the topic “(UNESCO Global) Geoparks as regional development strategy” at a saxony wide conference with around 100 participants from politics, administration and planning, an event organized by the Saxony Ministry of Interior and the provincial headquarters, 23rd April 2018
12. Attendance of the opening of a month-long exhibition of the Voivodship Lubuskie to the “Nature Treasures of Lubuskie” in the Parliament Building of the Free State of Saxony with large-format pictures of the polish part of the UNESCO Global Geopark, staged by the Voivodship of Lubuskie, 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018

# **NATURTEJO GEOPARK, PORTUGAL**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Several tour packages organized for Spanish and Portuguese tour operators, March to September 2018
2. Numerous educational programmes organized for the schools of the Geopark and from different schools across the country, March to July 2018
3. Organization of the promotional stand in the International Tourism Fair of Lisbon for the seven municipalities that constitute the territory of the Geopark, March 2018. 1000 trees were offered to the visitors to invite them to plant the trees in the territory of the Geopark
4. Training of two students in daily working environment from the Technological College of the Polytechnic Institute, March and June 2018.
5. Research presentation of the Roman Gold Mine found in Murracha Mountain, April 2018
6. Workshops on Naturtejo Geopark and Local Development for tourism professionals operating in Termas de Monfortinho and Rosmaninhal, April 2018.
7. Organization of the Landscape Festival – European Geoparks Week, May to June 2018.
8. Native Peony species mapping in Murracha mountain for its monitoring conservation, April 2018.
9. Training field trips for school teachers of the Naturtejo Geopark, March to May 2018.
10. Press Trips with American and Chinese Journalists, May and June 2018.
11. National Meeting of the Guide of the Portuguese Geological and Mines Sites at Termas de Monfortinho
12. Geology in summer activities in the city of Castelo Branco and geomonuments of the Geopark under the Foundation for Science and Technology Agenda, July to August, 2018.
13. Exhibition “The Forest that Unites Us” with the Living Science Center of Forest at Moeda Caves, July 2018 to July 2019.
14. Participation in the V Seminar House of Sciences, July 2018
15. Workshop on Local Culture for students of the University of Berkeley, USA, July 2018.
16. Geopark stand in the Pinewood Fair in Oleiros, August 2018.
17. Participation in the I Seminar House of Sciences of Azores, September 2018

### **Networking**

18. Coordination of the ITB stand together with 20 UNESCO Global Geoparks, March 2018.
19. Funiushan Unesco Global Geopark delegation visited Naturtejo Geopark under the partnership agreement, March 2018.
20. 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Erasmus+ ESTEAM Project in Slovenia, March 2018.
21. Participation of Bergstrasse-Odenwald Unesco Global Geopark and Messel Pit WHS in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Peony Festival of Toulões, April 2018.



22. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karawanken/Karavanke Unesco Global Geopark, Austria/Slovenia, March 2018.
23. Portuguese Unesco Geoparks reunited in Macedo de Cavaleiros Unesco Global Geopark, April 2018.
24. Two evaluation and revalidation missions by the scientific coordinator of the Geopark to Imbabura Aspiring Geopark and to Kunlunshan Unesco Global Geopark

### **Activity by Partners**

25. Participation in the meetings with local communities to develop the Action Plan for the Tejo Internacional Nature Park, March to May 2018.
26. Jewish and Christian Easter celebrations in the village of Medelim, March 2018.
27. New tourist map prepared for the Municipality of Penamacor, March 2018.
28. Development of plan by the Municipality of Oleiros to restore the Geomonument of Fraga da Água d'Alta destroyed by the fire, March 2018.
29. 3<sup>rd</sup> Peony Festival of Toulões and International Seminar, April 2018
30. Iberian Meeting of Kayaking at Erges River, April 2018
31. Workshop on Lodging Management at Idanha-a-Nova, April 2018
32. Theatre workshop on Callum wine and Honey at Oleiros, April 2018.
33. Lamb Festival of Rosmaninhal, May 2018.
34. II International Congress on Birds, in Lisbon, May 2018.
35. Soups Festival of Proença-a-Velha, May 2018.
36. Medieval Festival of Monsanto, May 2018.
37. Project Life Imperial workshop and educational activities, May 2018.
38. Fossil Run in Penha Garcia, June 2018.
39. Iberian Climbing Meeting, June 2018.
40. Geopark stand in the River Flavours Festival of Vila Velha de Ródão, June 2018.
41. International Archaeological Camp excavated 4 sites in Proença-a-Nova, July to August, 2018.
42. Community workshop on the Zêzere River, July 2018.
43. Watermelon Festival of Ladoeiro, July 2018.
44. Stand in the Lands of the Lynx Fair, July 2018.
45. Seminar on the Archaeology of Proença-a-Nova, August 2018.
46. Lusitanian Horse Show in the Geostud-Farm Manuel Teixeira, August 2018.

# **NORTH PENNINES AONB GLOBAL GEOPARK, UNITED KINGDOM**

## **Progress Report, April 2018 – September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. With our new Heritage Lottery funded project now approved, work got underway on this extensive new programme. The Lottery grant is £375,000 (approx. €432,000) for a project worth approximately £650,000 (€722,000). Work so far has included
  - Preparations with INTERREG partners for new ICT based interpretation
  - Guided visits for visually impaired people to geologically significant sites.
  - An exhibition of an original William Smith geological map and associated interpretation, plus an exhibition of the evolution of geological mapping. Two gallery exhibitions of school and community felt-making inspired by the map
  - A new art installation inspired by the geology of a local waterfall
  - Four new geotrails are in development with more to follow
  - Access improvements to an important geosite
  - Providing four new touch screens
  - Providing new lamps for visitors to a mine heritage site
  - Appointment of new geology projects officer and a graduate geologist

Work to come includes engagement with tourism businesses, guide training, work in schools, creative writing and photography workshops and further artworks.

2. We are active partners in an INTERREG Atlantic Isles project led by our colleagues in Arouca. A meeting was held in Armorique aspiring UGG in June. One of the roles of the North Pennines is to lead the support of Armorique towards their application. The North Pennines has been actively leading on the ICT elements of the programme, though the biggest problem continues to be unravelling the complicated procurement issues which seem no nearer to a resolution.
3. One of our current projects with a geological theme – OREsome North Pennines – has now moved beyond the survey phase and is beginning to interpret chosen sites.
4. As part of our Allen Valleys Landscape Partnership Scheme (which provides conservation and community activities on a wide range of topics in part of the Geopark) we worked with local people and local enterprise initiatives to complete the consolidation and interpretation of three features of geological and mining heritage importance.

5. Our £2.5million bid to the UK's Heritage Lottery Fund for a landscape scale project in the North West corner of the Geopark has begun. Should the second stage bid be successful there will be significant work on understanding, celebrating and exploring geological heritage, amongst many other things in a £3.4m programme.
6. Quaternary deposits are an important feature of our Geopark and work continues on our long term peatland restoration programme. Work is underway on our €6.9m LIFE project on this theme, and £500,000 has also been secured from the UK Government.
7. Peatland restoration features heavily in a natural flood management project we are working on in part of the Geopark.
8. We received a stage 1 pass for a major project in partnership with a neighbouring National Park Authority. This is worth approx. £600,000 in the development phase and up to £8million if the second phase bid is approved in 2020. This will involve considerable interpretation of geology and landscape.
9. Geoparks Week activity included series of walks, family events and museum open days across the area at nine locations, supported by partners and volunteers.

### **Networking**

10. Participation in the 41st EGN Meeting in the Azores.
11. Participation in an INTERREG project meeting in Armorique.
12. Providing continued support to the UK Nat Comm in relation to Geopark development in Kenya.
13. The Geopark Director undertook a new assessment mission in Poland in July.
14. Our revalidation took place in August.
15. A Chinese Geopark delegation was received in August.
16. See also item 2 on the INTERREG project.

### **Activity by Partners**

17. Killhope, the North of England Lead Mining Museum continues to develop its programme and its collaboration with the Geopark team. This has included refreshed Geopark signage, new touchscreens and events.
18. The Nenthead Mines Preservation Society has been delivering its summer programme of open days including one for Geoparks Week. Our second EGN representative, Peter Jackson, Chairs this very active organisation.
19. The University of Durham continues to be a valued partner, supporting events and activities with schools, artists and the public.

# **NORTH WEST HIGHLANDS GEOPARK, SCOTLAND, UNITED KINGDOM**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Held workshop in Scottish Parliament for public agency representatives to engage with the North West Highlands Geopark management March 2018
2. Geotours for school groups, cruise ships and private groups March – September 2018
3. Launch of new Geotrail in Coigach April 2018
4. Added retail section to NWH Geopark website for sales and promotion of interpretation material, providing extra income stream for the Geopark April 2018
5. Worked with UK National Commission to develop ideas for UNESCO National Trail in Scotland. April – September 2018
6. Progressed Geocentre development with Scourie Community Development Company – working on joint vision and funding July -September 2018
7. Registered Geosites with What3Words (<https://what3words.com/about/>) July 2018
8. Installed Digital Time Machine into the Rock Stop visitor centre – allowing visitors to engage in Virtual Reality interpretation of geological and cultural heritage July 2018
9. New 5 year strategic plan developed July 2018
10. Completed interpretation for two new Geopods (Landscape Interpretation) August 2018
11. Organisation and wide promotion of a Geopark wide Geoheritage festival which incorporates EGN Week (For more details please see our EGN Week report) April-October 2018. The festival runs from April to October, extended from October only in 2017. Mounting events and collaborating with partners to support tourism throughout the season and raise the educational profile of the Geopark. Events include Lectures, Geotours, Guided Walks and festivals. Estimated number of participants: c.850
12. Developing a Geopark Food Trail in partnership with SNH, to retain visitors in the Geopark for longer, and direct spend more widely across the area.
13. Developing a Geopark Arts & Crafts Trail, to retain visitors in the Geopark for longer, and provide often struggling producers with a new channel to market.
14. Developing a Geopark Business Network to provide businesses with a forum and a unified voice to lobby in support of the Geopark's economic development objective
15. Commissioning brown tourist signs to raise the Geopark's profile with high speed tourism through traffic on the NC500, again in partnership with SNH.
16. Collaboration with St Andrews University Geobus to deliver material relevant to the Curriculum for Excellence directly to schools in the Geopark.

## **Networking**

17. Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke, Karawanken, Austria, March 2018.
18. Publishing article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 15, March 2018.
19. Attended Sustainable Development Goals network meeting in Edinburgh – made contacts with Open Government, SCVS and UN House. March 2018
20. Met with the two Scottish UNESCO Biosphere Reserves to develop strategy for UNESCO sites core funding April 2018
21. Attended UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks meeting, Fforest Fawr, Wales. May 2018
22. Collaboration with John Muir Trust on identifying sustainable economic development initiatives for Sandwood Bay and the surrounding estate.

## **Activity by Partners**

23. Community owned wind turbine has come into operation and is generating a cash surplus for use for Coigach Community in Sustainable Development. – August 2018
24. Acheninver Youth Hostel has expanded operations and installed new accommodation pods using the LEADER Rural Diversification fund – August 2018
25. Port a Bhaig Campsite extended shop and reception area to meet demand of increased tourism – August 2018
26. New business in Coigach – Kayak Summer Isles – May 2018
27. New business in Kylesku – North Coast Sea Tours – July 2018
28. Coigach Community Development Company working on improvements to local harbor – August 2018
29. Path Improvements in Assynt and Coigach via Coigach Assynt Living Landscape Partnership. Including the Suilven Hill Path – due for launch September 2018
30. Community Councils have been dealing with the effects of Highland Council cuts to public spending. The threat of the closure of many public toilets in the Geopark or the reduction in grants for keeping them open has united the Community bodies here as never before and there is a new determination to work together to preserve and improve infrastructure vital to businesses within the Geopark area. – August 2018
31. Highland 'Save our Loos' campaign – pressure group opposing closure of public toilets set up by Geopark communities. June 2018
32. Assynt Development Trust – new community development officer started in Assynt. Working with NWHG on interpretation at a Campervan Aire development site. August 2018

**Progress Report, March–September 2018****Geopark Activities**

1. Organising the 4<sup>th</sup> Cross-border Photo Marathon (June 1-3, 2018), which was attended by more than 350 registered photographers.
2. Restorations of some geopark study trails in the close neighbourhood of the state border in Slovakia, at Samsonhaza and Ipolytarnóc, Hungary (April - July 2018).
3. Environmental education and research (March - August 2018)
  - a. Presentations during field trips to geosites on different occasions to schools and scientists, organising school competitions about the geopark's natural and cultural assets with art exhibitions. (March – August 2018).
  - b. Ongoing weekend guided tours to transborder geosites for the general public.
  - c. Representation of the Geopark during special events, like during the Earth Day at Lucenec, or the Filakovo Castle tournament and Forest Music ( April-July 2018)
  - d. Organising study tours to municipal representatives and journalists.
  - e. Ongoing cultural activities in the Geopark Headquarters.
  - f. Social media presence, reshaping the website of the geopark, publishing printed materials and giving interviews in the media on geological assets of the Geopark.

**Networking**

4. Attending with presentations the EGN CC meeting (March 2018).
5. Organising events for the EGN Week (May 25 – June 10 2018)
6. Organising and holding the revalidation field visit of the UNESCO Global Geopark experts (July 25-29, 2018).
7. Taking part in the work of the EGN Fossils and the EGN Volcanic Working Groups.
8. Representing the Geopark during the meetings and consultations of the Hungarian Geopark Commission (March – August 2018).
9. Taking part in a conference of Czech and Slovak Geoparks, signing collaboration with the Maly Karpaty and Železné Hory Geoparks (March 14-15, 2018)

**Activity by Partners**

10. Continuous communication and project proposals with other partners (schools, expert organisations, civil societies, municipalities, entrepreneurs, etc.)
11. The traditional Volcano Day at Ipolytarnoc Fossils Nature Conservation Area was organised in partnership by the Bükk National Park Directorate (June 8, 2018)
12. Participation in the events, held by the Bükk National Park Directorate, the OOCR Novohrad-Podpolanie, the SAŽP and local NGOs, like the Nógrád Geopark Association (March 2018 – August 2018).

# UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK ODSHERRED, DENMARK

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Annual Geopark Festival with more than 75 events and approx. 15,000 guests at different venues, combining the four themes of the geopark. Higher quality this year, than previous years. August 2018.
2. First revalidation of the geopark, facilitating the two field evaluator's tour of the geopark, seeing more than 23 localities and meeting more than 50 stakeholders etc. July 2018.
3. Publishing our first comprised marketing material focusing solely on the products and events provided by our team of 12 geoguides. May 2018.
4. Full moon event, highlighting this century's longest lunar eclipse. Dinner party under the moonlight, telescope and moon geology talk at the largest burial mound in the middle of the night. July 2018.
5. Establishment of weather station at the geopark visitor's field, showcasing and monitoring the development of the field, as well as the meteorological data available to everyone interested. June 2018.
6. Launch of the new quiz game called Geopardy, introducing the geopark to visitors of the area, asking both easy and difficult questions. Great success, showing a higher interest than anticipated. August 2018.
7. Launch of the first geopark bicycle race around Bjergene (mountains), with 550 participants, enduring many altitude meters, on a closed circuit. August 2018.
8. Finalizing of the Geokids project, with a grand opening, visited by HRH Princess Marie, who made her own mask. Now more than 3,500 masks have been made by as many students in Odsherred. April 2018.
9. 35 guided geological tours during the course of the school vacation period at five different venues/localities. June-August 2018.

### Networking

10. Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karawanken/Karavanke Geopark, Austria/Slovenia. March 2018.
11. First geoscience seminar in the geopark, with invited guest from more than 15 institutions, universities, and museums, focusing on any potential geo-specific projects. May 2018.
12. Participating in a national UNESCO national commission meeting/seminar, focusing on a future national strategy of UNESCO in Denmark, with the geopark mentioned in speeches held by both royalties and national secretaries. May 2018.

### Activity by Partners

13. Establish of Food Trails around the producers of local produce, restaurants and farm shops. Four tours on two trails so far. June-August 2018.

14. Food market (FiO) highlighting local products, visited by 2000 people over the course of three days. July 2018.



# **ORE OF THE ALPS GEOPARK, AUSTRIA**

## **Progress Report, March – September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Recording meeting of Erz der Alpen UNESCO Global Geopark and Austrian Soil Alliance. Erz der Alpen UNESCO Global Geopark becomes a full member of the Austrian Soil Alliance, Horst Ibetsberger, Herwig Pichler, Nadine Guggenberger, Stephan Maurer and Martina Nagl, March 2018
2. Completion of the preparations of the EU Leader projekt “Stone Carving Symposium”, which will take place at the beginning of summer 2019 in the 4 Geopark communities, March - April 2018
3. Finalisation of the interactive web map of geosites in the Erz der Alpen UNESCO Global Geopark , March - May 2018
4. Coordination and Finalisation of the “Summer academy kids programme”, which includes all four Geopark communities. March - May 2018
5. Several articles on the Geopark in the local, regional and national media, especially concerning the Geopark week, March 2018 - September 2018
6. Guided geotours on the ore-trail, guided visits in the show mines, lectures and workshops in the Geopark villages from March 2018 - September 2018
7. Special offers for environmental programs and programs for schools, March 2018 - September 2018
8. Voluntary project cooperation of Lukas Götzlich (Geopark student trainee), Department of Geography and Geology, March - September 2018
9. Annual spring meeting of the tourism professionals from the four Geopark-villages Bischofshofen, Mühlbach am Hochkönig, Hüttau, St. Veit / Sonnenterrasse, about Geopark activities, April 2018
10. Staging of the Geopark week 2018 with a manifold programme under the motto: “Copper, Gold and other treasures from the mountains”, May - June 2018
11. Realization of the “Miners Run” in Mühlbach, one of the most important running events in the Austrian Alps with more than 300 participants, June 2018
12. Ceremonial opening of the special exhibition “100 years ‘Buwi’ Bradl - my way to world champion” in the Geopark “Visitor Centre Bischofshofen” in cooperation with the Salzburg Ski Museum, July 2018
13. The revalidation mission (Gail Bremner and Marie-Luise Frey) visits the Erz der Alpen UNESCO Global Geopark, July 2018

## **Networking**

14. Cooperation meeting of Erz der Alpen UNESCO Global Geopark and Regional Association Pongau (Stephan Maurer). Joint future projects were discussed, March 2018
15. Participation at the EGN conference in Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, Dr. Horst Ibetsberger and Josef Gantschnigg, March 2018
16. Discussions on new submission of the GINGER project: Partners: Beigua UNESCO Global Geopark, Styrian Eisenwurzen UNESCO Global Geopark, EURAC+ RL (Italy), IRSTEA (France), EZVD+ KP (Slovenia): INTEREG; The GINGER project tries to exploit the risk mitigation capacity of forest ecosystem services and to identify rock fall risk and risk mitigation capacities of ecosystems, the project will build on experiences and results provided by ongoing projects such as RockTheAlps and AlpES or other EU projects as EVANDE. The partner contract was signed by all partners 2017. March - August 2018
17. Participation at the "Austrian climate conference" at the University of Salzburg, Dr. Horst Ibetsberger, Nadine Guggenberger and Markus Häupl, April 2018
18. Finalisation of the Master thesis about "Brittle fault analysis in the Greywacke Zone (Iglsbach-, Sperl- and Fuxgraben/Salzburg/Austria) and associated deformation of overlaying Quaternary sediments. (University of Salzburg, Department of Geography and Geology), June 2018
19. Cooperation meeting of Erz der Alpen UNESCO Global Geopark and Biosphere Park Lungau (Markus Schaflechner). Joint future projects were discussed, June 2018
20. Several meetings of the Geopark Scientific Team with the new treasurer of the Tourism association Bischofshofen (Geologist Gert Furtmüller) among other things with the participation of the University of Salzburg, about the project Geopark 2020, June to August 2018
21. Cooperation meeting of Erz der Alpen UNESCO Global Geopark and KLAR Pongau (Climate change adaption region - Nadine Guggenberger). Joint future projects were discussed, July 2018
22. Cooperation conference of the transnational LEADER Geopark partners: german national Geopark „Inselsberg - 3 Gleichen“ in Thuringia, german national Geopark „Porphyryland Sachsen“ in Saxonia and UNESCO Geopark „Ore of the Alps“ in Rochlitz. August 2018

## **Activity by Partners**

23. Further investigations about the copper history in the national partner Geoparks in Germany, Porphyryland Saxony and Inselsberg - Drei Gleichen in Thuringia regarding the joint project "European Copper Road", March 2018 - August 2018

## **Papuk Geopark, Croatia**

Progress report: March 2018 – September 2018

Papuk Geopark activities:

- 1.** We used our Campsite Duboka to implement three days School-in-Nature camp. This is our new offer and four groups of children pass through this programme. For that groups we provide tents, mattresses, sleeping bags, educational kit and educator who accompanied kids all three days.
- 2.** With other partners in INERREG Danube GeoTour Project we published three educational posters aimed mostly to children. Topics on posters are: geosites, fossils and minerals. Beside the nice photographs, all posters include educational comics in order to create engagement and motivation for kids. All posters are printed in English.
- 3.** Papuk Geopark participated together with all protected areas in Croatia (National/Nature Parks) in the biggest tourism fair in Croatia - Place2GO which become one of the most attractive tourism fairs in the region. Among the others protected areas we reinforced our peculiarity as the only UNESCO Global Geopark in Croatia.
- 4.** From August 10 - August 12, 2018 Papuk Geopark participated in the international Agricultural and Food Fair in the Szentlőrinc, Hungary. Szentlőrinci Gazdanapok is regarded as one of the largest and most successful agricultural event in the western region of Hungary. On this occasion we represented our Danube GeoTour Project (INTERREG Danube Transnational Programme).
- 5.** Together with Croatian Natural History Museum we organized exhibition in Požega City Museum named: "Perfection of Evolution - Disclosure". The most of exhibits are photographs show interesting combination of minerals and insects which with their colour and texture are matches the best. Except the photographs visitors could also see a mineral specimens and some bugs used in photos and information about UNESCO Global Geopark Network.
- 6.** We continue cooperation with Farmahem DOOEL - coordinator of Nature Conservation Programme in FYR Macedonia. After visiting aspiring Lesnovo Geopark we had a few skype meetings with different interested groups (local politicians, some stakeholders). They aware that using of rich geological heritage in the area, especially long tradition in mining, can bring benefit for the territory and local people. It is important to have commitment of all interested groups to continue with this initiative. Also we agree to visit aspiring Geopark Lesnovo again in November.
- 7.** For the first time cycling race Tour of Croatia pass through Papuk Geopark territory. We had a contact with race director and manage to bring the race to

Papuk. Race was broadcasting on Eurosport channel and picture from Papuk went to the many countries. At the Petrov vrh pass in the Papuk Geopark there were mountain classification finish.

**8.** We started with implementation of project "Geo-story of UNESCO Geopark". One part of this project is arrangement of the road Sl. Drenovac - Jankovac. This road is one of the most important considering tourists visit to the Papuk Geopark and putting asphalt on the road will be big advantage for the Geopark. Construction work started and all will be finished by the end of this year.

**9.** In order to improve our promotional activities, through the project "Geo-story of UNESCO Geopark" we purchased equipment which will help us to accomplish that. Part of these equipment are three laptops, drone, action camera with many accessories, photo-camera and graphic design software.

**10.** Construction work of interpretation point Zvečevo is finished. Here we are going to set up short path with interpretation panels explaining geological heritage of western part of the Geopark with special attention on metamorphic rocks. Now we are in process of equipment procurement procedures.

**11.** Through INERREG Danube GeoTour we produced new/updated geological map of the Geopark and from now on we are going to use it in all promotional materials - brochures, leaflets, interpretation panels, web etc.

**12.** In cooperation with Orahovica sport clubs we organized unique sports and tourist event "Papuk Extreme Challenge" which lasted for three days. Over 1000 participants competed in 8 races, and the most important were the exclusive competitions for the World Championship in Triathlon and the Slavonian Mountain Bike Race. As part of the Papuk Extreme Challenge there were also acoustic evenings and art works exhibitions.

**13.** We hosted students which attended the "Innovator Camp #smartschool" in Slavonski Brod. This project is financed by project INTERREG Cro-Bih-Mne. Students from Bosnia, Montenegro and Croatia had a one-day visit to Papuk Geopark and got many information about our Geopark through lecture, workshop and field trip.

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# POLLINO GEOPARK, ITALY

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. April 2018: meeting of the Scientific Commission of Pollino Global Geopark (Professors of Universities of Calabria, of Basilicata and of Florence);
2. April 2018: Lessons on the "Pollino UNESCO Global Geopark" to the students of the geopark's schools;
3. May-June 2018: Guided tours to Ecomuseum of the Park in Rotonda for students, children and groups;
4. May 2018: Guided tours on "The Italia viaduct and the gorges of Lao River", organized in collaboration with the association "Archeo Geo Pollino" and the ANAS (Italian government-owned company deputed to the construction and maintenance of Italian motorways and state highways);
5. June 2018: Focus on the geosites of Episcopia village: workshop, guided tours, geo-education, visit of the historical centre in collaboration with local associations.
6. June 2018: guided tours in the Romito Cave geosite by the working team from the University of Florence;
7. June 2018: Field trip with the students of the University of Calabria to the geosites of "Plains of Pollino" (views of karst and glacial forms);
8. July 2018-August 2018: continuation of the project "*Operazione Trabucco*": study of a karst sinkhole, in partnership with several associations of speleologists and several Italian universities and research institutes;
9. July 2018: focus on Mount Alpi geosite: workshop, guided tours, geo-education, in collaboration with local association;
10. July 2018: press conference on the scientific research on Italus, a Bosnian Pine/Pollino Pine with an established age of 1230 years;
11. July 2018: Training day for tourist guides in the Liguride Complex;
12. July 2018: presentation at the Italian Ministry of the Environment: best practice in the Pollino Geopark;
13. The main events in partnership with municipalities and local associations:
  - a. 3th to 5th August 2018: "*Pollino Music Festival*" in the village of San Severino Lucano: music concerts, guided tours, outdoor and sports activities, workshops for children and teens;
  - b. 20th to 22th August 2017: "*Radiazioni*" in the village of Alessandria del Carretto: buskers, cultural meetings, theater, music, educational workshops;
  - c. 3th June 2018: "*IV MARATHON DEGLI ARAGONESI*": mountain bike race in the villages of Castrovillari and Frascineto;
  - d. 21th-23th July 2018: "*On the road of the transhumance*" in the municipality of Senise;
  - e. 16th-23th August 2018: "*International Summer of Folklore and Pollino National Park*" in the town of Castrovillari;
  - f. 31th August to 02rd September 2018: "*Bianco e Rossa Dop 2016*" in the municipality of Rotonda, the feast of the White Bean PDO and the Red Aubergine PDO of Rotonda (PDO: Protected Designation of Origin – UE trademark);
14. 4th to 15th August 2018: participation in the 30th edition of "*Festambiente*", in the village of Rispescia in the natural park of Maremma – Tuscany, an ecological kermesse organised by Legambiente, one of the most widespread environmental

organization in Italy. During the event the Pollino Geopark organized several workshops for children and performed the disclosure the park activities with five environmental education laboratory;

15. March – September 2018: contributions to schools and local partner to carry out various environmental education courses.

### **Networking**

16. Participation of a group of guys from the territory of Pollino geopark in the International Geoparkcamp “Arts Meet Geology” (Muskau Arch Geopark, Germany–Poland), July 2018.

17. Preparing the progress reports (March–September 2018) August 2018.

18. March 2018 Participation in the 41th European Geoparks Conference -UNESCO Global Geopark - Geopark Karavanke-Karawanken Austria-Slovenia

19. May 2018 preparing scientific articles for the 8<sup>th</sup> international conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks -Adamello Brenta-

20. Organisation and promotion of the EGN Week: geotours, oral presentations, etc.

### **Activity by Partners**

21. Several geotours of our Geopark organized by partners (some local associations), March–September 2018;

22. From May to September 2018: guided tours and outdoor lessons by the University of Calabria and University of Basilicata on the geosites of Timpa delle Murge and Timpa di Pietrasasso;

23. Collaboration for a thesis on the geological heritage and the geosites of Pollino UNESCO Global Geopark with University of Perugia;

24. Collaboration with University of Calabria and University of Basilicata on the quality of the waters in the territory of Pollino Geopark, March-June 2018

25. Edition of a new guide in double language (Ita/Eng) on the geosite of the Romito cave in collaboration with University of Florence.

# **PSILORITIS GEOPARK, GREECE**

## **Progress Report, March 2018 - September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Geopark participated in the ITB 2018
2. On March 22-25, 2018 geopark participate at the management meeting of Emblematic Mountains that took place at Majorca.
3. Geopark hosted on the 5 of April and for two days, a group of geology students from Oregon University who visited certain geosites and the visitors' center.
4. Geopark co-organised and participated with presentations at the 1<sup>st</sup> International congress of the Greek and Cypriot geoparks that took place in Athens on the 17-18 of May 2018.
5. On 18-19 of May geopark participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> management meeting of GEOIN, Interreg project that it is coordinating, which took place at Lesvos.
6. Geopark, as the coordinator of the Cretan UNESCO sites, submitted the updated study of the Integrated Spatial Investment the "UNESCO Sites of Crete" in order to receive 13million Euros for funding various touristic and promotional activities in Crete and abroad. Project is expected to start by the end of 2018
7. Geopark organised on July and August 2018 various activities under the EGN week 2018

### **Networking**

8. Geopark hosted and offered expertise on geopark establishment to the Vice Councillor of Euboea Region Mr Kotzias on 5<sup>th</sup> of April. They visited geosites, the visitors center and have contacts and meetings with majors and other geopark partners
9. Geopark hosted for three days on 10-12 of April a group of people coming from the region of of Hoge Kempen of the Netherlands how visited geosites and the facilities of Geopark and had interesting discussions with local people and politicians.
10. Geopark through the Vice President Mr Fassoulas participated in the 2018 Geoparks Summer School that took place in Lesvos on June.
11. The Partner of the Geopark Geopark, Anogia Environmental Education center, with the support of geopark, established and started to coordinate a National School Network that is focused on geodiversity and geoparks.
12. Geopark offered expertise to several areas of Grece that which to establish geopark, like the Syros and Cyclades, the Rhodope, the Kefhalonia and Parnassos areas

## **Activity by Partners**

13. Geopark partner the Eleytherna Museum organized an international archaeological meeting on the findings and the role of ancient Eleytherna on the 31/5-3/6 2018
14. Geopark's Partner, Anogia Environmental Education Center, organised on the 11-13 of May an educational seminar for school teachers focusing on geodiversity and geoparks. Seminar was organised for the establishment of the National School network of geodiversity and geopark that the center is coordinating.
15. Geopark supported various activities that were organised by Municipalities and other organisations for the area like the Psiloritis Race that took place on the 3 of June, the Psiloritis Pathway that took place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July etc.



# REYKJANES GEOPARK, ICELAND

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Numerous international, national and local interviews, articles and press releases on the Geopark
2. Ongoing work on developing spokesperson (mascot) for the geopark and a children book where the spokesperson is introduced
3. Ongoing work with Iceland Tourism Task Force to prioritizing the development and building of infrastructure in the region, e.g. at geosites
4. Working on a new parking lot and path for the geosite Gunnuhver geothermal area
5. Working on a new path next to the geosite Reykjanes Lighthouse
6. Working on a new plan for the geosite Garðskagi
7. Working on a new plan for the geosite Eldvörp
8. Familiarisations and media tours in cooperation with Visit Reykjanes and Promote Iceland
9. Ongoing development of unmanned visitor centers and new information points in collaboration with all partners
10. Work on a new coffee table book with photos and text from Reykjanes Geopark
11. Agreement on Destination Management Plan for Reykjanes Peninsula in cooperation with Visit Reykjanes, May 2018
12. Two rangers from The Environmental Agency of Iceland worked in the geopark from beginning of May to the end of September
13. Meeting with the local fire department, police, Environmental Agency of Iceland, rangers, and municipalities organized by the Geopark to fight damaging nature, May 2018
14. A cast of Christian IX (king of Denmark 1863-1906) coat of arms installed on the Reykjanes lighthouse, August 2018
15. Reykjanes Geopark manager was nominated, on behalf of Icelandic Association of Local Authorities, in the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources working group about professionalism regarding developing and planning a tourist site

### Networking

16. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark, Austria/Slovenia, March 2018
17. Publishing an article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 15, March 2018
18. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: educational tour, mountain bike challenge, hike, lecture, etc., for more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2018

19. Meeting with Jarðfeingi, the Faroese Geological Survey, June 2018
20. A visit from Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark, August 2018
21. Collecting and preparing for publishing the reports on European Geoparks Week, the progress reports (March–September 2018) and the portraits of the EGN CC members, August 2018
22. Meetings with members of the Parliament and in the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources
23. Meeting in the board of the Icelandic Geopark Forum

### **Activity by Partners**

24. Sudurnes Science and Learning Center organized a "Citizen Science Night" where the goal was to map the nesting of the lesser black-backed gull, June 2018
25. The Geopark organized seven evening outdoor activity events in cooperation with two partners

# ROCCA DI CERERE GEOPARK, ITALY

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. April: Rocca di Cerere Geopark attends at workshop in Carini's Castle (PA) on 19 April on the added value of EU funds with AICCRE (Italian Association of Municipalities, Provinces, Regions and other local communities )
2. April: Rocca di Cerere Geopark attends at 3 ^ Training held in Kutina, Croatia about HEPA (health-enhancing physical activities) promotion in senior, work environment sector 25 -28 April
3. Rocca di Cerere Geopark organizes in Enna the III Mountain Approach Course (april june 2018);
4. Rocca di Cerere Geopark organizes in Leonforte the I Mountain Approach Course ( april june 2018).
5. 29 maggio – 2 giugno 2018 The trekker Vienna Cammarota in the Rocca di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark: Vienna Cammarota, river canoeist and extraordinary walker, AIGAE regional coordinator for Basilicata, has long embarked on foot the journey that in 1787 saw the great poet and scientist Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe. On 29 May, exactly on the same day as Goethe, Vienna entered in the Rocca di Cerere Geopark.
6. June. In Catania (TIM WCAP) Rocca di Cerere Geopark attends at seminar Smart City in the process of local development The Future of the land and the land of the future.
7. July Informal meeting between representatives of Rocca di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark and representatives of University of Catania and Bari about news collaborations in geotourism and georobotic applied on morphology, landslides, geohazards. Proposal of cooperation agreements
8. Trekking and interpretation of the landscape at night in the geosite archaeological area of Cozzo Matrice. 27 luglio.
9. July In Assoro Rocca di Cerere Geopark present new geotrail/path on ancient railway
10. July Rocca di Cerere Geopark attends on project "Network of ancient biodiversity, promoted by the NRN-Leader Network, aims to experiment and put in place an interdisciplinary approach.
11. July Rocca di Cerere Geopark attends at conference titled "Indicator Solstice" in Assoro "La Perciata" "Presentation, discovery of the site and delineation new historical and cultural scenarios of the territory).
12. July 2018 meeting on sport with UISP (Sports association) CNA (SME's association) and Kore University of Enna- School for motor activity for developing new geopark path
13. Interviews and articles on the Geopark in the local and regional media (web & press), March September 2018.
14. Oral presentations about our Geopark at schools, universities, institutes and civil organizations

15. Activity in outdoor during the European Week of Sports that promotes sports and physical activity across Europe" The Week is for everyone, regardless of age, background or fitness level.

## **Networking**

16. Working with Development and implementation practices of strategies for HEALTH-ENHANCING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES (HEPA) in local communities across Europe" nature trails with holistic approach. March - September 2018
17. Rocca di Cerere Geopark contacts the Regional councilor territory Environment to organize meetings in Sicily on Geoparks and Geotourism with National Geopark Coordination
18. August 2018 Project: PROGRAMME IEV DE COOPERATION TRANSFRONTALIERE ITALIE TUNISIE 2014-2020 «Sicile Tunisie: connaissance des risques pour la conservation des REssources naturelles». ADMITTED TO THE FINAL EVALUATION STEP
19. August 2018 Project proposal: PROGRAMME IEV DE COOPERATION TRANSFRONTALIERE ITALIE TUNISIE 2014-2020 Valorisation des espèces végétales autochtones siciliennes et tunisiennes avec un intérêt nutritif et bon pour la santé. ADMITTED TO THE FINAL EVALUATION STEP
20. August 2018 Project proposal: ENI CBC MED Programme, First call for standard projects, Thematic Objectives - A.3 - Promotion of social inclusion and fight against poverty (Title: "Social entrepreneurship for NEETs – EntreNEETship". ADMITTED TO THE FINAL EVALUATION STEP
21. Participation at the 14th European Geoparks Conference, "Geoparks: Pathways of Sustainable Tourism for Development", and 40th EGN Coordination Committee Meeting, Organized by the Azores UNESCO Global Geopark September 2017
22. Participation at 41st EGN CC MEETING Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark (19.03.2018-24.03.2018).
23. Participation at the conference "Capitalising on CLLD experiences - Building resilient local communities", on the 8-10 November 2017 taking place at Győr, Hungary.
24. Contribution of an article for the EGN News letter Issue 11, jenuary may 2018 As part of its educational activities, Rocca di Cerere Geopark has established a cooperation with the secondary school "Federico II" of Enna. The school offers a focus on tourism. The cooperation is established in the frame of the Erasmus + project "Agenda 2030: That's our Challenge".

## **Activity by Partners**

25. Trekking and interpretation of the landscape in the geosite Coralli di Cacchiamo. In "Salvalarte Sicilia" di Legambiente, 13 maggio.

# **ROKUA GEOPARK, FINLAND**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Rokua Geopark and the Rokua Esker and Dune area was awarded as the Finnish Outdoors destination of year 2018 at the GoExpo outdoor fairs in Helsinki. March 2018
2. Rokua UGGp participated to the ITB Berlin 2018 on the Nordic Marketing stand, March 2018
3. Rokua Geopark published Rokua Geopark magazine explaining and promoting the Geopark. 6000 printed magazines. May 2018
4. Opening new Rokua UGGp information points to local villages and renewing the information of the Rokua Geopark outdoor exhibition outside Suppa Guiding Centre. May, June and August 2018.
5. Hosting several Tour operators' Familiarization visits from Japan, China, Germany, Switzerland, Russia and Ukraine during the spring and summer of 2018
6. Publishing a totally new Säräisniemi village information brochure together with the Säräisniemi community. May 2018.
7. Rokua Geopark is implementing a ERDF project; Time Traveller in Rokua Geopark. The project began in January 2018 and continues until December 2020. The purpose of the project is to renew the Rokua Geopark exhibition at the Suppa Guiding centre. The first models for the new virtual reality products were showcased during EGN week 2018. May 2018.
8. An Environmental education course was organised together with Oulu University for graduating teachers. As part of the course the students organised a field trip in Rokua esker area for a local school. May 2018.
9. Several field trips for school groups and guided tours to geosites were organised in April and May 2018.
10. A group of eleven regional newspapers in Finland published similar full page article on Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark. The newspapers cover all of the Finnish west coast and Lapland. August 2018.

### **Networking**

11. Participation in the 41st European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in the Karawanke-Karawanken Geopark, Austria & Slovenia, March 2018.
12. A common application for Erasmus+ funded project was prepared together with Sesia Val Grande UGGp, Chablais UGGp, Turin University and three upper secondary schools (one from each Geopark) in March 2018. The application was accepted by CIMO in June 2018 and the project launched in August 2018.
13. Publishing two articles in the European Geoparks Magazine, the other of the articles together with Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Issue 15, March 2018.

14. Organising the Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark revalidation mission in August 2018. The evaluators were Jin Xiaochi from China and Soo Jae Lee from South-Korea.
15. Rokua Geopark personnel made two UGGp evaluation/revalidation missions in summer 2018. Vesa Krökki to Luxembourg and Jari Nenonen to China.
16. Organizing and chairing the meeting of the Finnish National Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks and the workshop of the Finnish Aspiring Geoparks. The meeting and Workshop were held at the Saimaa aUGGp. May 2018.
17. Rokua Geopark participates as an associated strategic partner to the Danube Geotour project. The main theme of the project is the development of geotourism in Geoparks.

### **Activity by Partners**

18. The Geoscientist of Rokua Geopark participated to a student exchange in Sesia Val Grande UGGp in May 2018. The exchange was part of common Erasmus+ funded project "Geoheritage and Climate Change Opening the Secrets of Home" of the two Geoparks, Turin University and two schools from the Geoparks. The project ended in August 2018 but cooperation will be continued in the new project.

# **SESIA VAL GRANDE GEOPARK, ITALY**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. EDUCATION: laboratory activities and interactive fieldtrips about the Geology of the “Sesia Supervolcano” for schools of all levels (schools of the territory and from other areas of the Piemonte Region) – february-june 2018
2. Tendering procedures and assignment of works "Via GeoAlpina, Val Cannobina-Valle Strona section, and Geological thematic trails" La Serie dei laghi ", and" La Linea di Pogallo " Piedmont Region PSR 2016-2020, March-September, 2018
3. TASTING – Participation to the first edition of Taste Alto Piemonte “international tasting event of local wine. 2 days of exhibition and technical talks - march 24
4. EXHIBITION 24-25 March 2018. Verbania, 52 ° Camellia Exhibition. Exhibition of the activities of the Sesia Val Grande Unesco Geopark and the Val Grande National Park.
5. EXHIBITION at the Info Point of the “Sesia Supervolcano”– Local painters and artist (1 per month) - April to June 2018
6. CONFERENCE by prof Laura Giacomini: The Granite in the Milan of the Borromeos. The use of stone in the construction sites of the "nobleman's houses" in the Milan area during the Borromeoan era. Museum Granum, Baveno: - 20April 2018
7. CRAFT MARKET at the Info Point of the “Sesia Supervolcano”– 5-6 may 2018
8. CONFERENCE: conference on the “Sesia Supervolcano” of the prof. Silvano Sinigoi in Vercelli. In collaboration with Italian Alpine Club -11 May 2018
9. FIELDTRIP AND TALK: Afternoon in the Ghemme vineyards and talk with Silvano Sinigoi 12 May 2018
10. PRESS CONFERENCE "The revalidation of the Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Geopark and its extension to the territory of the Municipality of Baveno" - Council Hall of the Municipality of Baveno - 22 May 2018
11. MEETING AND GUIDED TOUR Pieve Vergonte, Ecomuseum of the Val Toppa. National Mining Day. Meeting "The history of the mines", and guided tour of the Val Toppa gold mines. May 26-27.
12. GUIDED TOURS to the Cava Madre of the Candoglia pink marble of Milano cathedral (1st June, 20th July, 7th September 2018)
13. CULTURAL EVENTS: Ecomuseum Ed Leuziere and Scherpelit, program of summer cultural events and animations. June-August, 2018
14. EXHIBITION Granum Museum, Baveno. Exhibition of the painting by Guido Boggiani "The quarries of Baveno" - 1 June-30 November.
15. RESEARCH: Closure and research report "Study of geodiversity, analysis of geological heritage and geo-tourism valorization of the Val Grande National Park" (Department of Earth Sciences of the University of Turin). June 2018.
16. BIKE TOUR: Hosting the event “Cycling between UNESCO sites, from Valsesia to Monferrato”. A cycling route to connect UNESCO sites through slow routes, to

promote networking and sustainability. Organized by the Italian National Commission for UNESCO together with the Milan Polytechnic and the E-scapes Observatory - 1-2 June 2018

17. GUIDED TRIP for the National Mining Day. Alta Valsessera: iron and silver between Artignaga and Rondolere. Woods, pastures and ancient metalworking structures. June 3
18. GUIDED TOURS: Monte Faié, Trontano, Pianezza di Prata. 3 archaeological / historical excursions on the theme "Megalithism in the Val Grande National Park" (5-12-19 July 2018)
19. THEMATIC PATH: Museo Granum Baveno. The stone tells. Stone on stage 2018. Implementation of information leaflet on the so called *Picasass path* and opening of the path - July 2018
20. GUIDED TRIP July 8 - Journey from the center of the Earth: from Balmuccia to Prato Sesia. Visit to the main geosites of the Sesia supervulcano. Tasting of local products
21. MUSIC PERFORMANCE: Ecomuseum of the Granite-Montorfano. The stone tells. Stone on stage 2018. The archaeological site of San Giovanni in Montorfano with the thrilled "Atlas" stone flutes. 22 July, 2018
22. GUIDED TRIP July 29 - Tales from the past in the Mastallone valley. History and geology in the Conca di Baranca; with the participation of the historian Alessandro Orsi
23. Malesco, "Malescorto" International Short Film Festival. July 30th - August 4th
24. GUIDED TRIP 5 August - Towards the "little door" of the Walser: the Alpe Faller: excursion in the Alta Valsesia Natural Park, with the botanist Mario Soster
25. CONFERENCE: August 10 – Postua Conference of prof. Silvano Sinigoj: The Supervolcano of the Sesia
26. GUIDED TRIP 11 August – Guardabosone village: afternoon walk in the medieval village and visit of the local museums. Dinner with local products
27. GUIDED TRIP 12 August - Journey from the Center of the Earth: from Balmuccia to Prato Sesia Visit to the main geosites of the Sesia supervulcano, with the discoverer S. Sinigoj. Tasting of wines from Nebbiolo grapes of the Supervulcano in Gattinara
28. GUIDED TRIP August 15 • A valley, two worlds: geology and more in the "emerald basin" Tour by car and walk in val Mastallone with tasting and visit to the markets of Fobello, with the botanist Mario Soster
29. GUIDED TRIP August 16 - Postcard from the "Val Piccola". Landscapes, views and stories of nature from Folecchio to Alpe Bonda
30. GUIDED TRIP 4 x 4 super. Tour with jeep in the supervolcano area: from Lessona to Gattinara through the rocks formed by the super eruption. In collaboration with Sportalps Association- 18 August 2018
31. GUIDED TRIP 19 August - Where the rocks have a face: Alpe Sorbella and Scandalorso in collaboration with the botanist Mario Soster
32. GUIDED TRIP August 22 • Alagna: 3000 meters of culture: the geo-pedological path of Cimalegna. In collaboration with Monterosa 2000 and the University of Turin, with the prof Marco Giardino and the botanist Mario Soster



33. GUIDED TRIP August 24 - Journey from the center of the Earth: from Balmuccia to Prato Sesia. Visit to the main geosites of the Sesia supervulcano. Tasting of local products
34. GUIDED TRIP AND TALK Sacro Monte di Varallo: The soul from the matter. From the origins of raw materials to the art of Gaudenzio Ferrari - Walk and talks with experts in geology and art history - August 26
35. GUIDED TRIP September 2 - Boca and Cavallirio, from the volcanoes to the vineyards. Excursion in the Natural Park of Monte Fenera with tasting of wines from Nebbiolo grapes
36. Verbania "Editoria e Giardini" Book Fair, sponsorship and collaboration at the exhibition "Water worlds: water is ... time, water is ... life, water is ... energy, the water is ... climate " September 1-9 2018
37. Piedmont Region PSR 2016-2020, start and end work for the "Via GeoAlpina, Val Cannobina-Valle Strona section, and geological thematic trails" La Serie dei laghi ", and" La Linea di Pogallo ". September-October, 2018

### **Networking**

38. Cultural Exchange with Rokua Geopark under Erasmus+ project, field activity in May. "GEOHERITAGE AND CLIMATE CHANGE OPENING THE SECRETS OF HOME" – 14-18 May
39. Hosting the GGN 2018 Pre-Tour – 8-10 September

### **Activity by Partners**

40. GUIDED TRIP: 9-10 June, geological guided trips organized by Oasi Zegna

# **SHETLAND UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, UNITED KINGDOM**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Shetland Amenity Trust (SAT), which manages Shetland UGG, has continued to undergo a significant restructure. As a result of this process, a focus has been brought on the Geopark, elevating its status within the Trust and promoting it to a core part of the Trust's work. In March 2018, SAT appointed a new Chief Executive Officer, and three more management posts were appointed in July. A dedicated Geopark Manager post is now both permanent and internally funded.
2. Completed and installed a new plate-tectonics exhibit in the Shetland Museum and Archives, tracking Shetland's journey around the globe over the last 400 million years.
3. Along with the software designers, we have helped to refine the GeoVR virtual reality experience which, when ready, will be installed in the Shetland Museum and Archives.
4. Continued working with a local geologist to produce interpretation for a new Devonian Trail. The trail will include trail leaflets and both internal and external panels and will be launched in early 2019.
5. Monitoring of Local Nature Conservation Sites/Geosites, as well as monitoring and maintenance of Shetland's Core Path Network and access routes, is ongoing through our Ranger Service.
6. Secured funding in April for the continuation of the Peatland Restoration project. A number of projects are now underway, ensuring the restoration of a further 35Ha of peatland. The project will involve local school children, helping them work towards a John Muir Award.
7. In August we applied for funding to complete and publish a new guide to Shetland's geology. We await the results of the funding application, but if successful, we hope to publish the new guide in spring 2019.
8. Organised a very successful EGN week, which we ran in partnership with Shetland Nature Festival, as in previous years. 60 events took place between 28<sup>th</sup> July and 5<sup>th</sup> August, with approximately 1100 visitors taking part. Geology-specific events included walks, an evening lecture and a 'beginners geology' course.
9. Continued social media presence, promoting the work of the Shetland Amenity Trust and the Geopark.

### **Networking**

10. Participation (2 delegates) in the 41<sup>st</sup> European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Karavanke UNESCO Global Geopark, March 2018.
11. Two delegates attended the UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks meeting in Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark in May.

12. Published one article on peatland-restoration in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 15, March 2018.
13. Hosted a visit from two representatives of Jersey Heritage, who were looking into the potential for UNESCO Global Geopark status. They met several key figures in Shetland UGG and explored some of our key geological sites.
14. Worked with several partners, including Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, Scottish Natural Heritage, local authority and local businesses, to run a successful Shetland Nature Festival, incorporating European Geoparks Week.
15. Completed the three-year transnational Drifting Apart project in May, along with partners in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Norway, Iceland, Canada and Russia.
16. Continued working with landowners and local museums towards the launch of the new Devonian Trail.
17. Started working with two local museums to update, and install new, interpretation.
18. Held a stand at several 'country shows' around Shetland, providing information on peatland restoration as well as a display on Shetland's geology.
19. Submitted information on Shetland's Devonian fossils to Hačeg UNESCO Global Geopark, for inclusion in a fossils book.
20. Working with local community and National Trust for Scotland, amongst others, to restore Halligarth, the family home of the Edmondstons/Saxbys, who featured prominently in the discovery and documentation of much of Shetland's natural heritage.
21. Contributed to upcoming exhibition in Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark. Sent two stone objects to Hačeg UNESCO Global Geopark, along with text explaining cultural and geological significance.
22. Submitted initial information to the Oki Islands UNESCO Global Geopark in advance of the first meeting of the Island Geoparks Working Group in Italy in September.
23. Regular communication with members of the Scottish Geoparks Partnership.
24. We have begun initial talks with several local businesses and educational institutions as a first step towards formalising meaningful and beneficial partnerships with the Geopark under SAT's new structure.

### **Activity by Partners**

25. We are working with a cartographer and with a representative of the University of Portsmouth to update our geological map, in order to bring it in line with the most recent research on Shetland's geology.

# PARQUE NATURAL SIERRA NORTE DE SEVILLA UGG, SPAIN

## Progress Report, March 2018–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Coordination and preparation of activities of VII European Geoparks Week 2018 in Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, March-April 2018.
2. Preparation of documentation for the declaration as a Natural Monument of the Jellyfish imprints geosite, April 2018.
3. Design of a new Geodiversity Promenade in El Robledo Botanical Garden, April 2018.
4. Ceremony of delivery of the *Paisajes de la Dehesa Awards*, Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, El Real de la Jara, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
5. Meeting with the teachers of Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG schools, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018.
6. Visit of students and professors of the University of Seville, to *El Chorro* and *El Berrocal* geosites, within the *Ecocampus* Environmental Education program, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
7. Biking route in the Green Way with the teachers of Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG schools, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
8. Visit to *El Robledo* Visitors Center and *Cerro del Hierro* Natural Monument of a group of University of Bonn students, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.
9. Visit of doctorate students and professors of the University of Seville, to *El Chorro* and *El Berrocal* geosites, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
10. Updating information about Sierra Norte de Sevilla Natural Park UGG, on the website of the Visitor Window of the Andalusia Natural Spaces, June 2018.
11. Preparation meeting of the Master “UNESCO Global Geoparks: Geodiversity and Sustainable Development”, University Pablo de Olavide, Seville, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
12. Meeting of the Governing Board of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Natural Park - UGG, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### Networking

13. Attendance at 41st Meeting of the Coordination Committee of European Geoparks Network, Karavanke, March 21-23, 2018.
14. Meeting of the Spanish National Committee of UNESCO Geoparks, July 4, 2018.

15. Attendance at I Congress of Active Conservation and Ornithology, Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, 14-17<sup>th</sup> March 2018.
16. Preparation of the 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Coordination Committee of the EGN and of the 8<sup>th</sup> European Conference of Geoparks, April-September 2018.
17. Creation of several articles about paleontological geosites of Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, for the new book of Fossils of the European Geoparks, May-September 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

18. Visit to *Cerro del Hierro* Natural Monument of a group of foreign university students, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
19. VII European Geoparks Week 2018 in Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, May 26<sup>th</sup> to June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018, with 43 activities organized by 24 companies or entities.
20. Field Voluntary Camp: "Traditions: audiovisual documentary from the youth perspective", Las Navas de la Concepción, July 15<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
21. Field Voluntary Camp: "Sweet experience: honey bee apiaries", Almadén de la Plata, August 17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

# SIERRAS SUBBÉTICAS GEOPARK, SPAIN

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. **Celebration of a Board Meeting:** The President and the director of the GeoPark meet the representatives of different collectives and administrations linked to the Natural Park/ Geopark (mayors, landowners, entrepreneurs, ecologists). June
2. **Speeches** on Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark, at the University of Cordova and at the Highschool Luis Carrillo Sotomayor (March, April).
3. **Reception of the universities** of Córdoba and Málaga at the Geopark (April and May).
4. **Ecocampus:** Environmental Volunteering activities targeted at the University community (Activity: Environmental Study in the surroundings of the San Juan de Dios saltworks). (April).
5. **Environmental activity for Secondary Schools:** Birds in the Geopark Sierras Subbéticas (two sessions) (May, June)
6. **Andarríos:** Environmental Participation and Sensitization Programme for Rivers Conservation in the Geopark, in collaboration with local associations.
7. **Nature for all:** several environmental activities targeted at disabled people.
8. **Environmental Sensitization and Participation Program:** Get to know every corner of your home (Activities: “International Day of Forests”, “Human footprint in La Subbética”; “Workshop on Good Agro-environmental Practices”; “European Day of Parks”, “Ecological Farming and Local Consumption”, “Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*) Hacking”, “Star Night: The Perseids”)
9. **Andalusian Plan for Environmental Training:** organization the course: Environmental Education in Geoparks (May).
10. **Edition of educational and informational material** on the Olive Oil Green Way.
11. **Sierras Subbéticas Sustainable Development Plan.** Approval of the draft for the future plan. (March)
12. Beginning of **renewal process of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Sierras Subbéticas** NP & UGG. Meeting-forum with entrepreneurs and administrations. (April)
13. Opening of a **New Citizen Information Service** of Sierras Subbéticas Natural Park & Geopark in Santa Rita Visitor Centre.
14. **XI European Geoparks Week** in Sierras Subbéticas (2<sup>nd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> June).
15. **I Geopark School Contest on Painting and Crafts** targeted at 5 grade of primary school pupils. The winner classes enjoyed geotourism experiences: “Geobiking along the Green Way” and “Geonautica at the Iznájar Reservoir” (May)
16. **ETSIAM Award** (School of Agricultural and Forestry Engineering at the University of Córdoba) to Sierras Subbéticas Natural Park.
17. **Promotional activities:** Several press releases for regional/ provincial /local newspapers. Regional TV and radio programmes shooting. Active presence in social networks: Facebook/ GeoparqueSubbetica; Twitter / @SubbeticasWeek.

## **Networking**

18. Participation in the **41th EGN Meeting** and Geofair in the Karavanke/Karavanken UGG. Participation in the meeting of the Spanish Geoparks Forum.
19. **Attendance to the I International Congress on Mountains**, Sierra Nevada 2018 (Granada), where displays of the Andalusian Geoparks were exhibited.
20. **Celebration of UNESCO International Days** (Earth Day, International Museum Day and the World Environment Day).
21. **Participation in the joint presentation of Spanish European Geoparks Week** in Madrid (May).
22. **Adhesion to the project “I am a Geoparker”**, (in partnership with several UGG from all over the world), through two elementary schools of Sierras Subbéticas (Blas Infante Rural School, Rute; and CEIP Nuestra Señora del Rosario, Luque). (July)
23. **Participation in the Geoparks Spanish National Committee meeting** in Madrid (July).
24. **Project Acceptance:** (Green Ways and Nature 2000. Promotion of Natural Protected Areas and Geoparks trough the Spanish Network of Green Ways) (2017).
25. **Project Acceptance: GEOTOUR (Erasmus Plus):** (GEOTURISMO “Validation and recognition of two units of competence on geological tourism”), in partnership with the Geoparks Hateg Country Dinosaur (Romania) and Novograd-Nograd.
26. **Participation in the Interactive Map of UNESCO Global Geoparks.**
27. **Designation of Sierras Subbéticas UGG representatives** for the Scientific and Organizing Committee in the 15 European Geoparks Conference 2019 (Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG).
28. **Collaboration** in social networks of the Spanish Geoparks Forum.

## **Activity by Partners**

1. **Opening of a new permanent palaeontological exhibition** (mainly Sierras Subbéticas ammonites) in Cabra Jurásica Interpretive Centre. (José Luis Sánchez Peláez Collection) (May).
2. **Publication of the Book:** The Murciélagos Cave (ZUHEROS, CÓRDOBA). 1938, Year of its discovery. History of its explorations and explorers.
3. **Inauguration of an Astronomic Observation Point** in Zuheros (July).
4. **Collaboration in the Implementation of the II Environmental Education Programme** (Priego de Córdoba Council): “Environment Patrol” and “Youth Ecocamp” (July-August).
5. **Collaboration in TRAMA:** XIII Professional Meeting on Tourism Marketing. Mycological Garden “La Trufa” (April).
6. **Project on Sierras Subbéticas UGG**, by the Eco-school CEIP Nstra. Sra. del Rosario.
7. **The Subbética Sustainable Tourism Strategic Plan (2018-2022)** Support and participation in several workshops. (Presented in June).

# **SITIA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK,GREECE - CRETE**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. The European Geoparks Week 2018 in partnership with local actors to promote Geopark to the younger generation, to children and students in the region who through targeted actions were informed about Sitia Geopark educational programs, geology and biodiversity. June 2018
2. Organizing a conference on the wetlands and bird fauna of Geopark Sitia. The aim of highlighting and the need to protect wetlands and the development of alternative actions such as bird watching. August 2018
3. Participation of the Sitia Geopark in the summer events organized by the clubs and institutions of the city, presenting the Geopark educational programs through interactive games and constructions. A game of knowledge, awareness and awareness of the local community, especially young people and children. June 2018.
4. Educational activities and training program in cooperation with primary schools and high-schools, educational activities were carried out at the information center and the local natural history museum of Sitia Geopark. March - July 2018.
5. Continuous interviews and articles on the Sitia Geopark in national and regional media and Social Media aimed at informing citizens and the promotion of Geopark Sitia as a destination of alternative and viable tourist. March-September 2018.
6. Visits by representatives of Sitia Geopark at schools to inform the geology and biodiversity of the Geopark, March– June 2018

### **Networking**

7. In collaboration with Dr. Kalliopi Pedaditis, researcher at the University of Toulon in France, and with the support of Landscape Research, Oxford the project is being implemented: Actions to address the scientific isolation of the Sitia Geopark local community The objectives of the project can be simply summarized as: • Scientific research strategy using local community needs assessment and scientific community input. • Establishment of Sitia Geopark Scientific Forum . March–September 2018
8. Participation in 41st European Geopark Network Coordination Committee Meeting, Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark 19th and 24th March 2018
9. Participation in the 1st International Conference of Geoparks of Greece and Cyprus. “Promotion and Management of Geological Heritage, Education, Tourism and Sustainable Development” , organized by the Greek Geopark Forum . May 2018
10. Participation of the Geopark of Sitia at the Berlin ITB 2018 exhibition. From Tuesday 6 to Sunday 11 March, one of the largest tourist fairs in the world, ITB Berlin 2018, was held in Berlin. The Geoparks had a special presence in the exhibition, aiming at the promotion and promotion of the areas that have been



designated Global Geoparks of UNESCO as sustainable tourism destinations.  
March 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

11. For the second consecutive year in cooperation with local agencies and environmental and mountaineering associations, we proceeded to clean, the construction of signs and the signalling of pedestrian routes and geographic routes, aiming at raising the awareness of the local communities and their contact with the Sitia Geopark. June 2018
12. We participate in the National Thematic Network of the Center for Environmental Education of Anogeia titled: "Saving the memory of the earth through the geo-diversity, Geoparks and man-made activities ". May–September 2018.
13. Information meetings at travel agencies and local tourism companies for the Sitia Geopark infrastructure and especially for the geotopes and the routes to organize visits to them. May 2018.

# SOBRARBE-PIRINEOS GEOPARK, SPAIN

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. **Educational activities:** During the months of April, May and June took place an educational programme with students from 3 to 14 years, teachers and families (700 participants), to participate in the World Heritage didactic activity developed by the Sobrarbe Geopark. This is the sixth year the Geopark organizes this activity. One of the main goals of this program is to promote awareness of the local population about the elements inscribed on the World Heritage List by UNESCO which are located inside the Geopark, and also enhance the knowledge and appreciation of our heritage among children, teachers and parents of Sobrarbe, promoting awareness, enjoyment and protection of our valuable natural and cultural heritage. This activity is financed by the Ministry of Culture of Spain.
2. **Educational activities in the secondary school of the Sobrarbe Geopark:** A series of activities of diffusion of the Geopark and the geological heritage of Sobrarbe have been organised in this secondary school.
3. **Training course for partner enterprises of the Geopark:** The Geopark organized a training course on sustainable tourism and commercialization of tourist products for its partner enterprises. April 2018
4. **Workshop “European day of the Megalithic culture”:** On the 29<sup>th</sup> April, the Day of Megalithic Culture was celebrated throughout Europe. The Sobrarbe-Pirineos UGG joined this celebration by organizing an informative day to discover the phenomenon of the Pyrenean Cromlechs.
5. **Publication of articles on geology and the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark** in the Third Millennium magazine of the main regional newspaper. March- April 2018.
6. **Participation in several programs of the regional TV** dedicated to the Sobrarbe-Pirineos geological heritage, geo-tourism, etc. March-June 2018
7. **Paleontological finding:** A new species of sirenio has been found in the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark, which has been given the name of "Sobrarbesiren cardieli". In April 2018 took place its official presentation..
8. **Educative program:** Visit of Spanish secondary schools to the Geo-routes of the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark, and lectures taught by the Geopark in primary and secondary schools. March-June 2018
9. **Celebration of the EGN Week:** From the 22<sup>nd</sup> May to the 3<sup>th</sup> June the Sobrarbe Geopark organised a series of activities promoted as the European Geoparks Week (guided visits and excursions, conferences, photo contest ...)
10. **Activities with Universities:** A total of 60 students and professors of the University of Murcia visited the Geopark. May 2018. Also the University of Zaragoza asked for the collaboration of the Geopark in a guided visit to the Ordesa y Monte Perdido National Park. July 2018

11. **Meeting of managers of the European Megalithic Routes:** The Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geoparks hosted this meeting in June 2018, organising also an open session for the locals and visitors.
12. **Participation in the 6<sup>th</sup> seminar of the Ecotourism Club of Spain:** June 2018
13. **Project Excave with the Sobrarbe Geopark:** It's the sixth year this activity has been organised by the Geopark, it consist in the participation of 6 people for 6 days in an archaeological dig in Sobrarbe during the month of July. They work voluntarily in the field work carried out by a team of archaeologists. July 2018.
14. **Summer activities for youths in Sobrarbe:** The Geopark organises activities for young people between 10 and 18 years from the 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 20<sup>th</sup> of July
15. **Inspection of Partner Enterprises:** The annual inspection visit to all these enterprises was performed in order to check the fulfillment of all the requirements of the agreement signed with the Geopark.
16. **Course on geological heritage, geoparks and geotourism:** This course held in Sobrarbe for the fourth time, took place between the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> July, has been organised by the International University Menéndez Pelayo in collaboration with the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark. One of the professors in charge of the course is the Scientific Director of the Sobrarbe Geopark, Anchel Belmonte. July 2018
17. **Promotion of the craft-food products of the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Global Geopark** in regional fairs, and participation in seminars to promote production and local consumption of the Geopark craft-food products. September 2018
18. **Cooperation project** regarding the international World Heritage Site "Pirineos Monte Perdido", that is partially inside the Geopark. March 2018-September 2018.
19. **Awards:** The video "Lakes and ice in the Pyrenees - the lost memory of water" made by the Spanish Geological Survey and the Pyrenean Institute of Ecology, and in which the Sobrarbe-Pirineos UGGp has collaborated, has won the first prize of the "Science in Action "in the modality of" Works of Scientific Dissemination and Scientific Shorts "(Prize of the Cabildo of Fuerteventura).
20. **Award:** The Department of Geoenvironmental Processes and Global Change of the Pyrenean Institute of Ecology, and the Department of Earth Sciences of the University of Zaragoza have been distinguished with the XXI Felix de Azara Award, granted by the Province of Huesca in recognition of the work developed for a decade studying the frozen caves of the Pyrenees most of them in the Sobrarbe-Pirineos UGGp. One of the researchers awarded is the Scientific Coordinator of the Geopark, Anchel Belmonte, apart from several members of the Scientific Committee of the Geopark.
21. **Organization of the 1<sup>st</sup> geological journey on the Ordesa y Monte Perdido National Park,** in the frame of the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its declaration. September 2018

## **Networking**

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22. **Cooperation project (POCTEFA funds) DUSAL:** The project is co-participated by the Geopark and its municipalities, and French municipalities and Associations, and one of its objectives is the creation of cross-border infrastructures related to the geological heritage . March-September 2018
23. **Cooperation project (POCTEFA funds) PIRAGUA:** The Geopark is one of the partners in this project, aimed to the evaluation of the hydrological cycle in the Pyrenees in the context of climate change, unifying all existing information, prospecting future scenarios, generating indicators, etc March-September 2018
24. **Cooperation with the Federal University of Goiás (Brazil):** The scientific coordinator of the Geopark, in the framework of the agreement signed between the two institutions in order to promote academic, cultural and scientific relations, took part as lecturer in the course "Geological heritage, geoparks and geotourism" organized by this University. April 2018
25. **European Geoparks Week:** (May 22<sup>nd</sup> to June 3<sup>th</sup>). (Exhibitions, guided tours...)
26. **Visit of the Luberon Geopark:** 35 people from the Luberon UGGp visited the Sobrarbe-Pirineos UGGp in order to exchange experiences and know more about different initiatives of the Sobrarbe-Pirineos UGGp (Geo-routes, Geo-products...) June 2018
27. **Participation in the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> meetings of the Spanish National Committee of Global Geoparks.** February and July 2018
28. **Participation of the Scientific Coordinator** of the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Global Geopark in an Evaluation mission in Mexico. Also the manager of the Geopark, has carried out a revalidation mission in Korea.
29. **Participation in the EGN Newsletter .**
30. **Publication of news about the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark activities** in the EGN, GGN and Unesco websites.
31. **Sending of brochures** and leaflets of the Geopark for the ITB Fair in Berlin,.

### Activity by Partners

32. Participation in the **events to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Ordesa y Monte Perdido national park.** March-september 2018.
33. **Cooperation with the Regional Government** in the design of two itineraries for a new "Slow driving" product inside the Geopark May 2018
34. **Cooperation with Turespaña** sending brochures of the Geopark in Hebrew for the workshops on Hebrew Tourism organized by Turespaña in Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem. June 2018.
35. **Organization of the "Geolodía" (Geo-day) of the province of Huesca.** This activity is promoted by the Geological Society of Spain, and is celebrated in several places all over Spain, to enhance and disseminate geology, and

collaboration in the recording of a promotional film with the Spanish Geological Survey. May 2018

36. **Visit of a business delegation** of the Catalan Pyrenees to know about the “Sobrarbe Emprande” project developed by the Geopark in cooperation with farmers from Sobrarbe, to promote the products of the Geopark. May 2018
37. **Participation of the Geopark** in the advisory process to extend the Cultural Park of the Vero River in the South part of the Geopark. May 2018
38. **Series of conferences** “Pirinees and Himalayas: not so far, not so different” organized by local Mountain clubs, and by a private foundation in the capital of the province, taught by the Scientific coordinator of the Geopark. May 2018,.
39. **Participation in the Book Fair of Aure**, (French Pyrenees): conference on the geological heritage of the Pirineos-Monte Perdido Massif, by the Scientific coordinator of the Geopark. May 2018.
40. **Cooperation in the mycological sessions** organized by partners of the Geopark in the Ara Valley. May 2018.
41. **Participation in the organization of the Training course for National Parks Guides**, together with the Ordesa y Monte Perdido National Park and the Ministry of Environment. May-June 2018
42. **Participation in the regional “Tapas” contest**, and giving of the award to the best “tapa” made with craft-food products of the Sobrarbe-Pirineos UGGp. June 2018
43. Participation of the Scientific coordinator of the Geopark as lecturer, at **the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Summer University on Geoparks, Sustainable Development and Healthy Lifestyles**, organised by the UNESCO Chair of the University Trascos-Montes and Alto Duero of Vila Real (Portugal). July 2018
44. Participation of the Scientific coordinator as lecturer in the **Course on the Molina-Alto Tajo UGGp** organized by the UNED University. July 2018
45. **Cooperation with speleological groups** during the summer season 2018.
46. **Geological Olympics**. The Geopark collaborated in the XIX Geological Olympics of Aragon, organized by the University of Zaragoza finalists and teachers. April 2018.
47. **Participation in tourist fairs**: The Geopark has participated in the following tourist fairs in co-operation with the Tourist Association of Sobrarbe, and several of its partner enterprises:  
SEVATUR San Sebastián, 9-11 March  
SALÓN DEPORTE Y TURISMO DE MONTAÑA. Lleida, 17-18 March  
B-TRAVEL Barcelona, 20 -22 de April  
ARATUR. Zaragoza, 11-13 May

# **STYRIAN EISENWURZEN GEOPARK, AUSTRIA**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Promoting and selling of food products of Geopark Partners at our office.
2. Tasks and work packages within the Interreg Project “Valorisation of geo-heritage for sustainable and innovative tourism development of Danube Geoparks” (Danube GeoTour) together with our Lead Partner Geopark Idrija, Slovenia and 9 other partners (European Geoparks, Universities), since March 2016, Development of a new GeoProduct – GeoRafting with workshops and training documents as well as marketing activities (in German and English), March - September 2018
3. Different tasks within the LEADER Project (National and European Union co-funded) “Orchard in the Nature and Geopark Styrian Eisenwurzen”. The project has a term from 2016 to the end of 2018. It will support local farmers as well as generate additional scientific data on rare local fruits. March – September 2018
4. Different projects towards biodiversity of the area. Public relations activities, lectures and knowledge transfer is a major work by our biodiversity expert Eva Maria Vorwagner. March 2017 – September 2018
5. Organizing the Geoparks Week 2018, May 2018
6. Summer adventure days attended by approximately 100 children (4 different daily programs at each Geopark community), August 2018
7. Release of the new Geopark webpage: [www.eisenwurzen.com](http://www.eisenwurzen.com), August 2018
8. LEADER Project (National and European Union co-funded): Development of our main Geosight: GeoVillage Gams, opening of the new GeoWorkshop with exhibition, another new exhibition at the so-called GeoRama, new visitor guidance system, March – September 2018
9. New concepts for the development of the Spitzenbach gorge, starting with August 2018

### **Networking**

10. Participation at the 41st European Geoparks Coordination Committee Meeting at the Karwanken-Karavanke, Austria-Slovenia. Oliver Gulas and Heinz Kollmann, March 2018
11. Contribution to the CC Meeting in Austria: Austrian Evening with regional folk bands, Visit of all staff members to the Karawanken-Karavanke Geopark, March 2018
12. Participation in the EGN Fossil and Founding Group

13. Participation in the public event “Steiermark Frühling” (Styrian Spring) in Vienna attended by more than one hundred thousand visitors, April 2018
14. Excursion of the Austrian society of Mineralogy, Heinz Kollmann, May 2018
15. Participation in a public presentation of all Styrian Nature Park in Graz: “Grünzeug von der Wiese” (Herbs from meadows), May 2018
16. Like each year, the Geoparks Week had an excellent start with the “Day of Biodiversity”. The event brought 250 children from all schools of the Park to the community of Altenmarkt. At numerous stations, the diversity of animals and of plants and their sustainable use were demonstrated, May 2018
17. Participation in the Austrian Geopark Forum and the Austrian UNESCO Commission in Vienna. Heinz Kollmann, June 2018
18. Summer festival: Celebrating the Nature and Geopark Styrian Eisenwurzen with live radio music show and a GeoFood market at the municipality Altenmarkt, August 2018
19. Various contributions to EGN and GGN Newsletters and the EGN magazine, March – September 2018

### **Activity by Partners**

20. Training for GeoVillage Gams guides, April 2018
21. Nature and Geopark schools in Altenmarkt, St. Gallen and Weißenbach: visits, excursions and presentations of the Nature and Geopark throughout the educational program, March - June 2018
22. Summer programmes of our Geopark Partners (different activities 7 days a week throughout the Geopark), July – August 2018
23. Ongoing activities within the LEADER Project called “Gesaeuse partner”: Connecting and improve the development of the partners of our Nature and Geopark and the Nationalpark Gesaeuse (mainly accommodations, regional producers and restaurants), March – September 2018

# **SWABIAN ALB GEOPARK, GERMANY**

## **Progress Report, March–September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Completion of the new Geopark traveling exhibition which presents UNESCO Global Geopark Swabian Alb and its outstanding earth history, March 2018.
2. Inauguration of the new Geopark traveling exhibition in our Geopark Infocenter Nature reserve center Schopflocher Alb, county Esslingen, March 2018.
3. Visit of two members of parliament in our Geopark headquarter. Discussing further activities after receiving a yellow card in the course of the evaluation in 2017, March 2018.
4. Removal of our Geopark headquarter from Münsingen to Schelklingen municipality, April 2018.
5. Exkursion of students of the Rottenburg university into the UGG Swabian Alb. Discussing problems in geotope protection and regional development. April 2018.
6. 22<sup>nd</sup> International Annual Meeting of the Special Section Geotopes & Geoparks of the DGGV in Selb, Bavaria. Lecture of our Geopark-geologist about caves as education sites outside school, May 2018.
7. Visit of a member of parliament in our Geopark headquarter. Discussing further activities after receiving a yellow card in the course of the evaluation in 2017, March 2018.
8. Opening of our traveling exhibition in our Geopark Infocenter Castle Brenz, Brenz municipality, March 2018.
9. Exkursion of students of the Rottenburg university into the UGG Swabian Alb. Visiting the big land slide in Mössingen. Discussing the problem of land slides in the frame of climate change and its consequences for geo tourism and geotope protection, June 2018.
10. Exkursion of students of Dresden university into the UGG Swabian Alb. Visiting several geotopes and discussing geotope protection and regional development, June 2108.

### **Networking**

11. Awarding the “Staufer-Medaille” of the Federal state Baden-Württemberg to a member of our advisory board for his merits in financial supporting the excavations in the archaeological site Hohler Fels, part of the world heritage site “Caves and Ice Age art in the Swabian Jura”, Schelkingen municipality. The medal was handed out by the minister of rural affairs and consumer protection, Baden-Württemberg, March 2018.
12. Celebrating the 9<sup>th</sup> Geopark festival in our Geopark Infocenter Prehistorical museum Blaubeuren, Blaubeuren municipality. Nearly all Geoprk Infocenters participated at the festival and presented themselves to the public. Many activities were offered for children and families. About 5.000 visitors could be counted. Several press releases, June 2018.



13. Education of tour guides in Bad Urach together with our Geopark Infocenter Discoverer World. The tour guides learned to recognize the stones built in the buildings of the town and to get awareness about their importance in former times, June 2018.
14. Inauguration of a new Geo trail in Münsingen municipality. The trail leads around a miocenic volcano and is equipped with several info panels. The trail was created in cooperation with Münsingen municipality, June 2018.
15. Visit in the quarry of our partner Holcim company. Discussing methods in recultivation and geotope protection, July 2018.
16. Special guided tour of the Geopark for the public in the marble quarry in Münsingen-Böttingen municipality, July 2018.
17. Meeting with the water work in Langenau municipality. It is one the greatest water supplier in Baden-Württemberg. Discussing a partnership between both entities to promote the SDG target "Healthy drinking water and pure groundwater", July 2018.
18. Meeting with representatives of our Geopark Infocenter Museum Ehingen and the town Ehingen. Decision to create a Geo trail within the town Ehingen about the usage of stone in public buildings. July 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

19. Inauguration of the Science Center located on the campus of Aalen university, county Ostalbkreis. Part of the Center is the so called "geo-explorhino" a educational workshop for children and students about geo-topics. The center was founded by our partners Grimminger foundation and Aalen university. UGG Swabian Alb supported the realization of the center by planning the education programme. The center now is highly frequented by schools and families, March 2018.
20. Education of show cave guides by our partner the federal association of cave and karst researcher in the Geopark Infocenter Laichinger Tiefenhöhle, Laichingen municipality. March 2018.
21. Our Geopark Infocenter Holcim company was awarded for its exemplary activities in environmental education for school classes. The prize was handed out from a representative of the ministry of environment, climate and energy economy, June 2018.
22. A member of our advisory board represented the Geopark on the ProGeo Symposium in Checiny, Poland. Lecture about geotope protection in the UGG Swabian Alb, June 2018.
23. The association of cave- and karst researchers in Baden-Württemberg organized the biannual international camp for young cave researchers in Blaubeuren. The camp lasted two weeks and the Geopark promoted the realization of the camp, July 2018.
24. Our Geopark steering group in county Tuttlingen organized the 4<sup>th</sup> Cave Experience Day. The Geopark promoted the festival and offered a public guidance in the National Geotope "Danube breakthrough". August 2018.

# **TERRA.VITA GEOPARK, GERMANY**

## **Progress Report, March 2018 – September 2018**

### **Geopark Activities**

1. Opening of the new mining trail Kirchdornberg in Bielefeld in cooperation with the city of Bielefeld, the local hiking association, the University of Bielefeld and political parties
2. Grand opening of the State Garden Show in Bad Iburg in April, lasting until October 2018, including a spectacular canopy trail. Most of the information offered has been worked out by TERRA.vita. A new TERRA.vita pavilion has been built, providing information about the Geopark, presenting local fossils and serving in the future as entrance gate for the canopy trail. Two weeks later the opening of the side Project “Tegel Meadows”, focussing on natural elements, as wetlands, insects etc. and reopening and revitalisation of a formerly covered small river. Relaunch of a Kneipp trail, highlighting the new signposting elements, which have been developed by the “masterplan hiking” and will serve as a role model for all quality hiking trails in the Park.
3. Relaunch of the 70 km long distance Hünen Trail (megalithic hiking route), serving as the first step to establish the international Hünen Trail, connecting TERRA.vita UNESCO Global Geopark and De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark in the Netherlands.
4. Presentation of the new soil atlas for TERRA.vita together with the University of Applied Sciences of Osnabrück. The atlas has been sent to interested schools for free and is available in local bookstores.
5. A new two year contract has been signed in May with geologist Fabian Müller. He will update our geosite management plan, after checking and all registered and new geosites.
6. A new contract has been signed with geologist Tobias Fischer for two years in the beginning, replacing Timo Kluttig (something we are very sorry about, Timo!)
7. The new homepage of TERRA.vita has an English version available now.
8. Approval of an application for the relaunch of an Ice Age trail in Bippen by the Bingo foundation

### **Networking**

1. Meeting with Member of European Parliament Jens Gieseke, informing about the Geopark Networks and asking for possibilities to present the EGN in Brussels or Strasbourg.
2. Personal contacts with potential school partners: The Integrated High School in Lotte Wersen and the UNESCO Project School Schinkel in Osnabrück
3. First talks with the county of Minden-Lübbecke and the Wiehengebirgs Association (hiking association) to upgrade the Wittekinds Trail on top of the Wiehengebirge as a high quality long distance trail.
4. Project working group meeting with 3 counties and the city of Bielefeld to prepare an application for the Nature Park Competition in the state of Northrhine-Westfalia. The application has been submitted in time in August to the ministry of environment. Most of the detailed project proposals are focussing on the mining heritage of TERRA.vita.
5. Informal meeting on invitation by the mayor of Osnabrück with representatives from politics, economy, NGO`s etc.

6. Presentation of progress made during the members assembly of TERRA.vita in June. A new deputy managing director and a new treasurer have been elected.
7. A 15 head delegation from the Dutch UNESCO Global Geopark De Hondsrug visited TERRA.vita, ending with the signing of a formal cooperation agreement.
8. Evaluation mission to Portugal (Geopark project Estrela) by Timo Kluttig and China (Sanqingshan) by Hartmut Escher
9. Partnership Agreement was signed with The Museum am Schölerberg in Osnabrück
10. TERRA.vita participates again in the competition on "Germanies Natural Wonders" by the Heinz Sielmann Foundation, focussing on insects habitats this year.
11. Finalisation of the INTERREG Va project application together with UNESCO Global Geopark De Hondsrug (NL) in August, hoping to get the approval for the 1.5 Mio € project in November.
12. Four cooperation meetings organized by our two regional managers concerning Natura 2000 areas.
13. Hosting and organisation of the strategic TERRA.vita Working group in May (organized twice a year)

### **Activity by Partners**

1. The German NatCom on Geoparks invited to participate at a workshop at the Senckenberg Museum in Frankfurt, focussing on the question if fossils may be used for promotion under strict rules.
2. Participation in a tourist board meeting by invitation of the Tecklenburg tourist board.
3. Participation in a project planning meeting for 2019 on invitation by the county of Gütersloh together with the communities.
4. Reopening of the restored Kaiser Wilhelm Monument in Porta Westfalica by the Landschaftsverband Westaflaen-Lippe, presenting also the UNESCO Global geopark in a new exhibition
5. One day visit by the German NatCom in preparation of TERRA.vita's revalidation in 2019.
6. Our application for the hiking masterplan part 2 has been approved by the state of Lower Saxony
7. A new small primary school has been opened in August on the CSA Farm Pente (Partner of TERRA.vita)
8. The regional newspaper Neue Osnabrücker Zeitung made an interview with the managing director on UNESCO Global Geopark revalidation and evaluation procedures.
9. The German conservative party CDU invited the managing director to a business lunch with members of parliament from Lower Saxony and Northrhine-Westfalia, asking for information about the UNESCO Global Geopark status.
10. Participation in the meeting of the German Geopark Network in May.
11. Preparation and participation in the meeting of the German Geopark Forum.

# TERRAS DE CAVALEIROS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, PORTUGAL

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Interviews on TV (8), Radio (7) and articles (28) about the Geopark in national and regional media as well as a monthly Geopark newsletter, March–September 2018.
2. Realization of educational programmes e outras atividades realizadas com as escolas (1618 participants), guided geotours (648 participants) and pedestrian trails (239 participants), organized by the Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark Association, March–September 2018.
3. Participation in Tourism Fair in Lisbon, March 2018.
4. Participation in the Iberian Tourism Fair in Guarda, April – May 2018.
5. Organization of a visit to the territory with University Teachers of the University of Trás-os-montes e Alto Douro, under the "XIV Geochemistry Congress of Portuguese Speaking Countries (XIX Geochemistry Week)"
6. Participation in the Fair of S.Pedro 2018, in Macedo de Cavaleiros, June 2018.
7. Participation in GREENFEST, held in Braga, June 2018.
8. Participation in "There's Feast in the Village", in talhas, August 2018.
9. Participation in the Fair of Agriculture of Trás-os-Montes 2018, in Macedo de Cavaleiros

### Networking

10. Participation in the 41st Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the European Geoparks Network, held at the Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark , na Áustria, March 2018.
11. Organization of a visit to the territory with representatives of the Geopark of Central Catalonia, March 2018.
12. Presentation of an article for the GGN Newsletter 2018 - Issue 1 – “Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark integrates the project “Junto à Terra”- março 2018.
13. Presentation of the "X Days of Tourism", at the Higher Institute of Languages and Administration, in Vila Nova de Gaia, April 2018.
14. Host the first meeting of the Portuguese Forum of Portuguese Geoparks, outside the UNESCO National Commission premises, April 2018.
15. Organization and promotion of the European Week of Geoparks, (1568 participantes), May- June 2018.
16. Hold an exhibition entitled "Rocks and Minerals" to commemorate the "International Museum Day", May- June 2018.

17. Presentation of 2 articles for 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, "Geoparks and Sustainable Development", which takes place in Italy, September 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

18. Conducting activities within the Eeek of the Mine Route Partners and Points of Interest for the Mining and Geological Interest of Portugal, March 2018.
19. Carrying out activities under the Project "Junto à Terra", responsibility of the EDP and in partnership with the Municipalities of Alfândega da Fé, Mogadouro e Torre de Moncorvo (511 participants), April 2018.
20. Presentation of the project "Geopark Land of Knights" - Internationalization of the tourist promotion of Macedo de Cavaleiros ", in partnership with the Commercial and Industrial Association of Macedo de Cavaleiros, to the hotel and catering units of the territory, April 2018.
21. Celebration of "Dia Mundial da Terra", "World Earth Day", in partnership with the Professional School Jean Piaget, April 2018.
22. Commemoration of the "Day of the Geologist", in partnership with the Schools of the Municipality, May 2018.
23. Participation in the "Annual Meeting of Partners of the Mine Road Map and Points of Mineral and Geological Interest of Portugal", which took place in Idanha-a-Nova, June 20148.
24. Realization of activities with the territory's schools under the Eco-Schools Program, promoted by ABAE (347 participants), in partnership with the Municipality, March – June 2018.
25. Realization of a "Environment Exhibition", in partnership with the schools of the territory and the municipality, June 2018.
26. Realization of activities in the Protected Landscape of Albufeira of Azibo, in partnership with the Municipality and CERCIMAC (20 participants), under the Blue Flag program, July – August 2018.
27. Dynamization of activities in Astronomy, Biology and Geology, in the field of Live Science in summer in Network, in partnership with the Center for Living Science of Bragança, July – September 2018.

# TUSCAN MINING UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ITALY

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. March – September - Project “Gateways of the Park” - Regular, guided museum tours were organized at all the seven Park Gateways: 1) Follonica Park Gateway (Iron and Cast Iron Museum) "the factory city"; 2) Scarlino Park Gateway (Portus Scabris Archeological Museum) "the mining freight village"; 3) Gavorrano Park Gateway (Mining Park) "the pyrite mountain"; 4) Massa Marittima Park Gateway (Museum of the Mine) "the city of metals"; 5) Monterotondo Marittimo Park Gateway (Route with facilities to the Biancane Hills) "a journey to the heart of the earth"; 6) Montieri Park Gateway (info point Montieri) "miners for 3000 years"; 7) Roccastrada Park Gateway (the Ribolla Mine's Documentation Centre) "land of castles and coal.
2. 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>h</sup> of March Split (Croatia), Traininf Eventi for Local Ecotourism Clusters (LECs) during the DestiMED Project (Interreg MED) <https://destimed.interreg-med.eu/>. Project training in preparation for the Tuscan Mining Geopark Spring Test and moment of comparison with the other 12 protected areas of DestiMED.
3. 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 – Scarlino, In collaboration with FAI (Italian Environmental Fund) and the Municipality of Scarlino. Spring visits. Guided tour of a recently discovered fresco from the 15<sup>th</sup> century and of the Gateway to the Park.
4. 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 – Gavorrano, OPEN DAY OPEN DAY ROBOTICS. Day of presentation of educational programs for teachers of schools through robotics. 40 participants.
5. 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 – Gavorrano, Massa Marittima, Monterotondo Marittimo - Organization visit by representatives of the Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark in collaboration with Beigua and Apuan Alps Geoparks.
6. 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2018 – Montieri, Organization of a field trip for the students of the Geo Resource course at the University Roma 3 - Prof. Della Ventura.
7. 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 2018 – Gavorrano, Follonica, Organization of a Field trip for students of the Faculty of Architecture of the University of Lille (France) - Prof. Beatrice Mariole.
8. 4<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2018 – Roccastrada "The memorial mine" every year begins with a commemoration and continues throughout the month of May with a series of initiatives promoted by the Municipality of Roccastrada in collaboration with Tuscan Mining Geopark.
- 10 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 – DestiMED Spring TEST <https://destimed.interreg-med.eu/news-events/news/detail/actualites/2nd-test-of-refined-ecotourism-package-heat-of-the-earth-in-colline-metallifere-unesco-global-geop/> Second test to refine the ecotourism package Heat of the Earth.
- 11 26<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 - Siena Participation at VIII Festival of Science Museums. Tuscan Mining Geopark organized a workshop on the properties of minerals of

TMG in collaboration with the Museum of Earth Sciences of the University of Siena. About 300 children.

- 12 27th of May 2018 – Montieri. EGN WEEK - Festival of Parks. Geological excursion to the path of the mining trenches in collaboration with the Museum of Earth Sciences of the University of Siena. 50 participants.
- 13 30th of May 2018 Gateway to the Park of Gavorrano, Animation on the New PSR - LEADER Calls by the Local Action Group FAR MAREMMA. TMG is a point of reference for economic operators to inform them on the PSRs and in particular the LEADER approach.
- 14 2nd – 9th of June 2018 – Scarlino, Gavorrano, Roccastrada, EGN WEEK – Festival The Places of Time. Guided tours, walks, music and theater. About 500 participants.
- 15 1st of July 2018 - The Integrated Supply Chain Project (PIF DRAGO) has been financed with a 1.000.000 Euro and the Tuscan Mining Geopark, the only public participant directly participant, has obtained a loan of 30.000 Euro to support the activities of promotion of products. The project provides for the aggregation of all the actors of the chain of ancient grain (primary producers, processing and marketing companies, etc.) in order to overcome the main problems of the supply chain itself, to foster organizational and consolidation processes and to create new and balanced market relationships. In addition, the integrated project can support the profitability of farms and encourage process and product innovation as well as cooperation between the companies themselves.

### **Networking**

- 16 15th of May 2018 – Rome Participation in the Assembly of Italian Geoparks.;
- 17 20th – 24th of March – Karawanken Geopark, Participation to 41st Cordination Committee Meeting of European Geoparks Network.
- 18 6th of June 2018 – Gambatesa, Participation in the Assembly of the National Network of Parks and Mining Museums. Presentation by the Tuscan Mining Geopark of a survey on the legislation of National Mining Parks;
20. 9th – 14th of September 2018 Participation at 8th International Conference of UNESCO Global Geoparks, 42nd Cordination Committee Meeting of European Geoparks Network and 2nd Assembly of UNESCO Global Geoparks.

### **Activity by Partners**

21. 21st of July - 31st of August Support for the Festival of music, theatre in the Geopark. (Festival Teatro delle Rocce – Gateway of Gavorrano ; Festival Lirica in Piazza – Gateway of Massa Marittima; Festival Jazz Grey Cat – Gateway of Follonica, Gavorrano, Massa Marittima).
22. Joint promotion agreement between TMG and the Association of Wine Roads and Flavors of the Montereio di Massa Marittima (DOC wine area).

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# VIKOS- AOOS GEOPARK, GREECE

## Progress Report, September 2017– March 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. Elaboration and publication of a book (Visitor's Guide) regarding the Geopark values, especially the geology and the geosites. Co-publication of Epirus Development Agency SA & Regional Authority of Epirus (December 2017).

2. Elaboration and publication of a map regarding the Geopark values, especially the geology and the geosites (paper and application for smartphones). Co-publication of Epirus Development Agency SA & the Regional Authority of Epirus. (December 2017).

3. Field research and documentation of potential new geosites in the Geopark (Autumn 2017).

4. Photographing and video digitizing of the geopark's geosites with the use of drone (Autumn 2017).

5. Participation to a one day meeting in Athens organized by the Hellenic Geopark forum and the Hellenic National committee for the UNESCO (November 2017).

6. Elaboration of a new Master Plan for the Geopark (December 2017- March 2018).

7. Implementation of a proposal to the LEADER CLLD programme regarding the inauguration of an annual mountain running for the Geopark (January- March 2018).

8. Implementation of a study regarding a long distance hiking trail in the Pindos Mountains (Epirus Trail) including all the Geopark's area. Several meetings with local stakeholders have been done. An application regarding the trail orientation has already been accomplished.

9. Decision of the Region of Epirus in collaboration and approval of the Hellenic Tourism Organisation, to present in all tourist exhibitions banner of the Vikos Aaos Geopark with its UNESCO logo

10. Promotion of the Geopark at the Region of Epirus booth at the following five tourist exhibitions: (a) Tour Natur 2017, Dusseldorf, Germany (1-3/ 9/ 2017), (b) 1st Mediterranean International Tourism Exhibition, Athens, Greece (19-22/ 10/ 2017), (c) Philoxenia, Thessaloniki, Greece (16-19/ 11/ 2017), (d) Grecka Panorama, Warsaw, Poland (1-3/ 12/ 2017), (e) 4th Greek Tourism Expo, Athens, Greece (8-10/ 12/ 2017).

11. Participation at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting of the European certificated hiking trails (under the auspices of the European Ramblers' Association) and the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Hellenic hiking trails in Peloponnese and implementation of a presentation regarding the Vikos Aaos Geopark's special features and its potential regarding hiking activities, especially the long distance hiking Trail "Epirus Trail" (November 2017).

12. Participation at a 2-days seminar regarding tourism in mountainous areas entitled "Building bridges" with target group the local stakeholders of the Geopark, organized by the "Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit- European and Transatlantic Dialogue" in Vitsa village and implementation of a presentation regarding the Vikos Aaos Geopark's special features in relation with the long distance hiking Trail "Epirus Trail" (October 2017).

### Networking



13. Participation at the 40th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting and at the 14<sup>th</sup> European Geopark Conference in the Azores UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal (September 2017).

14. Creation of a group of LAG Agencies of Greece and other countries in order to prepare a proposal for a trans-national project in the frame of LEADER CLLD programme regarding Geoparks' networking and activities

15. Contribution to the EGN magazine 2017 with an article regarding a new hiking trail in the Geopark.

16. First steps for the start-up of an already approved proposal (Cross border cooperation projects Greece- Albania) regarding a new approach on visitors' information in the Geopark (September 2017- March 2018) have been done.

17. Several meetings with the local stakeholders regarding the strengthening of the relationship and the effective implementation of the Geopark's activities.

### **Activity by Partners**

18. Public awareness raising and provision of information to the visitors of the Vikos-Aoos Geopark and Northern Pindos National Park in the Environmental Information Centres of the Management Body of the Northern Pindos National Park (2.550 visitors) (September to February).

19. Environmental education to schoolchildren on several issues in the Vikos-Aoos Geopark and in the Northern Pindos National Park carried out by the Management Agency of the Northern Pindos National Park (863 school- children and 63 school teachers) (September to February).

20. Environmental education in the Vikos-Aoos Geopark carried out by the Konitsa Environmental Education Centre (1099 school- children, 87 school teachers, 22 schools).

21. Re-print by the Northern Pindos National Park Management Authority the following leaflets, which promote -among other characteristics- the geology of the protected area of the National Park: (a) a brochure entitled "Routes and Pathways" in 5.000 copies in Greek and 10.000 copies in English language, (b) an informative manual entitled "North Pindos National Park" in 2,500 copies in Greek and 5.000 copies in English, (c) a leaflet entitled "Good Visitor Guide" printed in 2,500 copies in Greek and 5.000 copies in English (d) a leaflet entitled "Northern Pindos National Park" in 5,000 copies in Greek and 10.000 copies in English.

22. The Ministry of Culture and Education approved for the school year 2017-2018 a special programme of Environmental Education for students to be implemented by the Management Body of the Northern Pindos National Park, titled: "The geology of the Northern Pindos National Park".

# VILLUERCAS-IBORES-JARA GEOPARK, SPAIN

## Progress Report, March–September 2018

### Geopark Activities

1. 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Geopark Steering Commission with the participation of the technical staffs of the Geopark members. Following the Action Plan. April 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. 9<sup>th</sup> EGN Week. More than 50 activities. Great participation of municipalities, companies, educational centers and social organizations. May 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>.
3. 6<sup>th</sup> Geoconvivencia. Geopark day in the educational community. More than 700 participants. Cañamero. May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. Extremadura Channel Program Radio on the geopark. May 29<sup>th</sup>.
5. International Tagus Cross Border Conferences. Speech about the geopark educational project. Cáceres. June 4<sup>th</sup>.
6. Seminar on the Sustainable Development Goals and the rural areas. Communications on the SDGs and the geopark. P. N. of Monfragüe. 5<sup>th</sup> June.
7. Lecture on the Geopark and geotourism in the Course of Tourist Experiences of the University of Extremadura. Merida June 26<sup>th</sup>.
8. Production of a new geopark didactic video. June.
9. "Candil de la Dehesa" Award, municipality of Arroyo de la Luz, due of the geopark work in the heritage defense and its national and international impact. June.
10. Lecture in the Master on Green and Circular Economy organized by the University of Extremadura and the Junta de Extremadura. June 26<sup>th</sup>.
11. Celebration of the 21<sup>st</sup> Territorial Commission of the Geopark. Meeting with all geopark partners to follow up on the Action Plan. July 18<sup>th</sup>.
12. Scientific fieldwork for the determination of sections of the future Transapalachian Geological Itinerary. Description of the Verdinal-Landrino syncline and the anticline of the Sierra Alta. May-September.
13. Educational workshops: Three talks on the Geopark geological, natural and cultural heritage in the I.E.S. Francisco de Orellana, Trujillo; April 10<sup>th</sup>. Two talks at the I.E.S. Castelar, Badajoz; April 13<sup>th</sup>. Interpreted route in Alía with the C.E.I.P. Licio de la Fuente, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Route through different geosites and infocentres with the I.E.S. Castelar de Badajoz, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Four workshops on tectonics, rock formation and global erosion processes and interpreted route in the C.R.A. Villuercas (Deleitosa, Robledollano, Roturas and Navezuelas) on 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May.
14. Other educational activities: Inter-center experience of the P.S. of Cañamero and the H.S. Alqaceres of Cáceres (plastic arts module). Workshops and murals about the geopark municipalities and fauna. "Geopark" English interdisciplinary project and geopark fieldtrip for the H.S. Zurbarán of Navalmoral de la Mata. Geopark Project "Knowing my geopark II" (bilingual) of the P.S. of Logrosán. Inter-center experience of P.S. of Cañamero and the P.S. of Logrosán. April.
15. Sixteen trips from educational centres of the province of Cáceres. Public call of the Provincial Delegation of Education of Cáceres.
16. Roaming of the exhibition "The Geopark before the Geopark". April-August.

17. Update of the web [www.geoparquevilluercas.es](http://www.geoparquevilluercas.es) and management of the social networks of the Geopark: Facebook @GeoparqueVilluercas 5233 fans. Twitter (@VilluercasGPark, 5911 followers. Instagram (@villuercasgpark) 1528 followers.

## **Networking**

18. Coordination of the EGN educational work group activities. Online template to obtain an overview of the educational activities of the European UGGs. Request for collaboration in the framework of the GGN WGEDU to the geoparks of LACGN and APGN. Summary report for the GGN Conference in Italy. March September.
19. Promotion of the EGNWEEK and the Spanish Geoparks magazine in Madrid under the chairmanship of the Spanish National Committee of Geoparks and the National Commission for Coordination with UNESCO. May.
20. Assistance to the Spanish Geopark Committee at the IGME headquarters in Madrid. July 4th.
21. Contribution of Villuercas-Ibores-Jara to the EGN WG on SDG. June.
22. Assistance (Iván Cortijo) to the Lesvos International Intensive Course on Geoparks 2018: UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geoheritage management, June 7<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>.
23. Revalidation mission (José M<sup>a</sup> Barrera) in MAGMA UGG (Norway). July.
24. Evaluation mission (Javier López) in Yimengshan (China). August 1 to 7.
25. Contribution to the "Annual Meeting of the Portuguese partners of the Geological and Mining Interest Places". Naturtejo Geopark June 7 and 8.
26. Translation to Spanish of a tourist leaflet of Sanqingshan UNESCO Global Geopark of China.
27. Organization of the visit and welcoming of a delegation from Wangwushan-Daimeishan and Yuntaishan UNESCO Global Geoparks of China.
28. Management of social networks and website of the Spanish Forum of Geoparks. Facebook @GeoparquesUNESCO 2680 fans. Twitter (@ComEspGeoparks, 3045 followers.

## **Activity by Partners**

29. Fieldtrip for the LEADER group FEDESIBA, (Badajoz province) and Master of Rural Development, University of Córdoba and international experts. April 25th.
30. Public contract made by the General Directorate on Cultural Heritage: preparation of the pre-inventory and catalogue of the geopark intangible cultural heritage manifestations. June.
31. Approval of the public concession of the military road to La Villuerca for the geopark purposes. Main geopark site.
32. Adaptation of the trails to the Geosite of Los Canchos de las Sábanas and Cabeza del Moro in Berzocana, and the paths to the Geosite of Los Canchos de Vadillo in Peraleda de San Román made by the General Directorate on Rural Development.
33. Agreement with the Cáceres Province Council to finance activities within the framework of the "Diputación Desarrolla" program (2018-2019). May 22nd.
34. III International Summer Course of the University of Extremadura in Guadalupe, Interpretation of the Cultural Heritage of the Geopark. 10<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Geopark Activities**

1. Negotiations on a cattle grazing project for landscape management with nature park and agriculture administration, 28. March 2018
2. Meeting with authority of National Park Saar-Hunsrück to discuss on common climate protection actions, 28. March 2018
3. Concept development for “Roman Tunnel – hiking trail” with municipality of Ulmen, 09. April 2018
4. Kick-off event for Life-project “ZENAPA” and climate protection activities, 09. March 2018
5. Exchange meeting with regional key players in the project “Tourism for handicapped people”, 12. April 2018
6. Press information to promote networking activities between geopark and the small holders forest cooperation, 12. April 2018
7. Lecture on Vulkaneifel and the UGGp-concept given to the “Eifel Association”, 14. April 2018
8. Fotoshooting in geopark to get new pictures for promotional activities,
9. Educational activities in schools and kindergartens
10. Three “childrens climate change conferences” in schools of the geopark, 6.-8. June 2018
11. Presentation of Vulkaneifel and UGGp concept at “Rheinland-Pfalz-Tag”, Worms 31. Mai – 3. June 2018
12. Development and print of a revised criteria-catalogue to forward the geopark-host initiative
13. Implementing of story-telling on Vulkaneifel Pathway “Volcano trail”
14. Production of several information panels.
15. Weekly press information on geopark activities
16. Issuing of brochure with calendar of events
17. Reprint of Vulkaneifel magazine and other brochures
18. Information tour on Vulkaneifel UGGp for communal politicians seniors club, Strohn, 22. August 2018.

### **Networking**

19. Participation in EGN AC/CC meeting in Karavanken Geopark Austria/Slovenia 19.-22. March 2018
20. Participation in the annual meeting of the climate change project “ZENAPA” at Bollewick, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany, 14.-20. April 2018

21. Participation in the “parliamentary evening” to exchange with members of the German parliament and meeting of the German nature park association, Berlin, 24.-26. April 2018.
22. Participation in the “Geotop 2018” (meeting of section geotopes and geoparks within the DVGG (German geological association), Selb, 3.-5. May 2018
23. Exchange visit to Messel Pit visitor centre, 25. Mai 2018-08-15
24. Workshop with German Commission for UNESCO on renewable energies in geoparks, Bonn, 6. June 2018.
25. Welcoming of a delegation from South Korea for exchange of geopark expertise, 8. June 2018.
26. Visit of German National Committee for UNESCO Geoparks in Vulkaneifel, 11. June 2018.
27. Information of county council Vulkaneifel on the activities of Vulkaneifel UGGp and the Global Geoparks Association, 18. June 2018
28. Revalidation mission conducted by geopark director to Terras de Cavaleiros UGGp, Portugal, 2.-5. July 2018.

### **Activity by Partners**

29. Incentive event held at county administration to promote LED lightning in public premises. Activity under the project on climate change “ZENAPA”. Daun, 22. August 2018.
30. “Wood walk”: event to inform regional forest owners about the advantages of a membership in the forest-cooperative-Vulkaneifel which is a traditional organisation for small holders in Vulkaneifel geopark. Additional partner was the PEFC organisation that certifies the ecological and social aspects of wood production.
31. several workshops organized by Eifel Tourism GmbH which is regional tourism organisation to renew the future strategies in tourism with special focus on nature related tourism in national park, nature parks and geoparks of the Eifel-region.