

Madonie Geopark (Italy)



2007 was a year of intense activity around educational projects and creation of new simple infrastructure useful to enjoy the Madonie Geopark.

And was also the year of the meeting between geology and art.

1. "Salvalarte Madonie" an annual happening dedicated this year to the discovering of the unknown cultural and geological sites of the area and launch of the project "Le Vie dell'Arte in the Madonie Park". Seven artists (Johanna Grawunder, Konstantin Grcic, Domenico Mangano, Gabriele Picco, Rob Pruitt, Ettore Spalletti e Vedovamazzei) created seven installations of contemporary art in the Madonie Geopark in "a game of visual relations" between the landscape and the installation.
2. The Madonie Geopark was selected as one of the best 40 "Emerging rural destinations in Italy" in the frame of the "EDEN Project: Excellent European destinations" (selection managed by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department for Development and Competitiveness of Tourism).
3. Opening of two new geological trails and one new corner in the Geological Museum of Petralia Sottana dedicated to the salt deposits of Petralia Soprana.
4. 13 environmental projects with the participation of more than 5000 students. One of this, "From the Earth to the Stars" gave the opportunity to the 1500 students involved to meet a very famous Italian astrophysicist, Margherita Hack, and the first Italian astronaut, Umberto Guidoni, speaking with them about the love for the sciences and their fantastic experience.

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