

ADAMELLO BRENTA GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Organization and carrying out of a geology training course for the students of Utah University, July 2017.
2. Creation of a new project called “Panorama Tour”, developed together with all the touristic local stakeholders, with the aim of valorising and promoting in a sustainable way one of the most touristic Geopark’s destination, April-September 2017.
3. Realization of a new accessible footpath and new interpretation panels in one of the most populated valley of the Geopark (Genova Valley) thanks to EU funds, March-August 2017.
4. Creation of a new “Quality Park” certification about spring waters inside the Geopark area and working on the implementation of the “Quality Park” certification for other local products, April-September 2017.
5. Numerous interviews and articles on the Geopark in the national and regional media, March–September 2017.
6. Guided geotours and geopedagogic programmes, carried out by the members of the Geopark Group and the local Alpine Guides and organized in collaboration with the local Touristic Offices, June–September 2017.
7. Oral presentations about our Geopark at numerous schools of the Geopark area, March–June 2017.
8. Training course for teachers of the Geopark schools, August-September 2017.
9. Setting up of a photos exhibition at the Geopark’s visitor centre about the landscape, June-September 2017.
10. Start with the work for the creation of a new website, where there will be large visibility for the Geopark, June 2017.
11. Employment of a geoscientist on a daily basis for 1 year, waiting for the authorization by the Autonomous Province of Trento for a permanent contract, August 2017.

Networking

12. Working to the organization of the 8th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in Adamello Brenta UGG together with the local Tourism Board; signing of an agreement with all the bodies involved at a local and regional level in the promotion and enhancement of the territory, in the sustainable tourism and geological research, environmental education and prevention, and also with Padova University, Geoscience Department.
13. Participation in the 33rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.
14. Participation in the meeting of the Italian Forum of the Geoparks and the Conference of “*Accademia dei Lincei*” in Rome, May 2017.

15. Publishing one article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 11, March 2017.
16. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week inside the “Geological week” organized in collaboration with all the provincial bodies involved in geo-interpretation, September 2017.
17. Collaboration to the project named “The journey of Andi Andezit” of Hateg Country Dinosaurs UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania, June-August 2017.
18. Organization of a regional Conference about “Tourism and Sustainable Development” that gathered all the employees of the protected areas of Trentino, April 2017.

Activity by Partners

19. Supporting a municipality of the Geopark for the application for EU funding for the valorisation and geo-interpretation of a new area inside the Geopark, June-September 2017.
20. Realization of a new geo-interpretation and geo-valorisation panels in collaboration with the Foundation Dolomites World Heritage Site.
21. Signing of a protocol with the Local Tourism offices for the realization of a Smartphone application for the promotion of the activities and sustainable mobility.

APUAN ALPS GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March – September 2017

Geopark activities

1. Active participation for the promotion of the Geopark at Linea Verde, most popular programme on RAI 1 national television dedicated to agriculture and nature
2. 2017 Parks Festival: photo contest, guided visit to the Botanical Garden “Pietro Pellegrini”, cooking lesson, music concert
3. “Cibiamoci di Parco”, edition 2017 for recommended structures aiming to the promotion of local food and dishes
4. 2017 “The Geopark in the exercise book” contest, collection of poems, stories, interviews, recipes and drawings
5. Launch of the project on the memory of the past disaster in Mt. Forato valley (flood and landslides) with the participation of Irina Pavlova (IGGP-UNESCO)
6. Inauguration of the new Geopark Visitor Centre at Palazzo Rossetti in Seravezza
7. “L'impronta lieve dell'Uomo”, summer camps for children aged between 8 and 15 years, eleven weeks during the summer on different topics to discover the Apuan Alps
8. Award ceremony of “Menù km zero contest” for certified facilities of the Geopark in Pomezzana (Stazzema); the programme of day includes a hiking tour, a cooking course and the tasting of typical products and dishes
9. Spring migrating raptors observation with records, confirming the Apuan Alps as one of the most important site in the Mediterranean area
10. Spring count of mouflons: activity guided by Geopark Rangers for the monitoring of mouflons in the Apuan Alps
11. Presentation of the book “Sui sentieri delle Alpi Apuane per riscoprire il cammino dell'uomo” by Marco Marando at Palazzo Rossetti in Seravezza
12. “Il mare incontra la montagna”, 6th edition Giuseppe Nardini award, bike ride from Forte dei Marmi to Azzano, nordik walking and guided visits along the Cappella archeomining trail
13. 20th 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
14. Extemporaneous drawing contest at the Botanical Garden in Pian della Fioba
15. High open-air market of authentic farmers and artisans from the Apuan Alps in Mosceta, between Mt. Corchia and Mt. Pania
16. “The nights of Archaeology”, exhibition and award of tales contest at the Apuan GeoLab, guided visits overnight

17. "Chiacchiericci strampalati sulla geologia: anche se trema non temo il tremore", entertainment for kids about geology at Apuan GeoLab
18. "Apuan Alps Festival" (Careggine): a lot of events in Careggine village and guided visit at the Geopark farm with tasting of typical food
19. Participation at "Festambiente festival: ecology, solidarity and culture for civil society", organized by Legambiente

Networking

20. "Attendance at the 39th EGN Coordination Committee Meeting, hosted by Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark (Ireland)
21. Revalidation missions in Xingwen UGG and Qinling Zhongnanshan UGG (China) by Apuan Alps Geopark delegate
22. Attendance at the Conference "Geoparks and Italian Scientific Community of Earth Sciences" organized by Accademia dei Lincei, Rome
23. Updating Apuan Alps Geopark pages in www.apuanegeopark.it, www.apuaneturismo.it

Activity by Partners

24. "6eme Colloque national du patrimoine geologique: Les geoparcs: protection et valorisation du patrimoine geologique et levier pour le tourisme alternative", organized by Office National de Mine in Tunis in collaboration with Apuan Alps UGG
25. Submission of Joint project proposal EuGaia "Integrated action for the protection of natural ecosystems and biodiversity through an innovative "Geoparks" approach" within the 2nd Call proposals of the Interreg V-B "MED Programme 2014-2020" in collaboration with EPIRUS SA – Development agency and other geoparks
26. Musica sulle Apuane" Festival, series of concerts at Apuan mountain huts
27. Discovering the Geopark", guided visits and excursions for children with the collaboration of local cooperatives
28. Itinerant drama performances on wolf in Apuan mountain huts
29. 16th edition of "Sapori" (Fivizzano), sales exhibition for the promotion of typical products, ancient crafts and geological heritage of the Geopark
30. Conference "Water in the Apuan Alps, source of life and risk factor" 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 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Meeting of AGA General Assembly with the approbation of the activities and financial plan for 2016, March 2017.
2. The students of Erasmus+ project made a field trip in Arouca Geopark, March 2017.
3. Arouca UGG attended the Qualifica (higher education fair), in Exponor (Porto), March 2017.
4. Organization of various school competitions for educational establishments in Arouca Geopark, March to June 2017.
5. Arouca UGG celebrates International Day of Monuments and Sites, April 2017.
6. Organization of several awareness actions related to biodiversity, March to September 2017.
7. Organization of several workshops inserted in Child's Day, June 2017.
8. Arouca UGG participated in a meeting about the application Interreg Atlantic Area «Atlantic Geoparks», June 2017.
9. Organization of recreational and didactic activities "Vacations with science", June to September 2017.
10. Organization of visits interpreted by 'Routes of Geosites' (routes A, B and C), May, June and July 2017.
11. Organization and development several scientific field trips integrated in the national program 'Ciência Viva no Verão em Rede' (Life Science in Summer), from June to September 2017.
12. Promotion of the historical event 'Arouca, uma Recriação Histórica' (Arouca, a Historical Reenactment), July 2017.
13. Organization of youth volunteering action 'The voice of the forest of Arouca Geopark, dedicated to the environment, July 2017.
14. Active commemoration of several important days: 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 2017.
15. The Arouca Geopark – Welcome Centre – Interactive Tourism Store was attended by 2884 visitors and hosted 4888 people by 30 events, from March to August 2017.

16. The Rocks Delivering Stones House was attended by 18.562 visitors, from March to August 2017.
17. The Weather Radar from Arouca was attended by 2.349 visitors, from March to August 2017.
18. 6.200 students visited the Arouca Geopark, under the Arouca Geopark Educational Programs, from all country from March to August 2017.
19. 1300 people from 30 groups of geotouristic visits were accompanied, by Arouca Geopark guides, from March to August 2017.
20. 120.000 people from all world visits the Paiva Walkways, from April to August 2017.
21. Clipping of about 187 news in the local, regional, national and international media and on multiple digital platforms about Arouca UGG, from March to August 2017.

Networking

22. Arouca Geopark attended to the European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, March 2017.
23. Organization and wide promotion of several activities to celebrate the EGN Week, from 26th May to 11th June 2017.
24. Arouca UGG received two evaluators of UNESCO for the revalidation mission, July 2017.
25. Participation in an evaluation mission in Aspiring Percy Geopark (Canada), July 2017.
26. Arouca Geopark attended to the European Geoparks Conference and EGN Coordination Committee meeting in the Azores Geopark, September 2017.

Activity by Partners

27. Arouca Geopark attended the 1st Meeting of Local Development of Community-based in Azores, May 2016.
28. The Paiva Walkways (Arouca UGG) are nominated by the "World Travel Awards" for two categories: "Europe's leading tourism development project" and "touristic attraction". The winner will be known in September 2017.
29. During the official reception of teachers and teams of Arouca and Escariz schools, Arouca Geopark organized a fam trip to visit Arouca Geopark, on September 2017.
30. Promotion of several activities promoted by our partners, from March to September 2017.

AZORES GEOPARK, PORTUGAL

Progress Report, March – September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Production and emplacement of several materials, devices and actions integrated on an overall program of increasing Azores UGG visibility throughout the territory including: i) about 11 new info wood poles in sites of special geological interest in Corvo and Flores islands; ii) improvement of the visibility in the "geoparks corners" in the Azores UGG Island Delegations;
2. Monitoring of the Azores Geopark geosites in cooperation with the Nature Guards from the Natural Parks in all islands, March to September 2017;
3. Publication of the Geopark monthly electronic newsletters and daily update of the Azores Geopark's facebook, with activities, photos and news, March to September 2017;
4. Production of posters/flyers for on-line dissemination of commemorative dates, in social networks and newsletter;
5. 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 2017;
6. Participation in the ITB and BTL tourism fairs, through the Azores Tourism Board, promoting the Azores UGG and the 14th European Geoparks Conference (EGNAZORES2017), March;
7. 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 76 activities with a total of 3409 participants, March to September;
8. 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 226activities and 6,190 students and teachers, March to September;
9. Development of the exhibition "The Azorean Rocks", displayed in several partners' establishments of the Azores Geopark, March to September;
10. Celebration of the 4th anniversary of Azores Geopark with an online contest under the theme "Anniversary of the integration into the EGN", March;
11. Follow-up of the internship of Sara Rego Vizinho, an Environmental Management student of the Domingos Rebelo High School, whose final work was focused in the Caldeira do Vulcão das Sete Cidades geosite, entitled "Critical Analysis of the Management carried out in the Caldeira do Vulcão das Sete Cidades geosite", April to June;

12. Organization of the regional event for the “National Olympiads of Geology, 2017”, in the Azores Autonomous Region, involving 24 students in the “regional round”, from 9 schools, and from 7 islands of the archipelago, April;
13. Development of 10 activities integrated in the “Week of the Guide of the Portuguese Geological and Mines Sites Partners”, April 3rd to 9th;
14. Participation in the 2nd Cycle of Sustainable Tourism Sessions, with a presentation titled “Azores UNESCO Global Geopark. A sustainable tourism strategy in 3Gs: Geodiversity, Geconservation and Geotourism”, in Stauval University of Ponta Grossa, Brazil, April 11th;
15. Participation and follow up the visit of the EUROPARC to the “Terras do Priolo”, April 19th and 20th;
16. Celebration of the World Earth Day, with 12 activities in the archipelago and 239 participants, April 22nd;
17. Promotion of two online contests under the theme “Geosites of International Relevance” and “Geoproducts of Azores Geopark” in the Azores Geopark facebook page, April and May;
18. Participation in the Seminar “Sustainable, accessible and inclusive tourism: challenges for Azores destination”, May 8th;
19. Participation in the International Conference “Expor Arte e Património: entre o transitório, o transcendental e o intangível”, with the presentation “Volcanic landscapes of the Azores: Valorization as a natural resource and geological heritage of the Azores Geopark”, May 30th;
20. Promotion of the “2017 European Geoparks Week”, with 23 activities and 562 participants, May 26th to June 11th;
21. Organization and promotion of the activity “Geopaper Entre Montes”, June 3rd;
22. Collaboration in the Field Trip of the 3rd Annual Meeting of the Research group Centre for Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Changes (cE3c), June 7th;
23. Collaboration with the Tourism Office of Maia – “Casa do Povo da Maia”, Association Amigos do Calhau and the Botanic Association of the Azores in the interpretative trail “Fonte Santa/ Praia da Viola”, June 10th;
24. Participation in the event “Rural World Fair”, on Faial Island, with a promotional stand and some activities, June 8th, 9th and 10th;
25. Exhibition of 5 documentaries of the Azores UNESCO Global Geopark on the Azores RTP, July to September;
26. Follow-up of the two evaluators within the Azores Geopark Revalidation Mission, who visited 4 of the 9 islands (São Miguel, Faial, Pico e Terceira), 5th – 9th July;
27. Promotion, with the Environmental Interpretive centre of Caldeira Velha” and the “Urban Skechers Azores”, of the Pico Queimado walking trail, July 23th;
28. Participation in the Regional Meeting of Teachers with the presentation “Geodiversity and geological heritage: the abiotic component of natural heritage” and the workshop “The Azorean Rocks: “putting their hands in the mass””, July 10th to 13th;
29. Participation in the national programme “Ciência Viva no Verão/Alive Science in Summer”, promoted nationally in partnership with the National Network of Science Alive Centres. The Azores Geopark organized 1 activity under the theme “The

Rocks of my City” in partnership with stakeholders of the archipelago, with 60 participants, July 22th;

30. Collaboration with the Tourism Office of Maia – “Casa do Povo da Maia” in the interpretative trail “Pedra Queimada-Lajinha-Degredo”, August 19 th
31. Publication of articles for the general public in the “Azorean Spirit” (SATA Inflight Magazine) and one in the special edition in “Visão” about the Azores, August and September;

Networking

32. Participation in the 39th EGN CC Meeting on Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark”, in Ennistymon, Irlanda, March 23th e 25th;
33. Participation in the 2017 edition of the course "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Development of Geotourism", on Lesvos Geopark, Greece, June 12th to 22th;
34. Participation in the project “The journey of Andi Andezit” of Hateg Country Dinosaur, UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania, July and August;
35. Several activities at the aim of the EGN “Volcanic Thematic Working Group”, where the Azores UGG Scientific Coordinator act as Catalyst.

Activity by Partners

36. The Azores Geopark has currently about 45 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.

BAKONY–BALATON GEOPARK, HUNGARY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Various programmes, geo-activities for families at the Geopark booth, Wild Garlic Festival in Fenyőfő village, April 2017.
2. Outdoor activity for pupils in Balatonfüred (on geoparks, geological nature conservation, sustainable waste management, etc.), April 2017.
3. 3D photo slide show on caves of Hungary in Balatonalmádi on the occasion of the International Earth Day, April 2017.
4. 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 2017.
5. Numerous interviews and articles on the Geopark in the national and regional media – also in TV shows of high ratings, March–September 2017.
6. Oral presentations about our Geopark at numerous schools, universities, institutes and NGOs, March–September 2017.
7. Guided geotours (altogether appr. 400 participants), carried out 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 2017.
8. Updating the new editions of hiking maps and guides covering the Geopark area (published by Cartographia Ltd.). The advertisement of the Geopark management organisation with our UNESCO Global Geopark logo was published in the back cover, April 2017.
9. Removing the vegetation at geosites by the Geopark staff: Red Stone Nature Trail (near Alsóörs village), Palaeokarst of Úrkút Nature Conservation Area, pyroclastic section near Szentbékakála, May–July 2017.
10. Participation at the meeting of the Hungarian Geoparks Committee in Kőszeg, giving an oral presentation on our Geopark's activities, May 2017.
11. Meeting with the Vice-Mayor and Chief Architect of Tapolca about protecting the passages of a unique cave system under the town, May 2017.
12. Geopark booth and geo-activity programmes for families at the Geological Days in Budapest, June 2017.
13. 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 2017.
14. Preparing and promoting of the 10th geotour-guide training course in the Southern Bakony II. region, July–August 2017.

15. Offering geo-programmes during the Week of Hungarian National Parks and during the summer camp for children of Csopak (the headquarters of our management organisation is located in this village), July 2017.
16. 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, 3D slide-show on caves, etc., July–August 2017.

Networking

17. Participation in the 39th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark (Ireland), March 2017.
18. Taking and preparing for publication of EGN CC members' portrait photos, March 2017.
19. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: handing over ceremony of a renewed geological nature trail near Alsóörs, a full day geo-programme for pupils in Fonyód, guided geotours, opening a photo exhibition ("Fascinating Hungary"), etc., for more details please see our EGN Week 2017 programme and report, May–June 2017.
20. Helping the colleagues' work during the European Diploma revalidation visit in Tihany Peninsula, giving a presentation for the expert on our Geopark's activity in the area, etc., May 2017
21. Participation and giving an oral presentation in the Workshop of Global Geoparks in South Eastern Europe, Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark, April 2017
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 2017.
23. UNESCO revalidation mission in Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG (Nickolas Zouros, Barnabás Korbély) in June, submitting the mission report, August 2017.
24. Collecting and preparing for publishing the reports on European Geoparks Week 2017 and the progress reports from all the members of the EGN, March–August 2017.
25. Participating in the work of the EGN Volcanic Geoparks Working Group, creating and updating the layout design of the future e-book, titled "Volcanic Geoparks in Europe", August–September 2017.
26. Taking photos for Facebook at different geosites in our Geopark with Andi Andezit, the mascot of the young volunteers of Hateg Country UNESCO Global Geopark, July–August 2017.
27. Meeting with one of the Directors of the Hungarian Tourism Agency about the possible hosting of the 2019 spring EGN CC meeting in our Geopark, August 2017.

Activity by Partners

28. Helping the successful application of Bakonyalja Barátai Association, one of our Geopark Partners, for financing a geotour-guide training course to start in September 2017 in the Southern Bakony II. region, in cooperation with the Geopark management organisation, March 2017.
29. 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 2017.
30. Geotours of our Geopark Partners (geotour-guides trained by our Geopark), March–September 2017.

BASQUE COAST GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Updating the web site www.geoparkea.com 25 news published at the web site from March to July 2017.
2. e-newsletter format to send news to a specific list of emails. 4 deliveries along the period led basically to citizen written in bilingual, Spanish and basque language, in order to rise the awareness of the Geopark actions.
3. Number 10 six-month newsletter. 9.000 units posted to all Geopark homes with the most important news to raise the awareness of local about the Geopark.
4. 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.
5. European Geoparks Week 2017 (19th of May to 4th of June) a program full of events with a great participation and success. A press conference with partners was organized to publicize the program.
6. Ending of “Flysch & go” transborder project. The project was intended to train high school students from both sides of the border about geology, specifically coastal flysch. The project was developed in Basque language.
7. Scientists and artists gathered in an innovative artistic-scientific initiative called Geo-Talks. The event had brief scientific talks from the hand of six specialists and included the participation of theater actors, musicians, singers and a cartoonist who managed to envelop the act with an innovative format of dissemination of science.
8. Sea cliffs cleaning by volunteers. More than 100 people cleaned around 2km of sea cliffs and withdraw several tones of plastic and general waste. All the bags were withdrawn by an helicopter due to the complicated access of the place. All the activity was recorded by TV cameras for a popular TV program.
9. Meeting of the scientific committee. More than 20 experts the areas in which the Geopark work: geology, education, culture, biology, etc. joined for the first face to face meeting. Taking advantage of this event, the president of the Committee was received by the general deputy of the province in the main building of the Institution in San Sebastian with a great media impact.
10. School drawing competition under the tittle “beings of the cliffs”. More than 500 draws took part in the competition. Three categories and a general winner were selected among them.

11. The Geopark in collaboration with its French partner carried out a new geological map of the whole Basque Coast (France and Spain) with 12 interesting points and info about interpretation centres. The maps will be shared with other museums and stakeholders out of the Geopark.
12. With the collaboration of the The association Zerynthia, organized a day to publicize the "hormiguera de las gencianas" butterfly, in order to promote the conservation of this butterfly. On August 8, a training activity will take place at the Biotopo Deba-Zumaia for all those interested in participating.

Networking

13. Participation of both official representatives in the 39th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren & Cliffs of Moher Geopark, March 2017.
14. Tourism stakeholders (public and private) from Aquitaine 64 Department from France visited the Geopark to know our geotourism offer in May 2017.
15. Advisory mission in Perú on behalf of UNESCO in order to launch the Latin American network of Geoparks
16. Participation as a lecture in the 3rd edition of "Geological heritage, Geoparks and Geotourism" in Sobrarbe Geopark (3rd-5th July)
17. Participation as a lecture in the First International Summer University in Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development and Healthy Lifestyles. Integrated in the UNESCO Chair of the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD), (3rd to 14th July 2017)
18. Carry out revalidation missions in two territories by both official representatives of the Geopark.

Activity by Partners

19. Some schools of the Geopark, called GeoSchools, have started a project to raise the awareness about "Sustainable Development Goals" of the 2030 Agenda.
20. Bilbao Tourism Agency organized a festival in Easter to promote the Basque Country among the visitors. Basque Coast Geopark was invited to the festival to promote the territory in Bilbao.
21. A rural neighbourhood of the Geopark organized a volunteer working day to rebuild an old ice house to enhance the cultural heritage of the Geopark.
22. DFG the body responsible for the management of the protected natural area where the main geological resources are (stratotypes), have bought the land to the owner in order to protect and adapt the place for the visitors and interpretation.

BEIGUA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March – September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Regular programmes of walks and guided tours have been realized in Spring and Summer 2017
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 2017 (Spring) and July 2017 (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. Training course on “Earth Sciences and Natural Hazards” organized in collaboration with the university of Genoa – DISTAV for secondary school teachers on 3rd May
5. Joining the European Geoparks Week 6th May – 11th June 2017 with several activities (please see at the EG Week 2017 report)
6. Training course on the UNESCO Global Geoparks and the Beigua UNESCO Global Geopark organized for alpine guides and environmental guides on 19th May in the Geopark’s headquarters
7. Launching of the new project about the label “Naturally tasty” in July 2017. The label is assigned to fresh or processed local products, coming from one of the Municipalities of the Beigua Geopark. Cheese, sausages, bakery and confectionery products, preserves, and all the other unique Beigua delicacies thus become representatives of biodiversity and keepers of ancient local traditions
8. Promoting of the natural trails along the coastline (“Sentiero Liguria”) with local photographs presentations, lectures and guided excursions in several municipality of the Province of Savona- July/August 2017
9. Finalizing the new project about road cycling in the Beigua UNESCO Global Geopark: “Beigua Bike Routes” in August 2017. They are two bicycle rides along low-traffic asphalted roads in the territory of the Beigua Geopark. The routes, which are particularly enjoyable because of the variety of landscapes and because of the characteristic villages, can be ridden in both directions.
10. Organization of the “Mare e Monti 2017” event: non-competitive walks along the coastal area and the mountains of the Beigua Geopark – with the collaboration of the Arenzano Municipality (September 9th – 10th 2017)

Networking

11. Attendance at the 39th EGN CC Meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark (Ireland) on March 23rd – 24th 2017
12. Attendance (with key note by Maurizio Burlando) at the national conference “Geoparks and the Italian Scientific Community on Earth Sciences” organized by the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei in Rome on May 30th
13. Undertaking the revalidation mission (by Maurizio Burlando) in Hong Kong UNESCO Global Geopark, China, June 1st – 4th 2017
14. Undertaking the evaluation mission (by Maurizio Burlando) in Colca y Volcanes de Andagua aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, Perù, July 10th – 13th 2017
15. Undertaking the revalidation mission (by Marco Firpo) in Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia, July 25th – 28th 2017
16. An article published on the GGN Newsletter 2017 issue n. 1 (published in May 2017): “Developing sustainable tourism in the Beigua UNESCO Global Geopark”
17. Submission of an article for the GGN Newsletter 2017 issue n. 2 (to be published in September 2017): “Sustaining and promoting local products in the framework of the Beigua UNESCO Global Geopark activities”
18. Submission of two articles/abstracts for the 14th European Geoparks Conference – Azores UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal, 7th – 9th September 2017
19. Submission of the EGN Week 2017 report in order to produce the total EGN Week 2017 Report to be published in EGN web-site and to be discussed during the 40th EGN CC Meeting in Azores UNESCO Global Geopark (P) September 6th 2017
20. Submission of the Activity Progress Report March – September 2017 in order to produce the total EGN Progress Report to be published in EGN web-site and to be discussed during the 40th EGN CC Meeting in Azores UNESCO Global Geopark (P) September 6th 2017

Activities by Partners

21. Field works and researches in Beigua Geopark led by the Earth, Environment and Life Sciences Department of the University of Genoa (May - June 2017)
22. Several activities have been carried out by local sports associations 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 2017– September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Event programme with 500 guided tours (Geopark Rangers, Geopark-on-site Guides, cooperation partners)
2. Publication of monthly electronic newsletters and one printed 28 pp magazine (“Geo-Naturpark aktuell”, issue 25).
3. Publication of the regional hiking maps Nr. 6, 14, 19 in the new series from Geo-Naturpark Bergstrasse-Odenwald in cooperation with Naturepark Neckartal-Odenwald
4. Survey on “Green Infrastructure/Hiking and Health” at Geo-Naturpark in cooperation with Institute of landscape planning of University of Kassel (Germany)
5. Cooperation with local distillery “Odenwälder Brände”, common presentation of apple liqueur
6. MTB activity event: festival / tourguiding through Geopark area in cooperation with bike companies, voluntary Geopark bike guides and local hotel/restaurant “Kuralpe”
7. Seminars/Workshops for schools and universities: field trip/seminar on regional soil with University of Frankfurt, Sustainable tourism at Karl Ernst Gymnasium in Amorbach
8. Regional workshops/meetings of trailmarkers with field trips and presentations
9. Annual advanced educational training for Geopark Rangers and “Geopark-on-site” Guides: “Cultural landscape elements within the Odenwald region”, cooperation with Alfred Wegener-Institute Potsdam: Marine relics in our region
10. Environmental education and planting activity of “Geopark - Fruit Variety of the Year”-trees with schools
11. Annual Geo-Naturepark Day with guided tours and various activities

Networking

12. Member of the Editorial Board of the EGN Magazine (J.W.)
13. Publication of contribution in EGN magazine No. 14
14. Publication of EGN Electronic Newsletters No 7, 8 & 9 (J.W.)
15. Participation in Annual EGN Coordination Committee meeting and the European Geoparks Conference in Azores (Portugal) and participation in the Geopark Fair

16. Parliamentary Lunch with members of parliament at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Berlin) with the German UNESCO Commission Workshop to present the German UNESCO Global Geoparks
17. Regular meetings of the Forum of Global Geoparks in Germany (common activity of the 6 Global Geoparks in Germany)
18. Exchange/networking visit from aspiring Geopark region Lake Saimaa (Finland) at UNESCO Global Geopark Bergstrasse-Odenwald
19. Exchange/networking visit from UNESCO Global Geopark Hongkong (China) at WHS Messel Pit in UNESCO Global Geopark Bergstrasse-Odenwald
20. Exchange/networking/cooperation visit from UNESCO Global Geopark Naturtejo (Intercultural peony project) in cooperation with UNESCO WHS Abbey Lorsch (Germany) and WHS Messel Pit at UNESCO World Heritage Day and World Environment Day at Geopark Entrance Gate Messel Pit
21. Exchange/networking visit with UNESCO WHS Abbey Lorsch (Germany) at UNESCO WHS St. Johann (Switzerland) at Biosfera market UNESCO MAB Val Müstair (Switzerland) in the frame of UNESCO World Heritage Day in Switzerland
22. Preparations for cooperation project with other Geoparks and WHS in EU-funding programme HORIZON 2020 coordinated by University of Bologna
23. EGN Week 2017 with more than 80 single events
24. Lecturer in the frame of the 1st UNESCO Summer University, UNESCO Chair on Geoparks, Sustainable Development and Healthy lifestyle, Vila Real (Portugal)
25. Revalidation expert mission to UGG Sardinia

Activity by Partners

26. Participation and planning of new projects within the regularly meetings of the 4 LEADER-working groups for the new funding period 2014-2020: LAG Darmstadt-Dieburg, LAG Odenwald, LAG Neckartal-Odenwald, LAG Main4Eck > planning of cooperation project on regional castles
27. Visitor mine “Marie”: winner of the award “Landscape on the move - Metropolitan Region Rhine-Neckar” and major achievements towards visitor service and light system
28. “Global Nomadic Arts Project” in cooperation with the International Forest Art Association: 2 week land art symposium with 20 artists in the Geopark territory, followed by a 4 week exhibition and 3 exhibitions in Geopark information facilities to be prepared for 2018
29. Cooperation contract with the University of Darmstadt – Journalism Faculty: Nature writing, student seminars and exchange of best practice

BOHEMIAN PARADISE GEOPARK, CZECH REPUBLIC

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Excursions and fieldtrips for visitors from the whole world (March – September 2017).
2. 4th conference on National geoparks of Czech Republic Nová Paka 24. – 26. 5. 2017. Convention of representatives of all national geoparks of Czech Republic, scientists and other specialists, under patronage of Czech Ministry of Environment, Senate of Parliament of Czech republic and local governments.
3. Summer camp for kids interested in geology and mineralogy (July, August 2017).
4. Oral presentations about our Geopark at numerous schools, universities, institutes and civil organisations, (March–September 2017).
5. Preparations of two new urban geo-trails in city of Turnov focused on sandstones and hydrology, (July, August 2017).
6. “Quiet castle Rotštejn” – project of making accessible the rock castle Rotštejn for hearing-impaired, pilot action of greater project dealing with the accessibility of Bohemian Paradise Geopark for hearing-impaired (April - June 2017)
7. “Convention of museum geologists of Czech and Slovak Republic” – three days of fieldtrips and presentations in Bohemian Paradise (April 2017)
8. Student internships (March – September 2017)
9. EGN week – preparation and realization (May – June 2017).
10. New strategic partnership with newly opened Information centre “Trosky” (July, August 2017)
11. Several events mostly focused on kids and families – presentation of geopark using educative games and other playful tools (May- September 2017)
12. Upgrade of existing geotrail “Dneboh – Mužský” (March – May 2017)
13. Preparations of 10 new information panels in Prachov rock town area (April – September 2017)
14. Preparations of new information infrastructure around the Crater of Prackov (April 2017)
15. New information panel at “Čížovka” lookout tower (August 2017)

Networking

16. Participation in 39th European Geoparks Meeting, Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland, (March 2017).
17. Realization of project “Valorisation of geo-heritage for sustainable and innovative tourism development of Danube Geoparks” – 11 partners from whole Europe including 9 geoparks and GGN (March – September 2017)

18. Participation in 14th European Geoparks Conference 2017, Azores Geopark, Portugal (September 2017)
19. Martina Páskova's work for EGN, GGN, UNESCO. (March - September 2017)
20. Preparations of study visit from Zhangjiajie UNESCO Global Geopark, China (July – September 2017)

Activity by Partners

21. New information leaflets and materials published by strategic partner organizations. (March – September 2017)
22. Detailed geological mapping of Bohemian Paradise geopark continues under leading of geopark strategic partner Czech Geological Survey. (March – September 2017)
23. New regional products certified, new catalogue of these products published (March 2017)
24. Kids contest “Bohemian Paradise for children” – game focused on fairy tales and legends of Bohemian Paradise (May 2017)
25. Updates of “Regional guest Card” – more than 50 subjects are now involved in this interesting project (March – September 2017)

BURREN AND CLIFFS OF MOHER GEOPARK, IRELAND

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. European Atlantic Geoparks Route: Along with 13 of our European partners we have successfully applied to the EU Interreg Atlantic Area Programme for funding to promote sustainable tourism between and across Geoparks and aspiring Geoparks along the Atlantic Area.
2. The GeoparkLIFE-funded Integrated Catchment Management Project, Uisce Aille was named as joint winner of Senior Water Award at the ECO UNESCO Young Environmentalist Awards in June this year. The awards honour Ireland's greenest teens for their innovative environmental projects.
3. Through the GeoparkLIFE project we have invested in 3D laser imaging surveys of An Cabhail Mhór and Carran church. The surveys will provide highly detailed images of the structures allowing us to view the fine details of the buildings. The results of the surveys will be available on the Geopark website as part of our data sharing practice.
4. New Geosites and signage developed for Caherconnell Stone Fort, Doolin Cave and Aillwee Cave.
5. This year we released the third edition of our Geopark guide book; 'Stone, Water and Ice – A geology trip through the Burren' The new publication has 132 pages and includes descriptions of new Geosites, a fossil guide and business partners.
6. The 3rd International Burren Geology Field School at Caherconnell took place in June. The 14 day field school is a collaboration between the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Caherconnell Fort, the Earth and Ocean Sciences Dept of NUI Galway and this year the Geological Survey of Ireland.
7. This Heritage Week, (19th-27th August) will see the launch of four additional heritage trails to the existing Geopark Heritage Trail series. The new trails at Fanore, Doolin, Kilnaboy and Carron will bring the total number of Heritage Trails in the Geopark to nine.
8. EGN Week 2017: A series of outdoor events in collaboration with the National Park and Wildlife Service, the Burren Outdoor Education Centre and the Irish Fieldschool of Prehistoric Archaeology.
9. 'Ask me about the Geopark' information presentation by the Geopark geologist for the guides and staff of Aillwee Cave.
10. Issue 5 of Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark Newsletter published and available online; <http://www.burrengeopark.ie/the-organisation/newsletter/>
11. We continue to promote the Geopark on social media: Facebook up to 3,900 likes and Twitter up to 3,000 followers. Website updates continue.
12. Fieldtrip for North Clare Historical Society on the Geology and Landscape of the area known as Rockforest.

13. New UNESCO-branded Geopark signage for Roads, Geosites and partner businesses installed.
14. Two videographers from the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) visited the Geopark in April to film the story of the Burren Ecotourism Network and the positive impact it has had on small businesses in the region.
15. Local, regional and national news and radio media coverage including prime time news slot for fossil shark tooth discovery in the Geopark.

Networking

16. Hosted the 39th European Geoparks Networking Meeting March 2017 in The Falls' Hotel Ennistymon. 68 European Geoparks were represented.
17. Published article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 14. p.29: 'National Geographic World Legacy Award'
18. Visit by Manager of Hong Kong Geopark, KM Yeung, to the Burren to develop stronger ties between our Geoparks and to learn from each other's experiences.

Activity by Partners

19. To recognise the work of partner businesses and their adoption of the Geopark Code of Practice for Sustainable tourism we have invested in plaques and signs that celebrate the care the businesses in the Burren Ecotourism Network show for their region.
20. Five new business members joined the Burren Ecotourism Network and completed the Geopark Code of Practice.
21. The Burren College of Art held a public seminar on 'Monuments, Memory and Perception of Place' which discussed the role of artists in offering new ways to look at our built and natural landscape. Included a presentation by the Geopark geologist.
22. The annual 'Slow Food Festival' was held in Lisdoonvarna, organised by members of the Burren Ecotourism Network.
23. The Burren Food Trail are promoting the Geopark food offering throughout the annual national traditional Irish music festival *Fleadh Cheoil*
24. The Burren LIFE (Farming for Conservation) programme won the Nature and Diversity category award following a public vote as part of EU LIFE celebrating 25 years of funding and supporting environmental, nature conservation and climate action projects through-out the EU.

CABO DE GATA-NIJAR GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March 2017–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Monitoring and environmental compliance control, support and collaboration in the organization of sport events: , and many more, including hiking, beach tennis, and fishing contests (more than 15 activities from march to september).
2. Collaboration and support in the organization at the installation of the outdoor museum “Rodalquilar” 2017, at the streets of Rodalquilar, which dressed the walls of the town with pieces of local artists (sculptures, paintings, poems....etc)
3. Authorization, monitoring and environmental compliance control to audiovisual producers interested in the shooting of movies, documentaries and commercials.
4. Authorization, monitoring and environmental compliance control to Universities and Research Centres: The Geopark manages all the administrative permits to national, EU and outside EU universities and Research Centres for their field trips and research projects activities. The Geopark also provides assistance and guidance.
5. Guided visits addressed to schools under the Regional Programmes “ALDEA” and “ECOCAMPUS” at the House of the Volcanos. With explanations about the geology of the geopark.
6. Participation in local and regional media.March 2017 -September 2017
- 7.Organization of the “Cabo de Gata Swin Project” in collaboration with Mojate por la Vida, and non profit organization for Fight against Cancer and research. August 2017.
- 8.Elaboration of the new Geosites map of the geopark, including all the geotrails, geosites, information points, view points and visitors centers. Free at the Information Points inside the geopark.March–September 2017.
- 9.Renovation of all the geological interpretative panels of the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Geopark .March- September 2017.
- 10.Organization of the workshop about Artisanal fishing inside the Geopark in collaboration with the association Pescartes.May-June 2017

Networking

9. Participation in EGN Working Groups, and the release of the ebook Volcanic Geoparks, by the Volcanic Geoparks working group.
- 10.Andalusian Geoparks coordination and collaboration: with Subbéticas Geopark and Sierra Norte de Seville Geopark.
- 11.Constant coordination and collaboration between the Spanish geopark network.

12. Participation in the 34rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.

13. Organisation of the XI EGN Week 2017 at Cabo de Gata-Níjar UNESCO Global Geopark.

14. Collab sent for the next EGN newsletter, about the rise of Scientific tourism here in Cabo de Gata Níjar UNESCO Global Geopark

15. Collab with all the Spanish Geoparks to the newsletter article for the next GGN newsletter.

16. Cabo de Gata-Níjar Revalidation Mission : After received a green card in 2013, Cabo de Gata-Níjar Geopark host the revalidation mission for the geopark.

Activity by Partners

15. Collaboration with the Local Government of Níjar in the edition of diverse dissemination materials as brochures, triptychs , posters of diverse nature.(March-September 2017.)

16. Support to the Clean Ocean Project Association in the volunteering activities carried out in the Cabo de Gata-Níjar Coastal Area.(March- September 2017.)

17. Geotours and workshops of our Geopark Partners (March- September 2017.).

18. Coordination, monitoring , evaluation, implementation and development of the LIFE AdaptaMED project. (March- September 2017.)

19. Collaboration with the Barcelona University and the Geological Survey of Spain (IGME) with its investigation about the Carboneras Fault and Seismic Hazard and Risk monitoring. August 2017

20. Colaboration with Níjar Council in the organization of the Night of the Candles at Rodalquilar. August 2017

21. Collaboration and organization of the Classics in the park classical music festival at

CARNIC ALPS GEOPARK, AUSTRIA

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Revision of world famous Cellon Section (Silurian Conodont Zonation revised in 2017)
2. Revision of Grüne Schneid Section (International significant Devonian/Carboniferous boundary defined on conodonts, trilobites, ammonoids as the main candidate to replace the old type section in Montagne Noire, southern France)
3. Revision of Rauchkofel Boden Section (World famous Silurian fossil occurrences – conodonts, trilobites, bivalves, cephalopods etc.)
4. Extraordinary occurrences of early saurian (Permian) tracks excavated at Laas in 2017
5. Renovation of panels of 4 old Geotrails in a modern appealing design with trilingual explanations and new photos replacing old drawings
6. New trilingual folders and booklets addressing visitors, tourists and mountaineers
7. Revision of Geotrail Plöckenpass as an interdisciplinary approach including Friends of Dolomites for World War I, Alpinism in the Carnic Alps and geological significance of the Carnic Alps
8. Start of EU cross-border projects with Italy for new Geotrails, joint exhibitions and exchange of collections
9. Outdoor presentation of exceptional rocks of the Geopark
10. Donations of additional huge fossil-bearing rocks
11. Expanded cooperation with Geopark communities, tourists board and local enterprises
12. Enhanced visibility and publicity of the Geopark through many newspaper reports, interviews and TV shows of high ratings in Austria and Germany
13. Regular lectures, education programmes and outdoor guidance including international and national field trips
14. Several scientific reports published in renowned international journals about new results in biostratigraphy and geochemistry in the Geopark area (conodonts, plants, trace fossils, micrometeorites)
15. Approach of Province of Carinthia for long-term financing of the Geopark.

Networking including Geopark Week 2017

16. Participation in the 39 EGN meeting at Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland, March 2017
17. Cooperation agreements (MoU) with different regional associations fostering soft tourism
18. The Italian Carnic Alps and its forgotten villages - guided tour
19. The Garnitzenklamm and its geology - guided tour
20. Lecture program at the Alpen-Adria-University of Klagenfurt “The Geology of the Carnic Alps”.

Activity by Partners

21. Cooperation and exchange between all 4 Austrian Geoparks with publication of a joint book in German (published in early 2017) and English (planned for autumn 2017)
22. Final editing of a book dealing with geology along the long-distance hiking trail in the western Carnic Alps to be published in autumn 2017
23. Exchange of expertise between the Geopark Carnic Alps and the national Geopark Westerwald-Lahn-Taunus (Germany)
24. Successful excavation of more than 20 different Lower Permian saurian traces by professionals from Germany (Dr. S. Voigt, Urveltmuseum Geoskop) and volunteers from the Geopark and surrounding areas. For example, from the tetrapod genus *Amphisauropus* more than 300 tracks were discovered.

CHABLAIS GEOPARK, FRANCE

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Public talk to the “Mycological Society”: Presentation of a key project in the Luberon, Mont d’Ardèche, Bauges and Chablais UNESCO Global Geoparks. (S Justice) : 6/3
2. Development in partnership with the Abondance Abbey of a new fun family product : “In search of stones” (S Justice, T Sarre) : March – June
3. Working with the Lycée de la Versoie to establish a new cooperation project with the Val Seisa Grande UNESCO Global Geopark based on an ERASMUS program (S Justice) : March – June
4. Participation in a tourism working group with the Savoie Mont Blanc Tourist Agency “ National Parks and Naturel Spaces” (A Giroux, S Justice) : March – June
5. Meeting of the Chablais UGG scientific advisory committee. Establishment of the scientific advisory committee statutes. (S Justice, A Giroux), 31/3.
6. Member of a working group to redevelop the Pré Curieux; A centre for the discovery of wetlands in association with RAMSAR, Evian Mineral Water, Evian ... (S Justice), March –
7. Participation in a UNESCO Neolithic stilt village working group with the national archaeology departments and Savoie Mont Blanc Tourist Agency (S Justice) : March – June
8. Teaching in the Geopark partner 6th form college : Chemistry experiments linked to the geological heritage of the Chablais (Gypsum and the Plasterworks). (S Justice) 10-11/4
9. Organisation of free public events for the “Rendez-vous du Geopark” 6/5 to 24/9, half day and full day geosite linked activities. Organised with the local public bodies and the Geopark guides. (A Giroux) : March -
10. Establishment of a partnership with the Douvaine secondary school, A UNESCO associated school that has commuted to a sustainable development agenda. (T Sarre, S Justice) – June
11. Participation in the Masters project investigating the origin and functioning of the “La Beuaz Lake” and nearby lakes with Danone (Evian Mineral Water). (S Justice) : March – July
12. Examination of sociaux-economic professionals who participated in the Geopark training course to become a Geopark “Guide”. (S Justice) 5/5
13. Organisation of an advanced training course for Geopark guides “Soils”. (S Justice) : 11-12/5
14. Meetings with local associations and Geopark guides to encourage and accompany the development of new Geopark products as part of the LEADER “Forest” program in the territory. (A Giroux, S Justice) : March -
15. All day workshops in the science fair for the local schools in the Evian administrative region (T Sarre, S Justice) : 19/5
16. Public talk for EcoMuseum of the Lake Léman and Fishing, Thonon “The Secrets of Lake Léman” (S Justice), 20/5
17. All day workshops for the La Versoie 6th form college as part of the Sustainable Development Day (T Sarre, S Justice) : 30/5
18. Delivery of a year long educational project with the education authority coordinator for the schools of the Thonon administrative region. (T Sarre) : June

19. Participation in a multisectorial working group to promote the French Alpine lakes, (A Giroux) : 13/6
20. Publication of the Geopark Chablais Newsletter (T Sarre) : Avril
21. Renewal of the Geopark Working Group composed of territorial councillors, including Regional and Departmental councillors : 7/7
22. Fieldwork : Exploration of a geosite with the Conservatoire Botanique National Alpin; Scientific experiments on a number of sources in Essert Romand, a potential geosite; Field visits to 2 potential geosites. (S Justice) : July
23. Development of a valorisation plan for the sites of the Georoute with local stakeholders (A Giroux, S Justice) : May –
24. Fete du Geopark in association with the Festival of Sport and Nature at the Les Plagnes Lake, a geosite in Abondance (A Giroux, S Justice, T Sarre) : 30/7
25. Development of a year long educational project with the education authority coordinator for the schools of the Evian administrative region : August –
26. Preparation of geological documents for school field centres (Geopark Partners) for a promotion to universities (S Justice) - Aug

Networking

27. Participation in the EGN Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher UGG (S Justice, JF Baud) : 22/3 – 25/3
28. Participation in a meeting of the Comité National des Géoparc Français (CNGF) in the Monts d'Ardèche UGG : 6/4
29. Participation in the annual meetings of Géole in the Monts d'Ardèche, presentation of the Treasure Hunt on Skis in the Geopark. 7/4-9/4
30. Participation in the General Assembly of the Comité National des Géoparc Français (CNGF) in Valance, (S Justice, JF Baud) : 8/6
31. Translation of the brochure of the CNGF, the French UNESCO Global Geoparks, into English : July

Activity by Partners

32. Exhibition on evolution at “La Turbine” a discovery centre for Culture, Technology and Industry, Annecy : Contribution by the Chablais Geopark – fossils and rock samples from the territory (T Sarre) : March –
33. Working with Eurcasia to organise a visit and conference between the Irkutsk Region in Russia and the Chablais Geopark in May 2018. (S Justice) : March –
34. Tour du Lac Léman. A Nordique walking festival around lake Léman. Geopark Guides : 24-27/4
35. Collaboration with the University of Lausanne to assist a Tunisian region to develop an aspiring UGG. (S Justice). June –
36. Public talk “The Geology of the Chablais”. R Siffointe (retired professor of Geology). Abondance 18/7

CHELMOS - VOURAIKOS Geopark, GREECE

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Active presence in social media: Facebook
2. Educational tour of the Environmental Team of the 1st Vocational High School of Ymittos in Chelmos- Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark and visit of the Primary School of Klitoria to the Information Centre of the Management Body. *April 2017*
3. Participation of the Management Body of Chelmos-Vouraikos at events of "En Syrmo 2017- The art train". *May 2017*
4. Guided Tour of a studentgroup of the *Athens School of Fine Arts*, in the Gorge of Vouraikos River by Diakofto – Kalavryta Rack Railway, and the creation of works of art inspired by the Gorge of Vouraikos and presentation of them in a special exhibition. *May 2017*
5. Participation of the Management Body of Chelmos-Vouraikos in the 1st«PatrasScienceFestival» with presentations, laboratories and distribution of informative material to adults and children. *May 2017*
6. Downhill of Vouraikos Gorge took place in the contextof acts of the “Green University” of Patras and the Environmental Voluntary Group with the support and continuous guidance by theScientific Staff of the Management Body ofChelmos-Vouraikos. On the same day, at the infrastructure of the Management Body, informative presentations took place about important flora species and geodiversity of the region of Chelmos-Vouraikos National Park and UNESCO Global Geopark. *May 2017*
7. In the framework of the celebration of the “European Day of Parks”, Scientific Staff the Management Body of Chelmos-Vouraikos presented important elements of Chelmos - Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark on a show on the local TV channel "IONIAN CHANNEL". *May 2017*
8. Visits of primary and secondary schools from all over Greece in the context of environmental education and for the celebration of the World Environment Day. *June 2017*
9. Guided Visit of a student group of the Department of Geology of the University of Patras to lignite areas. *July 2017*

Networking

10. Participation in the 40th European Geoparks Network Meeting, in the Azores UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal. *September 2017*

Activity by Partners

11. Participation in a joint exhibition with all Greek Geoparks about Geotourism during the 14th European Geoparks Conference 2017. Place: Azores Geopark, Portugal. *September 2017*

CILENTO, VALLO DI DIANO AND ALBURNI UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

During last six months Cilento and Vallo di Diano UNESCO Global 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 39th EGN CC meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, March 2017
2. The staff of Geopark has organized the EGN Week
3. Participation to the meeting of Italian UNESCO Global Geoparks with Accademia dei Lincei Roma maggio 2017
4. Submission of one paper for the 14th European conference of UNESCO Global Geoparks in Azores on September 2017.
5. Participation to the mission of validation Beaujolais aspiring Geopark
6. Coordination of National Committee of Italian UNESCO Global geopark
7. Support the Italian aspiring Geopark
8. Cooperation with Pollino UNESCO Global Geopark for sustainable tourism

Geopark activities

1. Activity with university of Salerno: stages and thesis for university student to promote and protection of geosites
2. Realizing and Printed some panels that explain the Egn on geological evolution of Cilento and Vallo di Diano Geopark in the new Center of Geopark.
3. Participation in national programs television were we speak about the Cilento, Vallo di Diano and Alburni Geopark and the EGN-GGN
4. Tour with the university students on the geosites
5. The National Park-Geopark has 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)
6. The Cilento and Vallo di Diano Geopark has opened a new exhibition of geodiversity and biodiversity in Vallo della Lucania.
7. New project for valorisation and promotion of natural end geological heritage to obtaining funding from Campania Region
8. Installation of 76 cameras for control of geopark territory against fires and destruction of geological assets

Activity by Partners

9. The National Park-Geopark has organized, in august the "Hydro-geomorphological summer school, in collaboration with University of Naples and Salerno, the regional Council of Geologists council of Engineering of Salerno province
10. Participation for European project with national and international partners
11. We are realizing with Italian University research project on biodiversity and geodiversity

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COPPER COAST GEOPARK, IRELAND

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Presentation about the Geopark and Geology to the staff of Early Years education centre and the potential for geo education in early years, March 2017.
2. Numerous articles on the Geopark, both in print and online, in local and national media, March–September 2017.
3. Beginning of “Earth Sense” early years geosciences education program with field trips and lectures with Early years educators April 2017
4. Participation in Bealtaine outdoor science festival in conjunction with local institute of technology with five events run by the Copper Coast Geopark, April 2017.
5. Production of new interpretation panels for geosites through a successful national grant application. May 2017
6. Production of draft Geopark heritage cycle routes for 2017, May
7. Geological walk held at launch of large regional tourist attraction; “Waterford Greenway”, March 2017
8. Participation in local Comeragh wilds festival with biodiversity walk from local Geopark guide as well Geopark concert, March 2017
9. Facilitated meeting of local stakeholders “Copper Coast Forum” in the Geopark visitor Centre, April 2017
10. Production of new geo heritage exhibits for visitor centre through successful national grant application, March to September
11. Launch of new Geopark website and ongoing work on same, March to September 2017
12. Participation in Atlantic Geoparks Interreg project activities, June
13. Held “Copper Coast Rocks” Geopark music concert with local musicians and sustainable food providers, May
14. Developed, co-ordinated and facilitated 21no. events for EGN week 2017, May to June
15. Hosted and guided a field trip visit from Texas State university, July
16. Hosted and guided a field trip from the Irish Geological Association, June

Networking

17. Participation in the 39th EGN CC meeting in the Burren Geopark, March
18. Publishing one article in the European Geoparks Magazine, issue 11, March
19. Wrote article for EGN Geopark newsletter no.9, June
20. Attended the “Intensive Course on Geoparks 2017 “UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism Development”, on Lesvos Island, June

21. Attendance and collaboration in the beginning of Atlantic Area Interreg project “Atlantic Geoparks” which is run along with 11 other European partners. Travelled to Villa Reale in Portugal for project meeting, June/July 2017
22. Organisation and local and national promotion of the EGN Week 2017: Heritage events, geological tours, ecological tours and local heritage events as the “Copper Coast Festival”

Activity by Partners

23. Collaborating with other Irish Geoparks; Burren Geopark and Marble Arch Geoparks in common development and marketing. March to September 2017

EL HIERRO GEOPARK, CANARY ISLANDS - SPAIN

Progress Report, March – September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Promoting the Geopark in touristic fairs, DIVE TRAVEL SHOW (Madrid, 4-5 march), SALON MAP (París, 16-20 march), SEVATUR (San Sebastian, Spain, 4-5 march), ITB (Berlin, German, 8-12 march), B TRAVEL (Barcelona, Spain, 7-9 april), TOURNATUR, sustainable development fair (Düsseldorf, German, September), UNIBIKE (Madrid, September).
2. Celebration of the Second Open Online Fotosub El Hierro, images and videos Competition on line. Organiced by the CAbildo Insular de El Hierro (First winner, March 2017).
3. Presentation of informative talks in the associations of entrepreneurs and educational centers "*The Geopark as a tool for the promotion of ecotourism*", on the occasion of Europe Day (May 9).
4. Celebration of the Sustainability Festival "*La Raya Azul*", Show fusion of culture and environmental education for sustainable tourism. Festival on the occasion of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development, promoted by United Nations, IYS-2017. (May 17).
5. Presentation of the "Tourism Promotion Plan of El Hierro", a plan based on different ecotourism promotion campaigns, as well as the practice of hiking, diving and paragliding.
6. Public presentation of The European Geoparks Week 2017 (May 17).
7. Public Presentation of The Geolodía 2017, organized by the Cabildo Insular de El Hierro. The only marine route in Spain "A look inside the volcanic cones: the cliffs of El Hierro". (5 May).
8. Path "Geology and birdlife on the coast of El Hierro Geopark", by The Ocean Brothers.
9. Talk: "The evolution of the seabed of the Geopark El Hierro" by the Ocean Brothers.
10. Snorkel + Kayak beginner course transparent. In El Tamaduste (Geozona marina GZH-10 - Eastern Marine Geozone).
11. Celebration Open day of the Geological Interpretation Centers and the Geopark, and the Center for Volcanological Interpretation on the occasion of the International Day of Museums and the European Geoparks Week 2017 (27 May).
12. Concert "LA RAYA AZUL", with artists from different musical genres of the Canary Islands. (May).
13. Multimedia show: music, poetry and video images in nature.

14. Celebration of the Meeting of Hiking, VI Regional Meeting of Hiking and the IV Insular Meeting (19-21 May).
15. Educational seminar on marine litter, by *the Canary Islands Sustainable and Green Association*.
16. Celebration Second "Weekend Geopark El Hierro" Geological and Ethnographic Route in the El Julan gravitational slide, in charge of the geoscientist Ramón Casillas (6 June).

Networking

17. 39th EGN Meeting – Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark. Participation of El Hierro Geopark. (23-24 March).
18. Participation in the Meeting of the Spanish National Committee of Geoparks (28 June).
19. Co-development of the project "*Young ambassadors of the Geopark*", between the Geoparks of Molina de Aragón and Alto Tajo, and El Hierro.
20. Participation in the working group for the edition of the Volcanic Geoparks e-book.

Activity by Partners

21. Presentation of the "III Fototrek Isla de El Hierro, SENDEROS 2017", a photograph contest and hiking in emblematic places of the Geopark. Organized by La Frontera Municipality (Partner) and the collaboration of The Cabildo Insular de El Hierro, (March).
22. Celebration of World Environment Day, 100 hours of clean and renewable energy generated by the Hydroelectric Power Plant of El Hierro by de Insular Company Gorona del Viento El Hierro (Partner). (5 June).
23. Four year of "educational geological Routes" for groups of local students and visitors, conducted by company personnel Insular Public Service El Meridiano (Geopark partner). More than 200 participants from March 2017 to September 2017.
24. Coorganization with El Pinar Municipality (Partner) The MAGMA BIKE MARATON 2017, MTB race in a natural setting of lava, laurel, pine forest and meadows of El Hierro, (8 april), 500 participants.
25. Celebration XXIII International Paragliding Meeting El Hierro Island. Organiced by Insular Council of El Hierro and La Frontera Municipality (Partner), (29 april – 1 may), 120 participants.

ENGLISH RIVIERA GEOPARK, UK

Progress Report, March - September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. As a legacy of the 7th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks a short documentary film and learning pack has been compiled and published on the Geopark website to record Earth Echoes the opening ceremony performance. The resources plus music, script, score and project evaluation report against the conference theme of *Health and Wellbeing through Creative and Active Engagement* has created a wonderful resource for Geoparks, schools and community groups. This wonderful legacy allows access to best practise for those seeking to engage with local communities and volunteers around a common creative purpose. It will be of great benefit to organisations, around the world interested in replicating any type of community engagement activity.
2. Geopark Ambassador Handbook revised to better support the Geopark. Ambassador volunteers in their role and now provides a text book type resource that the Ambassadors can use both as a reference point and to show members of the public.
3. Geopark Ambassador training session held April 2017.
4. Preparation and organisation of the 10th Geopark festival week 2017 – May half term.
5. Geopark Ambassadors ran pop-up Geopark information stands at partner sites during the Geopark Festival.
6. Geopark Management Plan under review.
7. Geopark Apprentice Jessica Dimond term successfully completed her apprenticeship with NVQ qualification and will remain to provide Geopark admin support for a further 6 months.
8. Planning for installation of 2nd large logo'd welcome sign at the main entrance to the Geopark underway.
9. Social media remains active with @RivieraGeopark having 3968 followers on twitter and our facebook page has 973 Likes.
10. Ongoing liaison with the Paignton Community Partnership regarding the Paignton Geoplay Park in particular related maintenance which is now being funded by the onsite refreshment kiosk.

Networking

11. Melanie Border participation in GGN Executive Board monthly Skype meetings.
12. Participation of Melanie Border and Nick Powe in the 39th European Geoparks Network AC and Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher, March 2017.
13. Co-organising the UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geopark Committee meeting at North Pennines – May 2017.
14. Nick Powe participation in UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks meeting 23 and 24 May 2017.

15. Agreement of Friendly Exchange and Cooperation signed between the English Riviera UGG and Tianzhushan UGG during an visit to the area in June.
16. Information on the English Riviera UGG and UGG's given to John Glen, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Arts, Heritage and Tourism during his visit to the area on 14 August.
17. Abstract submitted and accepted for presentation at the 14th European Geoparks Conference.
18. Article submitted for inclusion in GGN Newsletter 2017 issue 2.
19. Articles submitted to both the EGN and GGN website.
20. As previous host of the 7th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks the English Riviera is providing advice and support to Adamello Brenta who will host the conference in 2018.

Activity by partners

21. Doorstep Arts (key partner in Earth Echoes) successfully granted Arts Council England National Portfolio status which means that they will be funded annually to provide creative support to the Geopark and other local organisations.
22. Geopark partners successful delivery of eighteen events during the 10th Geopark Festival week including, amongst others the Paignton Geoplay Park 5th Birthday Party, the 7th Global Communication Weekend, Street art fossils, a Special Geopark Cruise and wonderful performance of Alice in Wonderland underground in Kents Cavern.
23. Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust agreement to review the Nature of Torbay document which acts as the main local biodiversity and Geodiversity action plan.
24. Geopark featured in the official 2017 destination guide.
25. Exeter University research to generate a data set to show proof of concept of the utility of exposure dating to provide long term baseline rocky coast erosion rates to enter phase two led by Masters student Vicky Naylor.
26. Brixham Heritage Museum has initiated research at Berry Head National Nature Reserve. Led by Dr Philip Armitage a team of volunteers are working to map the distribution of prehistoric flint knapping activity at the edge of Berry Head Common.
27. Further research by Dr Armitage has revealed that the discoveries made in Ash Hole Cave, Brixham by Rev Lyte & George Bartlett in 1829 – 1841 are in fact now held in the Natural History Museum, London. The collection includes two reindeer skulls important to the history of palaeontology as these were the first ever found that indicated this animal had once inhabited Britain.
28. After initial reports of vital maintenance work surrounding the entrance to the Coleman's Maze cave in Brixham, a team of cave specialists working on behalf of Grimes Partnership, Devon and Cornwall Underground Council and the Geopark worked in partnership with Torbay Council and MTA Chartered Architects to consult on the cave in order to promote the conservation of both this geology and ecologically important site within the Geopark. As a consequence of this the proposed works to the area were altered to factor in the cave site and to further protect it.

FFOREST FAWR UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, WALES, UK

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Training course focused on the upper Swansea Valley for the South Wales Outdoor Activities Providers the representative organisation for all providers of Outdoor Adventurous Activities in south Wales.
2. Training course for Fforest Fawr Geopark's Local Ambassadors.
3. Legends of the West, a training walk for local businesses at Penderyn and Dinas Rock.
4. Legends in Limestone, a training course for local businesses centred on Abercraf Village.
5. A training course for outdoor activity providers at the Story Arms Centre.
6. Waterfall Country volunteers training, Ystradfellte

Walks and events for the general public

7. Up & Down the Nedd Fechan walk, centred on Ystradfellte this walk in the Waterfall Country includes the relationship between the geology, industrial and natural history.
8. Lines in the Landscape walk, focused on the Coelbren area.
9. Prehistoric Rock Art on Doorstep, a talk presented at Pontsticill by a member of the Glamorgan-Gwent Archaeological Trust.
10. Rocky Ravines, a walk in the Brynaman area focused on the geology and landscape.
11. Penderyn: Sgwd yr Eira Circuit walk, Penderyn. Focused on the geology and landscape of the Waterfalls Area.
12. River & Ridge Revisited, a walk focused on the geology and landscape of the Abercraf area.
13. Cadlan's Cairns walk, introduces the geology and Bronze Age field monuments in the Penderyn area.
14. Carreg Cennen to Garreg Las walk.
15. A family activity day, in Craig-y-nos Country Park.

16. Three Summits, Seven Stones walk, Craig-y-nos Country Park.
17. Wildlife with a View walk, Craig-y-nos together with the Breconshire Wildlife Trust.
18. A Walk with the National Trust in Central Brecon Beacons.
19. Circuit of Circles walk, in the Black Mountain area.
20. *Party in the Park*, Craig-y-nos Country Park included elements of the Geopark in the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Brecon Beacons National Park.

New interpretive materials

20. Installation of an orientation panel by Pontneddfechan toilet block and another panel at the beginning of the Elidir Trail (Sgwd Gwladus walk), Pontneddfechan.
21. Contributing to the development of geomorphological interpretation with Univ of Aberystwyth, Devil's Bridge.

Research and publication

22. *The structural Geology of the Cribarth and Dinas Rock Geosites: A collaborative project involving the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University and Fforest Fawr Geopark.*
23. Ramsay, Tony. Fforest Fawr Geopark – a UNESCO Global Geopark distinguished by its geological, industrial and cultural heritage. The Old Red Sandstone, Proceedings of the Geological Association, Special Publication. *Proceedings of the Geologists' Association, vol. 128, Issue 3, June 2017, pages 500 -509.*

Education

24. Delivery of a glacial legacy module to Maeydderwen School.

Networking

25. Interreg start-up meeting at Vila Real, Portugal.
26. Editing and contributing the EGN Newsletter, 2017.
27. Contributed to the 39th EGN Coordination Committee Meeting Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark 23-24 March, 2017

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GEA NORWEGICA GEOPARK, NORWAY

Progress Report, March – September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Opening new digital and physical exhibition in the visitor centre.
2. Regular events for schools on topics related to geodiversity and biodiversity, culture and history.
3. Education program for university college students on/at the volcanic area of Fen
4. Free guided tours in the season from Mai to August. 900 people attended the guided tours
5. Working with and realization of “national park project” inside the Geopark. Opening of the national park Jomfruland – Stråholmen in August.
6. Developed new and updated geological map of the geopark together with the Norwegian Geological survey
7. New information signs on localities and updating panels with new logo.
8. Interviews in local and national radio and newspapers on different topics.
9. Started a new project “new updated and more interactive website”

Networking

10. Participation in the European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark
11. The manager gave lectures at intensive course on Lesvos and participated in GGN ExB meeting.
12. Four revalidations/evaluation; In China, Spain, Austria/Slovenia and Italy.
13. Manager: several Skype meetings with GGN ExB

Activity by Partners

Partnership with hotels, special offers for geopark tourists.

Cultural events by partners

GEOMON GEOPARK, WALES, UK

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. We enlisted another professor from Chester to lead on education, an ex-UK government Press Officer to take this on for us, a new research member from the University to join us on research projects and a volunteers and grant person.
2. Interviews and articles on the Geopark in the national and regional media. MW spokesperson on BBC Radio Wales current events programmes relating to Environment and infrastructure.
3. Guided geotours, carried out by GeoMon's geoguides on coastal Anglesey and fortnightly over Summer in Cadnant Gardens. Geology societies and Universities/Colleges courses 1 and 3 day.
4. Talks to all groups doing field tours.
5. We enlisted another professor from Chester to lead on education, an ex-UK government Press Officer to take this on for us, a new research member from the University to join us on research projects and a volunteers and grant person.
6. The Board now meets in The Marine Science Centre, Bangor University and other meetings are held in the Isle of Anglesey, County Council offices
7. We have formalised 2 advisors (Ambassadors) to the Board who work closely with us, one from the government advisory Board on conservation, forestry and the environment agency (now called NRW) who in addition does most of our interpretation projects and the other who started the successful Red Squirrel organization in Wales..
8. Our book 'Footsteps through Time' printed second edition.
9. Geokayaking courses all summer with Anglesey schools.
10. Setting up research project in Newborough Forest and clearance of forest geotrail.
11. Organising forthcoming 4 yearly revalidation.
12. Carrying out 4 day revalidation.
13. Attending and presentation at the Bryn Celli Ddu solstice day Fair.
14. Attending and display at 2 Food festivals in Anglesey with the food group.
15. Display at the Cheshire Show and Anglesey Show with the Anglesey Tourism Association.
16. Display and participation in 4 stands/events at the All Wales National Eisteddfod, 1, The Arts Council tent with collection of rocks. GeoMon advice and presentation of large rock display and talk on Geology and Archaeology link by CADW. Stand display in the Cwmdeithas Edward Llwyd tent (all in Welsh), roll up posters in the County Council and Science tents.
17. 7 new roll up posters produced and a new membership form printed with details of GeoMons activities.
18. Advising and negotiation to conserve RIGS site on position of new outfall at the Wylfa Nuclear power station.

Networking

19. Participation in the EGN and GGN meetings in September and March 2016 to 2017.

20. Participation in meetings Bilbao and Alta Douro meetings setting up an Atlantic Geoparks INTERREG programme.
21. Organisation, promotion of the EGN Week and participation : geotours, presentations, geokying with other environmental organisations e.g. The Wildlife Trust.
22. Discussions with Magox and Horizon re. the siting of new Power Station and GeoMon sites.
23. Discussions and arrangements with Cardiff and Bangor Universities research and a PH. D student who will be co-supervised by GeoMon.
24. Advisor to GeoMon appointed by the Welsh Governments 1st Minister to see relationship possibilities with other organisations.
25. Broadcasting live comments for BBC on national radio topical programmes.

Activity by Partners

26. Regular meetings with Anglesey Tourism Association to organise events.
27. Anglesey food Group events 4 times per year Food Slams and 2 festivals.
28. Partnering with Cardiff University to employ and co-supervise a Ph.D. student
29. Natural resources Wales monitoring all our geosites and working on the creation of a new geological SSSI in northern Anglesey at Cemaes Bay to include 1 GCR site and 4 RIGS into one large GCR site.
30. Horizon building new nuclear power station to replace the aging Magnox station.
31. CADW, the Welsh governments Archaeological dept. involving Geomon in its digs in northern Anglesey, the Bryn Celli Ddu celebrations and Eisteddfod exhibition..
32. Bangor University Science week including a geowalk.
33. Meetings to do joint working and events of Copper Kingdom. GeoMon and other Amlwch Port users.
34. AONB of which GeoMon is on the Joint Advisory Committee doing an HLF second stage grant for joint projects on Holy Island, Anglesey.

HAUTE PROVENCE UNESCO GEOPARK, FRANCE

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. March to September, organisation in Geopark municipalities, public meeting and conferences on the Geopark called "Parlons geopark" (Speaking about geopark)
2. Numerous interviews and articles on the Geopark in the regional media – also in TV news, March–September 2017.
3. Guided geotours and geopedagogic programmes, March–September 2017.
4. Animations around local heritage and Geopark organized in 7 schools from the Geopark territory, March–September 2017.
5. Conception, realisation and edition of a new Geopark map offering 5 discovery routes, 130 sites connected with the different heritage categories, as well as the localisation and contact of the Geopark partners (79). May-June 2017
6. Establishment of 12 new Geopark partnership conventions with local stakeholders mainly guest house and restaurants. June 2017
7. Conception, realisation and edition of a leaflet dedicated to the promotion of local products and producers partners of the Geopark. May-June 2017
8. Equipment and pedagogical panel for 3 new sites dedicated to natural hazard (landslides). March-July 2017
9. Realisation of drone videos related with local landscape and heritage on the Geopark municipalities (13) March-September 2017
10. Participation in the opening of new geological protected site (Les penitents des Mées) in cooperation with the Departmental council. June 2017
11. Participation in a new European program called "@venture géologique". March-September 2017
12. Creation of a new leaflet promoting Geopark discovery roads June-September 2017
13. Conception of a Geopark touch screen- phase 1- to be placed in Tourism offices located inside the Geopark
14. Participation in several local event (Fete des Monges, Fete de la randonnée, etc..) March-September 2017
15. Realisation and diffusion of new Geopark promotional material (textbooks, USP keys, T-shirt, bags, etc..)
16. Organising inside the Musee Promenade shop a specific place selling and promoting local products and producers partners of the Geopark. April-July 2017
17. Realisation of an information geopark panel in the entrance of Musee Promenade. March-April 2017

Networking

18. Participation in the 39rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, March 2017.

19. Participation in the South American and Caribbean workshop, Mexico. may 2017
20. Participation in the workshop "Geoparker", Geopark Villuercas, Spain. July 2017
21. Reception of 2 delegates from Ngorongoro-Lengai Aspring Geopark, Tanzania. May-June 2017
22. Travel of a Delegation from Haute Provence UNESCO geopark in the Ngorongoro-Lengai Aspring Geopark, Tanzania. May-June 2017
23. Participation in the day to day management of GGN association (secretariat, accounts, etc..). Monthly participation in the GGN Executive Board. March-September 2017
24. Participation in the Lesvos Intensive course, Lesvos (Greece). June 2017
25. Participation of the Geopark video journalist in ITB Berlin and realization of video cover.
26. Support activities to Famene-Ardenne Geopark (Belgium). March-July 2017
27. Organisation of a new partnership with UNESCO Geopark Quercy (France). March-September 2017
28. Participation in the CNGF (National Committee of French Geopark) activities. March-September 2017

Activity by Partners

29. Training day and Geotours on Geopark for the Geopark partners, March 2017.
30. Cooperation with local producers by receiving foreign television companies (Korea, USA,..), April-September 2017
31. Participation in "Lavender Fair" with Geopark partners and promotion of their activities. August 2017
32. Participation with the CAIRN, in the organisation of the opening ceremony of a new exhibition linked with sheep transhumance. Organisation of an open air cinema session. July 2017
33. Meetings, sessions and exchanges with the Natural National Geological Reserve of Haute Provence, Geopark partner

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK HARZ · BRAUNSCHWEIGER LAND · OSTFALEN, GERMANY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Publishing of a new Geopark map for tourists with the highlights of the Geopark, March 2017
2. Presentation of the reprint of a brochure with hiking tours in the Nature Park and UNESCO-Geopark with focus on botany, March 2017
3. Opening of the special dinosaur exhibition “Jurassic Harz” in Braunschweig, April – July 2017
4. Reprint of the Landmark leaflets No. 2 – Ottiliae Shaft, No. 4 – Brocken (German and English), No. 5 – Herzberg Castle, No. 6 – Poppenberg Tower (German and English), No. 7 – Kohnstein Hill (English), No. 8 – Wernigerode Castle, No. 9 – Rosstrappe, No. 10 – Auerberg Mountain, No. 12 – Hohe Linde mine dump, No. 13 – Baumann cave, No. 14 – Huysburg Monastery, No. 15 – Ballenstedt Castle, No. 16 – Sachsenstein and No. 19 – Bösenburg Castle, April – August 2017
5. Participation in the exhibition “25 years world heritage site – 25 years monument education” of the World Heritage Site Mine Rammelsberg Goslar, May 2017
6. Landmark-workshop in Koenigslutter, May 2017
7. New Geopark information sign at National Road near Baddeckenstedt, May 2017
8. Presentation of a new nature experience point on the Luther trail, May 2017
9. Geopark workshop/training course for employees working in the tourism sector, May 2017
10. Installation of two new information panels on the Luther trail, May 2017
11. Award of eight Geopark information centres, May 2017
12. Geopark workshop/training course for employees of the tourist information centre Harzgerode, June 2017
13. Award of five Geopark information points, June – August 2017
14. Replacement of two information panels at the Geopoints Outcrop “Long Wall” and Kohnstein Hill, June 2017
15. Replacement of an information panel at the Geopoint Mining trail Tilkerode, June 2017
16. Presentation of the new landmark leaflet “Ilse Mining” at Museum and Geopark Infocenter Peine, August 2017
17. Installation of four welcome signs on state roads

Networking

18. Participation in the 39th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland, March 2017
19. Meeting of the Geopark Advisory Committee in Quedlinburg, April 2017
20. Participation in the "Geotop 2017" Conference and attendance to the National Geopark Working Group Meeting at Goslar, May 2017
21. Common Fossil and Archaeological Finding information day at palaeon Schoeningen, May 2017
22. Revalidation of the Geopark, June 2017
23. Meeting with the representative of the aspiring "Quaternary Geopark - North Granada Valleys" (Spain) for experience exchange in Königslutter, July 2017

Activity by Partners

24. Guided tours on the Karst Hiking Trail on Sundays, April – August 2017
25. Ongoing Scientific Excavation by National State Museum of Natural History Braunschweig at "Geopoint Jurassic Sea Schandelah", June to September 2017
26. Scientific Excavation at Unicorn cave, August 2017
27. Geopark tours and events of several partners (Calendar of Events 2016)

THE HONDSRUG UNESCO GEOPARK, THE NETHERLANDS

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Publishing several news on the media (TV, radio, press), off and on line. Active presence in social networks: Facebook and on Twitter.
2. Working on our new website.
3. Guides, belonging to Hondsrug Geopark and to our partners National Park Drentsche Aa , Drents Landscape Foundation and the State Forestry Commission have offered guided walks to the public throughout the year.
4. Several presentations for groups like Rotary, Vrouwen van Nu, councils etc.
5. The Geopark promotion team is doing a good job. The team consists of volunteers who have actively promote regional activities at fairs and other events.
6. A monitoring system has been developed for the Hondsrug Geopark hotspots. The monitoring system will be used in the future in managing hotspots, with the aim of gaining new insights into management every two years. These will be matched with the property owners..
7. To make entrepreneurs Ambassadors of the Geopark we have started a project for entrepreneurs to use the special qualities of the region. In principle, it concerns a three-year project with an interim evaluation period after one year. This evaluation took place around April 1, 2017 and has a positive outcome. So decided is to continue. The project concentrates on the following components: Hostess, Guest Orientation and Hospitality; Making use of the region and ambassadorship; Cooperation and regional products.
8. The Geopark is working on the creation of a ninth storyline, 'Farmers on De Hondsrug'. In the Gorecht this has now been elaborated by the realization of the 'Noordlaren' hotspot. A hiking trail has been developed in and around the village, which is placed both in the app and on the website.
9. A route with popups has been realized in the North of the region. The goal is to involve residents and entrepreneurs at the Hondsrug Geopark and to strengthen the mutual network in the region. Various attractions along the route are available at special times. The pop up route was launched on May 24, 2017, and has 12 participating locations.
10. Huneweg: Together with Terra Vita Geopark and Naturpark Moor, a transnational project is being developed around the Huneweg. The aim is to combine the Existing Hunenweg with our long distance Hondsrug path.
11. Various parties, including the Province of Drenthe, the Recreation authority, Marketing Drenthe, Hunebedcentrum and Drouwenezand are involved in the Hunebedhighway concept. The central question is how the N34 can be a unique experience path. A road where the local resident is proud of and where the visitor to the area gets a special holiday feeling.

12. Along the roadside of the Hondsrug area, new area signs have been placed just before Easter. On the plates is the UNESCO logo shown. The road users immediately realize they are in a UNESCO area. In November 2015, all Geoparks in the world got a UNESCO status, including the Hondsrug area. From then on, the name is The Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark.

Networking

13. Participation in the 33rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.

14. From Monday 26 June to Thursday 29 June, the four-year visit of the evaluation committee of the Global Geoparks Network (GGN) took place. Richard Watson and Nire Kagaya were charged with carrying out this assignment.

15. Together with the German Geopark Terra Vita and the Drenthe province we started an Interreg project about UNESCO and marketing. Together with

16. In June colleges from Oddsherred and Terra Vita visited our region to exchange knowledge about education.

Activity by Partners

17. The Hortus in Haren opened a Hondsrug garden.

18. Together with the entrepreneurs we try to improve the project of The Geopark safari's. More and better excursions are needed. The entrepreneurs will be activated when the safaris are marketed.

19. The Hunebed Centre opened the Oertijd park. A park about the prehistoric culture. A place where visitors can go back in time and meet 150.000 Years of history.

IDRIJA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, SLOVENIA

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Numerous interviews and articles on the Geopark in the national and regional media – also in TV shows of high ratings, March–September 2017 (public event of Danube GeoTour, Workshop of geoparks in SE Europe, EGN Week), March – April 2017
2. Publishing news on the website (www.geopark-idrija.si, www.visit-idrija.si) and social networks, March – September 2017
3. Publishing and promoting programmes for experts in the field of geology, botany, mechanics, history, geography (some carried by the Idrija UGG partners, April 2017.
4. Preparing, publishing, promoting a didactical programmes “Geo-Adventures for little and big researches” for elementary schools, April 2017
5. Carrying out the didactical programme for high school, June 2017
6. Organising 10 events during the EGN week 2017, May – June 2017
7. Oral presentations about our Geopark at numerous schools, universities, institutes and civil organisations, March–September 2017.
8. Revalidation mission 2017 of Idrija UGG, June 2017
9. Participation in tourism fairs, festivals with Tourist information centre Idrija, Idrija Lace Festival, Geofestival in Karavanke/Karawanken UGG, Minfos (mineral fair), March – May 2017
10. Active promotion with Živa and Tonček at the tourism fairs
11. Organising 4 summer workshops for children under the auspices of the Počitnikarija 2017, June – August 2017
12. Carrying out activities and leading two European projects: ESTEAM (Erasmus + programme of EU) and Danube GeoTour (Interreg Danube Transnational programme), March – September 2017
13. Continuing with preparation of two new Informational boards (Idrijske Krnice and Zavratac)
14. Organising the “School Network thematic day”, July – September 2017

Networking

15. Participation in the 39rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher UGG, Ireland. Presentation of Danube GeoTour and ESTEAM projects and the CC meeting, March 2017.
16. Preparing 4 abstracts for the 14th European Geoparks Conference in Azores UGG

17. Co-ordinating designing of brochure "UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS IN SLOVENIA", supported by the Slovenian tourism organisation (STO), August 2017
18. Publishing of article "Successfully connecting Geoparks within EU Projects" in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 14, March 2017.
19. Preparing an article "Idrija UGG (Slovenia): Launching the Danube GeoTour project with partners for EGN Newsletter no. 8, April 2017
20. Organising a Kick-off public event (presentation) of Danube GeoTour project and a Kick-off meeting of the project for 11 partners and 3 ASPs in the project, March 2017
21. Organising an international workshop of geoparks in SE (Europe) – a three days event for around 40 participants from SE Europe, April 2017
22. Finalising a E-book "Research of national curricula in natural sciences teaching in Portugal, Norway and Slovenia in the frame of the ESTEAM project, co-organisation of 2nd partner meeting in Naturtejo UGG, March – April 2017
23. Co-organising a study tour to visitors centres in Austria (Nationalpark Welten Erleben and Haus der Berge) together with Karavanke/Karawanken UGG in the frame of IGGP programme, August – September 2017
24. Inclusion into Andy Andezit's project of the Hatzeg UGG (taking photos with Andy with Idrija's UGG most important natural and cultural heritage)
25. Mentoring a compulsory study practice for one practicum/student of geology from University of Ljubljana

Activity by Partners

26. Offering and supporting the student during the study practical work in Idrija UGG. The practice was in the field of interpretation and publishing Earthcaches on the Geocaching portal, including few field trips, August 2017
27. Supporting the Geotabor (Geo-camp), organised by Geology students association on Hleviška planina hill. During the camp a stratigraphical column with the rocks of the whole area was build. Idrija UGG expert support was provided for this activities and the interpretation panel was made, August-September 2017
28. Interpretational panels prepared by Idrija UGG partner Local community Vojsko for the interpretation site "Wetlands in Gačnik", September 2017,
29. Maintenance works on existing sites (Dinosaur's footprints – replacement and Eternal movement of tectonic plates- replacement and maintenance of the site)
30. Partners participated during the revalidation mission of Idrija UGG, June 2017
31. Co-organising of EGN Week with partners, May-June 2017

KARAVANKE/KARAWANKEN GEOPARK, SLOVENIA-AUSTRIA

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Publishing several news on the media (TV, radio, press), off and on line. Active presence in social networks: Facebook @geoparkkarawanken and @geoparkKaravanke on twitter.
2. Updating the web site www.geopark-karawanken.at with new chapters.
3. Articles about UNESCO Global Geoparks and the Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark in regional journal "VEČER KOROŠKA" and for the STO (Slovenian Tourist Board) publication "NATURE PARKS OF SLOVENIA".
4. Re-print of Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark brochure (written in Slovenian, English and German language), and didactic materials.
5. Informative Workshop for teachers and educators (Pliberk/Bleiburg) 19.04.2017.
6. Geopark fieldtrip for Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO (26.05.2017).
7. Presentation of the Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark at "Kulturni bazar/Cultural bazaar" in Ljubljana, 30.03.2017 and at „ECObazar/ECObazaar“ in Ljubljana (SLO), 21.04.2017.
8. Presentation of the Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark and its ongoing projects in Nova Gorica (SLO), 22.03.2017, at the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Engineering, Ljubljana, University of Ljubljana (23rd Meeting of Slovenian Geologist), 31.03.2017, and at »Workshop of Global Geoparks in South-Eastern Europe« in Idrija, 19.04.2017.
9. Organisation of the GEOfestival (19.05.2017-10.06.2017) with numerous events (workshops, fieldtrips, oral presentations, ...) adapted to different age groups.
10. Presentation/Participation of the Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken at the international Place2go fair in Zagreb (CRO), 17.-19.03.2017; at the Argus bike festival in Wien (AT), 01.04.2017; at the Tourismstag in Villach (AT), 05.04.2017; at the Springfair in Komenda (SLO), 07.-09.04.2017; at the Freizeitmesse Fair in Klagenfurt (AT), 07.-09.04.2017; at the NATURO fair in Gornja Radgona (SLO), 22.04.2017; at the INTERNAUTICA fair in Portorož (SLO), 05.-07.05.2017.
11. Excursion for teachers and educators to "Naturpark Pöllauer Tal", Steiermark (AT), 12.06.2017.
12. UNESCO field revalidation of our Geopark (by Ms. Ingeborg Elise Klepp and Ms. Julia Franzen) (19.-22.06.2017).
13. Interview for Tourism TV show "Na lepše" - 20.04.2017, and for RTV SLO (Radio-Television Slovenia, radio show: "Prvi na obisku") - 13.07.2017.

Networking

14. Preparing an article for the EGN Newsletter No. 9 (GEOfestival IN THE KARAVANKE/KARAWANKEN UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK).
15. Participation of three Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark representatives (Mag. Gerald Hartmann, Mag. Suzana Fajmut Štrucl and Dr. Darja Komar) at 39th European Geoparks Meeting (The Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland - 22.-25.03.2017).
16. Participation of Karavanke/Karawanken Geopark representatives at Slovenia and Austria Geopark Forum meetings.

Activity by Partners

17. Ongoing EUfutuR Project (INTERREG V-A SLOVENIA-AUSTRIA).
18. Ongoing INTERREG DANUBE GeoTour Project.
19. Preparing application forms for new EU (INTERREG, ...) founding programmes.

KATLA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ICELAND

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Presentations on the Geopark to partner staff and clusters, March-July.
2. Presentations and workshops with primary schools for the criteria of GeoSchools.
3. Teaching of pupils in Kirkjubæjarskóli including PowerPoint lecture, map and quiz
4. Partner contracts with Governmental agencies: National Heritage, Vatnajökull National Park and Environmental Agency.
5. Signed contract with National Government for 5 years annual funding, July.
6. Hiring of two full time geologists, May-July.
7. Partner contract with museums and centers: Skógar Heritage museum, Kötlusetur & Skaftfellingur, Vík and Kirkjubæjarstofa culture centre, May-August.
8. Two meetings including presentations and SWAT analysis of cluster Friður og frumkraftar on merging with the Geopark.
9. Individual partner contracts with 13 enterprises.
10. Primary schools Víkurskóli and Hvolsskóli accept the criteria for UNESCO GeoSchools and become GeoSchools of Katla UNESCO Global Geopark.
11. Management plan of Katla Geopark, 2 public meetings and making of questionnaire.
12. Signage for Geosites showing UGG logos as well as UGG logos on info panels.
13. Nature signs printed and erected in entire Geopark.
14. Maps of the area printed and erected in chosen locations within the territory.
15. Signed clothing for staff and partners.
16. Table flags with Katla and UGG logos for all the territory where appropriate.
17. UGG flags for schools, municipalities and non-profit partner museums.
18. Road signs showing the territory from all entrances as UNESCO Global Geopark.
19. Revalidation mission of Katla UGG, July 2017.
20. Making of GeoSaga exhibition of Katla Geopark, presented during revalidation.
21. Constant updating of fb and website. Events calendar on website.
22. New stationary for Katla UGG, folders and papers, showing UNESCO logo.
23. Updating of brochure on Katla Geopark, geosites and culture, including new map, UGG intro text and new UGG logo.
24. New flyer made and printed/distributed, including new map, nature code, nature signs, GeoSaga overview, UGG introduction and visibility, and introduction of partners.
25. Showcasing of GeoProducts of partners in Kötlusetur, Vík.
26. GeoPark corner in Kötlusetur Vík, introducing other UGGeoparks.

27. Making of new tourist map for the area, first time for the three municipalities, new informative text on 33 geosites, photos and simple geological map. In collaboration with marketing of south Iceland and the Westman islands.
28. Contract with the marketing body of south Iceland.
29. Marketing analysis of the South Iceland, Katla Geopark plays integral role.

Networking

1. Participation in the 33rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Sobrarbe Geopark, Spain, March 2017.
2. Publishing an article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 11, March 2017.
3. Organisation and promotion of the EGN Week: oral presentations, excursions, education and workshop at Skógar heritage museum, annual off-road race around geosite, popular hike and involvement of primary school.
4. GeoMuseum/ GeoVR meeting (Magma, Illulusat, Jarðfeingi), Faroes June (BD).
5. Drifting apart, meeting in Canada, May (SS).
6. Publication of newsletter nr 3. July https://issuu.com/arnykarvelsdottir/docs/fr_ttabr_f_2_rg1tbl
7. Translation and publication of UGG brochure in Icelandic, May-June.
8. Co-application of RURITAGE project, as role model for heritage acting as a component for public resilience to geo-hazards. First phase approved, ongoing.
9. Collecting and preparing for publishing: reports on European Geoparks Week and progress report March–September 2017, August.
10. Work meeting in Scotland with Soil conservation for ASCENT project on highland paths.
11. Attending meeting in Canterbury, UK on sustainable tourism, SMARTTOUR (BS).
12. Work with French MS student on natural hazards and inhabitants perspective.
13. Meeting in Iceland Reykjanes with Nordic Geoparks, May.

Activity by Partners

1. Environmental agency increases rangers in the Geopark on protected areas.
2. Participation of most of our formal partners in the revalidation mission 2017.
3. Making of project on geosite “Paradísarhellir” love story, design and prototype of gold rings, Friður og frumkraftar.
4. Opening of exhibition on Skafftellingur, highly important merchandise ship in Vík.
5. Opening of LAVA interactive educational centre on geology, where Katla UGG is highly visible + actual time monitoring of geo-activity and hazards, Hvolsvöllur June
6. Opening of new video show and local handcraft/coffee house, Eyrarland, Vík, July.
7. Application phase of ResInTour international project with European UGG, formal partner Háskólafélag Suðurlands, on Resilience and natural hazards.
8. New tourist map of South Iceland where Katla Geopark is outlined, June.

LANZAROTE & CHINIJO ISLANDS GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Updating of the Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands Geopark website and active presence in social networks: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram (March-September).
2. Campaign to raise awareness among tourists to avoid collecting stones as souvenirs. In collaboration with the airport body AENA (March-September).
3. Support for the organization of training courses for the staff of the European Space Agency (March-September).
4. Tutoring of the practices of Vocational Training students: Education and Environmental Control and Tourist Guides (March-September).
5. Bringing science to young people: Guided tour by a scientist in Jameos del Agua (April).
6. Bringing science to the local population: Talk about the natural resources of La Corona Volcanic Tube (April).
7. Distribution of teaching materials between geopark centers and outside schools (March-September).
8. Publication of advertisements in travel magazines (local and regional in Spanish and English (March-September).
9. Technical support in the maintenance of scientific instrumentation and logistic support to scientific groups, researchers and universities (March-September).
10. Celebration of Geolodía 2017, the day dedicated to Geology and its diffusion in the Spanish territory with a field trip called: "Gayo path. Chinijo Islands in sight of the bird" (May).
11. Publishing several news and reports on media (TV, radio, press) in national, regional and local media (March-September).
12. Open day of the Laboratory of Geosciences of Lanzarote, managed by the Geopark and the Institute of Geosciences (IGEO) (May).
13. Realizing of guided geotours and educational programs for Lanzarote schools and High Schools (March-June).
14. Management of the itinerary of the temporary exhibition "Pure Geology", at Exhibition Hall of Terminal 2, Lanzarote International Airport and in La Graciosa island.
15. New geo-tourist experience: Specialized course "Planetary Guide of Lanzarote", for guides of the tourist sector (June).
16. Guided visits: Geoparque....ando. (June).
17. Organization of the of the temporary photographic Exhibition "The Treasures of the land", at Exhibition Hall of Terminal 2, Lanzarote International Airport. It contains 49 photographs of the Geopark geosites and a small explanation (June-August).

18. Production of the Documentary "The Culture of the Volcano", in which the history of the towns buried by the eruption that took place between the year 1730-1736 is related (June).
19. Participation with an informative booth at several local fairs (March-September).
20. Photographic contest "Lanzarote Geopark" within the "Open photosub Lanzarote sea of lava" (June).
21. Participation with a poster and an oral communication at the XII National Meeting of the Geological Heritage Commission of the Geological Society of Spain (June).
22. Management of the installation of the temporary exhibition "Landscapes and Messages" of the Elder Museum, in Terminal 2, Lanzarote International Airport. It contains 32 photographs of striking terrestrial landscapes modeled by the geological and geodynamic activity of Planet Earth (August-September).

Networking

23. Granting of European aid from the INTERREG Atlantic Area (European Regional Development Fund) for two projects: "Atlantic Geoparks" and "Atlanticensky" (March-September).
24. Participation in the EPOS (European Plate Observing System) Project, WP11 Volcano Observations Spain (March-September).
25. Development of the activities included in the Specific Agreement of collaboration between the Geopark and the Geological Service of Spain (IGME) and Geoscience Institute (IGEO) (March-September).
26. Participation in Horizon 2020 with the project "Geopark" (March-September).
27. Contribution with an article in the European Geopark Newsletter, Issue 9, "Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UGG: Great celebration at the House of Volcanoes". (June).
28. Participating in photo exhibition in Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark Visitor Center (March).
29. Participation in the 39th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee Meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark – Ireland (March).
30. Collaboration with the project named "The journey of Andi Andezit" and the "Volcanoes Day" celebration of Hateg Geopark (Romania), sending information about the Lanzarote geopark.
31. Contribution with an article in the GGN- Newsletter, Issue 2017-2: "Science and Tourism: A good relationship in Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark. Specialized course "Lanzarote Planetary Guide" for Tourist Guides " (August).

Activity by Partners

32. Organization of the Haría Extreme Lanzarote 2017, a mountain race, with Haría Municipality (March-September).
33. Simulations of earthquakes and educational activities in the The Art, Culture and Tourism Centers.

LAS LORAS GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March–September 2017 (in our case from 5th May)

Geopark Activities

1. Geoloday (Free guided geo-route organized at national level, 290 participants in our two provinces) May 2017
2. Artistic intervention-perform in an abandoned village (30 participants) -May 2017
3. EGN Week: talks and geo-tours (235 participants) -May-June 2017
4. Many interviews and articles of the Geopark in local, regional and national media, also radio and TV- May-September 2017
5. Oral presentation in the Natural history museum of Burgos and in Sobrarbe Geopark- May 2017
6. Meetings with Aguilar and Villadiego mayors for work in the future Reception centres of the Geopark-May-June 2017
7. Meetings with the regional government and councils for prepare the collaboration agreements for 2017-2018 and the Road sing Plan-June-July 2017
8. Co-author in a poster for the XII National Meeting of Geological Heritage Commission of the Geological Society of Spain – June 2017
9. Meetings with the Caja de Burgos Foundation for collaboration agreements for a research and student program-June 2017
10. Volunteering program: Scientific study in Las Loras Geopark: Inventory and characterization of vulnerable areas: peatlands and calcareous tuffs of Las Loras Geopark. Proposals for monitoring and custody - June-September 2017
11. Field trips with the technicians of the regional government and of the Natural protected areas of Covalagua for re-design and create new routes and panelling related to the Geopark and for create a protocol for the protection of geological heritage-May-August 2017
12. Presentation of the Geopark in surrounding cities outside of the Geopark-June-August 2017
13. Meetings for the preparation and launch of the tourism product (geo-guided tours) with the geopark team and the guides-July 2017
14. Field trips and preparation of information materials with the students of the Secondary School of Villadiego of the Erasmus plus Program, of exchange of students between European geoparks- May-June 2017
15. Guided geo-routes for the different Cultural and Research associations of the territory and local and regional government- May-August 2017
16. Editing the new leaflet and map of the Geopark and distributing them in the touristic information offices.

Networking

17. Participation in the presentation of the European Geopark week in the Spanish Geological Survey in Madrid, May 2017
18. Participation in the meeting of the Spanish National Committee of Geoparks, June 2017
19. Write an article for the GGN newsletter- August 2017

20. Organisation and promotion of the EGN Week- May–June 2017
21. Helping the Aspiring Saimaa Geopark, Finland (sending them information and documents about our Geopark, dossier, annexes, self-evaluation doc, etc.)

Activity by Partners

22. Beginning of the works in the building for the Reception Geopark Centre in Villadiego by the village and regional Council- June 2017
23. Beginning of the clearing and settlement works on the routes of the Geopark by the Regional government forest work crew- July 2017
24. Week of the Erasmus plus program in the Secondary School of Villadiego- Collaborate in the different activities and workshops-June 2017
25. Participation and help at the First Festival of Short Films in Villadiego (with special mention for those filmed in the Geopark)-August 2017
26. Helping and collaborating in the Preview of the film "With the wind" shot in the Geopark (Outdoor projection with more than 600 people from the people of las Loras villages, impressive and emotional for the older people)- August 2017
27. Inaugurated a new historical trail on the Civil War by the Sargentos de la Lora council (Burgos) with the collaboration of the Geopark-August 2017

LESVOS GEOPARK, GREECE

Progress Report, March 2017 – September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Implementation of the action «VISIT LESVOS» which is about the promotion of Lesvos through social media
2. Founding of the Local Educational Thematic Network entitled “UNESCO Global Geoparks in Greece” (6 March 2017)
3. Organizing of the 1st educational seminar for teacher about the Local Educational Thematic Network “UNESCO Global Geoparks in Greece” (27 March 2017)
4. Organization of the exhibition “AEGEON · BIRTH OF AN ARCHIPELAGO” at the National Hellenic Museum in Chicago (Closing: September 2017)
5. Organization of the exhibition “AEGEON · BIRTH OF AN ARCHIPELAGO” at the Polytechnic Museum in Moscow – Organization of special educational activities for school groups (Closing: 16 March 2017)
6. Organization of the exhibition “The FOREST under the ROAD” at Yeni Mosque (Old Archaeological Museum) in Thessaloniki – Organization of special educational activities for school groups (14 February 2017 – 7 April 2017)
7. Organization of the exhibition “The FOREST under the ROAD” at Mytilene Information Centre of the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest presenting the new findings of the excavations and conservation works of the fossil sites discovered along the new road Kalloni-Sigri – Organization of special educational activities for school groups
8. Organizing the International Intensive Course of Geoparks 2017 «UNESCO Global Geoparks and Geotourism Development» (12 - 22 June 2017)
9. Organizing of the event «UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS: Ideal destinations for sustainable tourism. The example of Lesvos UNESCO Global Geopark» - Participation of the representative of the World Tourism Organization Mr. Beka Jakeli (12 June 2017)
10. Guided geotours and educational programs for school groups (March – June 2017)
11. Realizing of special field educational programs in Lesvos Geopark for university students (March – June 2017)
12. Numerous radio-TV and newspapers interviews and articles on the Geopark’s activities in the national, regional and local media – also in TV shows (March – September 2017)
13. Updating of the Lesvos UNESCO Global Geopark website (March - September 2017)
14. Implementation of the geotouristic activity: Daily guided boat tours with a glass bottom boat at Marine Nissiopi Petrified Forest Park (July – September 2017)
15. Participation at the event Let’s Do it Greece 2017 (2 April 2017)
16. Celebration of International Day of the Earth (22 April 2017)
17. Organisation of the an event for the presentation of the Petrified Forest of Lesvos at “Science café” at Thessaloniki (8 May 2017)
18. Celebration of the International Museum Day (18 May 2017)

19. Co-organizing of the 2nd International Meeting of Early-stage Researchers in Palaeontology (2nd IMERP) with the University of Patras Geology Department (19-22 May 2017)
20. Celebration of European Night of Museums (20 May 2017)
21. Celebration of EUROPEAN GEOPARKS WEEK 2017 (26 May – 11 June 2017)
22. GREEN CULTURAL ROOTS 2017 – Special geotour in areas of archaeological, cultural, ecological and geological interest in central and western Lesvos Geopark 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 (28 May 2017)
23. Celebration of World Environment Day (5 June 2017)
24. Celebration of “The Earth Festival 2017” – Organization of special events in Lesvos Geopark (June - September 2017)
25. Promotion at the electronic publishing of the Ideal Destination of Alternative Tourism in Greece 2017

Networking

26. Participation at the celebration of the International Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development 2017
27. Implementation of collaboration program with Yanqing Unesco Global Geopark China about conservation of plant petrified fossils
28. Participation in the meetings and videoconference of the Hellenic Geoparks Forum (March – September 2017)
29. Participation in ITB Berlin - In collaboration with European Geoparks Network members (8 - 12 March 2017)
30. Visiting of the Ningde Unesco Global Geopark China (April 2017)
31. Operation of the Secretariat of the Hellenic Geoparks Forum (March – September 2017)
32. Updating of the European Geoparks Network website (March - September 2017)
33. Received of students from the China University of Geosciences (Beijing) (17 – 23 August 2017)
34. Participation in the Coordination Committee Meeting of the EGN
35. Publishing of European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 14.

Activity by Partners

1. Collaboration with alternative tourism enterprises of Lesvos – Organizing of educational seminars about Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark (29 March 12 April 2017)
2. Collaboration in common activities of the Lesvos’ Museums Network (March – September 2017)
3. Realizing of the educational program about Lesvos Geopark by the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest and the Environmental Educational Centre of Evergetoulas (March – June 2017)
4. Promotion of Lesvos Geopark by the Region of North Aegean through the organization of targeted visits of journalist, high profile writers and bloggers (March – September 2017)

MADONIE GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Construction of a carnage at Isnello in “Terra dei Poveri” in front of the rocky walls of Balza Trigna and Aquileia, for the griffon vultures, April, 2017.
2. Erasmus at San Mauro Castelverde of some French students welcomed by the municipality. It was a training experience supported by the Pollina-San Mauro Castelverde Comprehensive Institute, April, 2017.
3. The Slow Food Management Basse Madonie organized the "Slow Food Day" in Castelbuono. The annual spiral association event celebrated this year's good, clean, and righteous daily food. Petralia Sottana, April, 2017.
4. The tenth event “Infiorata of Castelbuono was organized, with a rich programming of events related to the world of art, nature, environment, culture and gastronomy, April 10, 2017 .
5. Reconstructed ancient path of faithful pilgrims: Madonie Sanctuaries, April 2017.
6. Way of Madonie Sanctuaries was organized, starting from the lowest altitudes in the southern area of Madonie, visiting sites rich in history, culture and hypogea dating back to 2000 years A.C. a house with Roman baths, April 12 2017.
7. About 600 pupils, participated in the orienteering race in the historic centre of Petralia Soprana, April 2017.
8. Realization of "Madonie Holidays", application for tablet and smartphone to promote the discovery of the natural, cultural and gastronomic treasures of the Madonie territory. April , 2017
9. Organized at CEFALU 'EARTH DAY 2017.
10. Organized in Cefalù ECO PARTY NUTRISICILIA: preparation and tasting of excellent food and wine products, April 12, 2017.
11. The Municipality of Petralia Sottana joined the "APPENNINO BIKE TOUR" project, designed to enhance the Apennines in all its excellence - April, 2017
12. The Madonie Park joined the project "Let's paint our future for the election of baby mayors and baby Presidents of the Parks of Italy", - May 2017
13. Conference "Forest Bioenergy in Protected Areas of the Mediterranean" to develop new production chain management plans and planning to exploit the potential of biomass and bioenergy while maintaining biodiversity protection in natural areas. May 30, 2017

14. The French Mediterranean Association, visiting the Madonie Park, discovering the monumental trees.
15. Inaugurated the New Seat of the Natural Museum Mina 'F. Palumbo in Castelbuono, 30 May 2017
16. Conference "From Knowledge to the Taste of Agro-Food Biodiversity: In Comparison to Knowledge" in Petralia Sottana- May 2017
17. Company Gal Madonie participated in the 19 th edition of Travel Expo, Global Tourism Exchange, May 2017
18. Organized a Conference on Multifunctional Agriculture and Financing of Territorial Systems, 08 June 2017.
19. The 9th Edition of the Infused in Caltavuturo was organized during the celebrations in honor of the SS. SACRAMENT, June 14, 2017.
20. Organized the Caciocavallo Festival at San Mauro Castelverde, June 25, 2017
21. Madonie as Experimental Area for the Integrity Pact at Geraci Siculo and Presentation of the Pilot Project Integrity Pacts, 20 June 17
22. Historical reenactment of medieval times of the Giostra dei Ventimiglia in Geraci Siculo, 01 August 2017
23. Organized the International Festival of Folklore in Caltavuturo 09 August 2017

Networking

24. Participation in the 39 rd European Geoparks General Assembly in Ireland (Cliffs of Moher Park), March 2017
25. Publishing one article in the Wine Landscapes of Italy by title " Madonie Mountains European Geoparks Magazine, 2017.
26. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: geotours, oral presentations, 3D slide show about caves, etc., for more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2017
27. Collecting and preparing for publishing the reports on European Geoparks Week, the progress reports (March–September 2017) August 2017.

Activity by Partners

28. Helping the successful application of our Geopark Partner for a geotour-guiding course in Petralia Sottana, in cooperation with association A.I.G.A.E., June 2017
29. Volunteer days within the EGN Week in cooperation with the local caving entrepreneurs (guest volunteers helped in clearing a cave section), June 2017
30. EGN Week, was held in cooperation with approximately 20 local entities among public authorities, associations and private entrepreneurs, May- June 2017
31. Mission of UNESCO Inspectors, for revaluation of Madonie Geopark.

MAGMA GEOPARK, NORWAY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Development of Magma Geopark localities with several information panels and provided with new Magma Geopark UNESCO logo.
2. Development of educational materials in tailored Geopark localities.
3. Starting the development of educational APP for natural science teachers in the Erasmus Esteam project.
4. Development of the geoVR exhibition contents and GEOMuseum location, the exhibition centre will open in November 2017.
5. Application to NORA-Nordic Atlantic Cooperation for second part of geoVR.
6. Magma Geopark support the activities of the NINA project from the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research, monitoring the ecosystem in Magma Geopark.
7. Magma Geopark strengthen the cooperation with the Region Stavanger Destination Company, Fjord Norway and Norwegian Centre of Expertise Tourism. The director of Fjord Norway spoke on the Magma owner information meeting about the advantage but also challenges and responsibility of being an UNESCO destination.
8. Magma Geopark activated the Erasmus exchange with Poland together with the Eigersund municipality, hosting internship of youth graduated students.
9. Ørdsalen mines has been cleaned, secured and there has been drilled in steel rods and a net has been moulded for securing the entrance for rock falls. The mine has been open to the public during the EGN week 2017 by the mayor of Bjerkreim and the local band, with app 100 people attended.
10. Vågen Upper Secondary school had a day in Magma Geopark with all these classes, Magma staff guided 163 kids along the old railway route telling about the geology of magma geopark and the establishment of the old railroad.
11. Concert with line dance and harmonica in Jøssingfjord- at the Magma Geopark dancing wooden platform.
12. Magma work closely with the regional museum in creating the geology exhibition in the coming Jøssingfjord science museum. The building start of of the centre will be end 2017 and the centre will open in 2019.
13. Magma have city walk in Egersund city 3 fixed days a week through the whole summer.
14. Every Sunday through the summer Magma Geopark staff guided tourist visiting the Ørdsalen mine by the boat Ørdsølen.

Networking

1. News for the EGN Newsletter and article for the EGN promotional material.
2. Participation in the 8th International Conference in UNESCO Global Geoparks.
3. geoVR –GEOMuseum project meeting in Faroes Islands with Katla Geopark and Ilulissat World Heritage Site in Greenland.
4. Preparation for the European ESTEAM project meeting in Magma Geopark in October 2017. Cooperation with Idrija Geopark, Naturtejo Geopark.
5. Preparation for the European Drifting Apart project meeting with Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust, Scottish Geoparks, Icelandic Geoparks,

Arkangelsk Natural Park in Russia, Canadian Geoparks, Trollfjell Geopark project in Norway.

6. Magma Geopark together with other 5 Geoparks is involved in the application led by the University of Bologna to the H2020 programme with the RURITAGE project aimed to promote Geopark best practices for the development of rural areas. GEOfood has been selected as tool for food development in rural areas.
7. Magma Geopark attend to the EU Drifting Apart project meeting in Canada and had a session on the regional radio station about the DA project and the geopark network.
8. Magma Geopark has been on the National and international news numerous times regarding the “Trollpikken” Trolldick since July. The Trolldick and Magma Geopark has been Worldwide known as the news about the Trolldick have gone virtual in the world medias with many hundred articles all over the the world. Just in US there has been written more than 500 articles. The big thing was the recovery and re-erection of the 12 tons’ heavy rock that was cut off a night in the beginning of July and only 2 week later was re-erected. Magma together with partners collected 30.000 EURO for the re-erection job.

Activity by Partners

1. Eigersund municipality establish the Tourist Information Centre in the Magma Geopark office.
2. Bike and climbing renting: Eigersund municipality payed 6 city bikes to be rented out by Magma Geopark and Magma has 18 sets of climbing equipment. All are rented out through the Tourism information, but the money goes to Magma.
3. Region Stavanger and a Chinese consultant supports Magma Geopark in developing tourist offer for the Chinese market for tourist and school classes.
4. Local honey GEOfood producer is starting to sell honey in the tourist information office. The producer has contract with Magma.
5. Local hand wool craft producer is running workshop for tourist in cooperation with Magma Geopark and the products are for sale in the Tourist Information office. The produces has contract with Magma.

MARBLE ARCH CAVES GLOBAL GEOPARK, IRELAND / UK

Progress Report, April – September 2017

Geopark Activities

Marble Arch Caves were awarded first place in the Sustainable Tourism of the Northern Ireland Tourism Awards for 2017 at a gala event in the Enniskillen castle Museum in June.

The Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark has continued to be very busy and with record numbers of visitors to the Marble Arch Caves. Other sites in the Geopark are also attracting large numbers of visitors.

The Cuilcagh Boardwalk has also attracted large numbers of visitors and it is expected that visitor numbers will double in 2017 compared to 2016. Much of the growth in visitor numbers is being generated by widespread attention on social media which is highlighting the scenic qualities of the Cuilcagh Mountain trail.

The Geopark participated in aspects of the 160th Anniversary celebrations of the founding of the world famous Belleek Pottery in June.

Widespread consultation has taken place in connection with the ongoing review of the Geopark.

The Ulster Wildlife Trust is carrying out a wide ranging research project to assist the Environment Agency with the ongoing conservation management of the Cuilcagh Mountain Special Area of Conservation.

The Geopark's 2017 Events Programme has been well supported by members of the public and by schools. Walking festivals, jeep safaris, nature walks and other events have been very popular.

Media coverage has been widespread as usual. Strong presence on social media.

Trip Advisor comments continued to be overwhelmingly favourable.

An arts event is being held in Pollnagollum Caves at the end of September in conjunction with Boho Community Association and with support from the Arts Council of Ireland.

New visitor management data analysis counters are producing useful visitor information at key geopark sites.

Work is under way to produce a feasibility study for phase II development at key MACUGG site Cavan Burren Park

Science Week activities have again been very popular and have been well subscribed by schools in Fermanagh, Cavan and Monaghan.

Participation in tourism shows, fairs and events both locally and nationally including those organised by Tourism Ireland, Failte Ireland and Tourism NI including familiarisation visits, meet the buyer events, networking opportunities and workshops.

Wild fires occurred in various parts of the Geopark during very dry weather in the early summer but were successfully dealt with by the Fire Service with support from Geopark staff.

Networking

The Marble Arch Caves Global Geopark participated in the UK Global Geoparks conference in the North Pennines Global Geopark in May.

Members of the MACUGG team participated in a meeting of the Drifting Apart Project in Stonehammer Global Geopark in Canada in May.

A colleagues from the Qeshm Global Geopark in Iran visited MACUGG in June.

Representatives of MACUGG carried out revalidation inspections of Global Geoparks in the Netherlands and in Japan during the summer of 2017.

MACUGG team members attended a meeting of the Irish Global Geoparks Committee at the offices of the Geological survey of Ireland in Dublin in August.

MACUGG participated in the European Geoparks meeting in the Azores in September.

MASSIF DES BAUGES GEOPARK, FRANCE

Progress Report, March 2017 - September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Course for the interpretative centres team, "A museum, what for?", Chartreuse d'Aillon, 10th March
2. "Young trappers", day to discover mountain heritages, 10th March
3. Academic work on outdoors tourism products creation with local stakeholders, March
4. Photographical mission on food and culinary heritage, March-June
5. Participation to the Chambéry urban area 2030 master plan, the urban area and its geopark, March-June
6. Photographical mission on tourism activities, March-Sept
7. Geopark's stand at the regional hiking show, Lyon, 24-26th March.
8. Territory master plan with the new surrounding urban authorities, 1st workshop, bus visit of the Massif des Bauges territory, strategic issues, Geopark's House, 23-24th March
9. Monitoring of eagles with voluntary naturalists, 3rd April
10. Geopark course for tourism stakeholders, Combe de Savoie, 11th April
11. Cutting and grafting day", orchards animation, Gruffy, 15th April
12. Laureate, as partner, of an Interreg Alpine Space programme, ARTACLIM, awareness of the impacts of climate change on tourism, agriculture and forestry, April
13. New videos for the electronic Geo-information point in the Prérogue cave and Abime bridge, <https://www.youtube.com/user/PNRdesBaugesTV>, April
14. Setting-up of a summer bus-line for the La Sambuy ski resort, Massif des Bauges tourism programme, June 2017
15. Authority support for the Sierroz Gorges geosite project, Aix-les-Bains, April
16. Re-edition of the Faverges' guide book, Source du Biel and Sambuy geosites, April
17. Launch of the Massif des Bauges hiking master plan with the intercommunal authorities, 2 years work, 1st May
18. Edition of a book about "The most beautiful hike in the Massif des Bauges", May
19. Recruitment of a paths caretaker, May
20. Authority support for the Lacustrine touristic centre project, Doussard, Massif des Bauges tourism programme, April, May
21. Official opening of the collective honey house, St Eustache, 13th May
22. Geopark course for tourism stakeholder, Pays de Faverges, Lake Annecy, 16th May
23. Pedagogical activities for schoolchild during the Paragliding World Cup, "Life in the cliffs", Coeur de Savoie, 22-24th May
24. Testing of a board-game on the disturbance of the mountain wildlife, May
25. Installation of 33 new entrance panels UNESCO Global Geopark, May-June
26. EGN week, 6 lectures and walk, one concert, "rediscover the Massif des Bauges with the Geopark", Albertville, Rumilly, St Pierre d'Albigny, Les Déserts, Faverges, Lescheraines, May-June
27. Launch of a territorial strategy on street lighting with all the municipalities, energy saving and light pollution, 12th June
28. Opening of the Geopark information point and local products sale inside the tourism office of Chambéry "La Ruche", Chambéry, 16th June
29. Geopark's schools event, gathering of 600 pupils which have participated to the annual pedagogical programme, St Pierre d'Albigny, 27th June
30. Territory master plan with the new surrounding urban authorities, 2nd workshop, strategic master plan, Doussard, 28th June

31. Opening of the summertime exhibition in the cultural heritage Geopark house “The Life up-there” and launch of the “Nature and Music in Bauges” festival, Aillon-le-Jeune, 30th June
32. Summer hustle and bustle in the Geopark's interpretative centre “Chartreuse”, more than 40 activities, 1st July – 3rd Sept
33. Geopark's eco-volunteers team to welcome and raise tourists during summer holiday on main sites, July-August
34. Inventory presentation and lecture on food and culinary practices in the Massif des Bauges, St Offenge, 8th July
35. “Be a lumberjack”, 8 touristic visits of logging sites, July-August
36. Public pastoral hike day, Margériaz, discovery of alpine pastures, Aillon le Jeune, 9th August.
37. Local products markets, Geopark’s Fauna and Flora interpretative centre, Ecole, 15th August

Networking

38. Participation to the 39th EGC CC, Burren and Cliffs of Moher, André Guerraz, 23-24th March
39. Participation to the annual “Geole” gathering, popularisation and dissemination section of the French Geological Society, 6-9th April 2017, Aubenas, Mont d’Ardèche UGG
40. Organisation of national committee meetings, 7th April, 8th June
41. Outdoor hotels trade symposium, lecture on “Territorial labels and tourism development”, Chambéry, 4th May
42. Participation to the Geological Heritage Regional Committee, St Etienne, 11th May
43. Participation to two UGG evaluate on missions, André Guerraz, Jean-Luc Desbois, June-July

Activity by Partners

44. Lecture “Volcanologist, from passion to vocation”, Jacques-Marie BARDINTZEFF, National Geological Society, Geopark House, Le Châtelard, 17th March 2017
45. Local agricultural show, Geopark awards for young farmers, Le Châtelard, 23rd April
46. Outdoor performance “Against Nature”, fantastic walk, Albertville Theatre, Val de Tamié, 9-11th June
47. Food supply by the geopark during the Albertville-Bauges cycling tour, Le Châtelard, 10th June
48. Geopark stand for the hiking day Decathlon sport-shop, Chambéry, 10th June
49. Participation to the organisation of “Bauges Y Cimes”. Two days to discover outdoor activities, Saint-Jean d'Arvey, 24-25th June
50. Restitution of the scientific studies in the Bauges National Wildlife Reserve, Lescheraines, 26th June
51. Participation to the organisation of the Cheese Event, yearly big event in Savoy, Saint Offenge, 9th July
52. Art Festival, circus, magic, concert, Geopark cultural heritage interpretative centre, Aillon-le-Jeune, 9-11th August

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MOLINA-ALTO TAJO GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Inauguration of the Fuentelsaz GSSP Stratotype Interpretation Centre whose project was designed and executed by Molina-Alto Tajo Geopark.
2. Summer Program of Handicrafts and Tourism Fairs in several villages like Corduente, Maranchón, Mazarete, el Pobo de Dueñas, Setiles and Torremocha del Pinar.
3. New Mobile Application about Molina-Alto Geopark events and activities.
4. An article about Molina-Alto Tajo Geopark was published in the National Geographic travel magazine.
5. Inauguration of the PR-GU11 footpath from Milmarcos to Labros within the Geopark Footpaths Network.
6. Celebration of the 4th Rural Tourism Fair in collaboration with ATRAMA (Molina-Alto Tajo hotels association) and several companies and associations involved in adventure sports.
7. Lecture about Type Locality of the Aragonite by Ramón Jiménez (IGME) and inauguration of a monument dedicated to the Aragonite
8. Lecture about the archaeological excavations in Los Casares cave which revealed very important information about the last Neanderthals in the inland of the Iberian Peninsula, by the director of the archaeological excavation, Manuel Alcaraz (Alcalá de Henares University and Neanderthal Museum of Germany)
9. 1st Geo-concert of classic guitar “Earth Mother” in The Hoz Canyon by Arcadia Duo.
10. Cave Painting workshop for kids with mineral pigments.
11. Closure of the 2nd Celtiberian Ceramic Workshop and display of the works produced by the students.
12. Inauguration of the Sculpture exhibition by Ángel Bustamante with works made with geological elements.

Networking

13. Participation in the 39th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee Meeting held in The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Geopark (Ireland).
14. Participation in the Press Conference about the EGN Week 2017 jointly organized by all Spanish UNESCO Geoparks in the Geological Survey of Spain.
15. Participation in the Global UNESCO Geoparks Spanish National Committee in the Geological Survey of Spain
16. Submission of several articles for the GGN Newsletter about adhesion process to European Charter of Sustainable Tourism and a truffle cultivation project.

Activity by Partners

17. Collaboration in the organization of the Castilla-La Mancha Orienteering Championship.
18. The Geopark collaborates with Molina de Aragón City Council to keep open the Aragón Tower one of the most important monuments in the region.
19. The Geopark supports two archaeological excavations in Molina Castle, within an international project of the Reading University (United Kingdom) and the Granada University (Spain), and in a Visigoth necropolis in Cubillejo de la Sierra, in collaboration with the Complutense University of Madrid.
20. Participation in the 5th Ecotourism National Seminar held in the National Environmental Education Centre in Valsaín (Segovia).
21. The provincial Geoloday was held in Molina-Alto Tajo UNESCO Geopark with the collaboration between the City Councils of Morenilla and Chera and the Geopark. For first time, it took place during a whole weekend, involving local tourism companies in several activities.
22. Reception of more than 70 participants in the 2nd Earth Sciences Organizations Meeting and geo-tour for some of the most important points of geological interest in the Geopark.
23. The scientific and researcher Alfonso Sopena (UCM) published a complete and interesting article in the "Quercus" Magazine about the Geopark and the Permian Fossil Trees from Aragoncillo Mountains.
24. The Provincial Government promotes the Geopark as tourism destination through a campaign in regional and national Media.
25. Local companies include geo-tourism products which mixes Geology with Adventure Tourism as a part of a pilot project.

MONTS D'ARDECHE UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, FRANCE

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

- 1- 31 March: Conference about the watershed Atlantic/Mediterranean (Project "Partage des eaux") with Gilles Clément, landscape architect
- 2- 6-9 April 2017: host and organisation of the 26th national GEOLE Meeting (Section *Public awareness and outreach* of Société géologique de France) (60 participants from all France). Host of a parallel technical meeting of the French national Geoparks association.
- 3- 6 May : guided field visit at geosite Mont Gerbier de Jonc
- 4- 20-21 May : guided field visits and conferences at the European geoparks week at geosites Vallée de l'Aubépin and Dents du Diable
- 5- June: Publication of the booklet "Tout savoir sur le Geopark des Monts d'Ardèche" (Everything you should know about Geopark des Monts d'Ardèche), french version.
- 6- - 5 June: Guided tour, geology exhibition and concert at geosite Rocher de Brion
- 7- 1st July : Guided tour at geosite Chaos de Montselgues
- 8- 7 July: inauguration of the contemporary art project "Le Partage des eaux"
- 9- 8 July : vernissage of the geological photographs exhibition "De part et d'autres" at Moudeyres
- 10-18-21 August: exhibition "les geosites de Borée" at Les Estables.
- 11-26 August: guided tour at geosite of thermal hot water source of Saint-Laurent-les-Bains

Networking

- 12-Participation in the 39th European Geoparks meeting at Burren and Cliffs of Mohair Geopark, Ireland
- 13-Participation in the Administration council meeting of CNGF in Chabeuil (June)
- 14-Coordination of the publication of the brochure "Guide des géoparcs UNESCO de France" and of kakemonos, on behalf of the CNGF

Activity by Partners

- 15 7-10 march: Field research activities in paleontology at Ucel's geosite on dinosaur's footprints. University of Bourgogne
- 16 - 10 march : conférence about Géomorphology in Saint-Cirgues-en-Montagne, with speakers from University of Bourgogne

17 10-15 may: research campaign in geoarcheology at géosites Volcan du Suc de Bauzon et de Souilhol with University of Clermont-Auvergne and CNRS

MUSKAU ARCH GEOPARK, GERMANY / POLAND

Progress Report, March 2017 – September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Establishment of a strong Geopark alliance to strengthen the cross-border infrastructural development measures for the next 3 years in a joint EU – project, consisting of one Polish and one German community, a German county, the Polish state forest and the German Geopark association
2. Progress of the EGTC founding process by drafting contracts and statutes in co-operation with the participating institutions of the advisory board and partners, preparation of further discussion with the regulatory authorities
3. Official confirmation of the plans concerning the reconstruction and expansion of the Kavaliershaus (Cavalier House) in the Muskau Park World Heritage as a Geopark Visitors Centre by the state foundation board of the Fürst-Pückler-Foundation and introductions further measures
4. Co-operation in a new nationwide program “building culture and tourism”, instituted by the Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBBSR); in this research project eight model regions will be used to test the extent how the co-operation between building culture and tourism in rural areas can be strengthened. By participating in the model region “Neißeland” within the Saxony part of the Geopark, the UGG provides technical inputs and add the regional co-operation by knowledge about the industrial and mining heritages and their future development.

Networking

1. Carrying out the revalidation of the Azores UNESCO Global Geopark, June 2017
2. Continuation of the joint project „Muskau culture landscape“, coordinated by the UNESCO World Heritage Prince-Pückler-Park Muskau and the UNESCO Global Geopark Muskauer Faltenbogen / Łuk Mużakowa with the aim to create a planning framework for protection and preservation of natural and artificial landscape objects of overriding interests for communities, counties and other institutions
3. Participation in the 39th Coordination Committee Meeting – Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark 23-24 March, 2017
4. Participation and active contribution in two meetings of national forum of German UNESCO Global Geoparks
5. Participation and active contribution in a so called “Parliamentary Lunch”, organized by the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs and implemented with the aim to drive forward the geoparks development process in Germany with involved politicians, county commissioners and geopark managements

6. International activities to support the promotion of an aspiring Geopark around the border triangle Czech – Poland – Germany by several co-operating measures

Activity by Partners

7. Deepening of the collaboration between the Brandenburg county Spree-Neiße and the Marshal's Office in the neighbour county in Poland (Lubuskie) to build up a stable future foundation for the UGG relating to the joint organisational structure

NATURTEJO GEOPARK, PORTUGAL

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Participation in the INFOTECH fair of the Institute of Technology of Castelo Branco with a stand to promote the apps and games developed for Naturtejo Geopark, March.
2. Participation in the International Tourism Fair of Lisbon with a stand dedicated to Naturtejo Geopark, March.
3. Development of new Geoproducts with local companies, such as the Rodoliv olive oil, March-July.
4. Research visits in the Geopark by Polish and Brazilian experts, March and May.
5. Preparing the Proceedings of Ichnia 2016 – 4th International Congress special Issue in the Bulletin of the Italian Society of Paleontology, March-September.
6. Field Trip of the Department of Geology of the University of Lisbon in the Geopark, May.
7. Participation in the Tourism Fair of Paris with a stand dedicated to the Geopark, May.
8. Opening of a promotional exhibition about Naturtejo Geopark in the Moeda Caves, near the Sanctuary of Fátima where it was celebrated the 100 years of the miracles with the presence of the Pope and millions of visitors, April.
9. Training Course for teachers from all over the country on the Naturtejo UGG, April.
10. Workshops on Geoparks & Geotourism at the IASBS, Zanjan, Iran, May.
11. Opening of the new cultural Trail “Senhora do Almortão” in the lands of the sanctuary, May.
12. Organization of the Landscape Festival for the celebration of the European Geoparks Week, with the total participation of 6,000 people, May-June.
13. Guided geotours and Geoeducational Programmes, carried out by the staff of the Geopark and partners, March–September.
14. Visit of a Delegation of local politicians from South Korea which is developing a Geopark project, organized by the Embassy of SK in Paris, June.
15. Participation in Local Economic Activities Fairs, such as Vila Velha de Ródão, Lynx and Pinhal Fairs, with the Geopark booth, June-August.
16. Participation in the Meeting of the Platform “Roteiro de Minas e Sítios de Interesse Geológico e Mineiro de Portugal”, June.

17. Networking

18. Coordination of the UNESCO Geopark Stand in ITB, Berlin, March.
19. Participation as Invited Expert in the INTERREG Danube Geotour Project, Idrija, March.

20. Organization of the Meeting in Naturtejo UGG of the Erasmus+ Project EASTEM, March.
21. Participation in the educational meeting “Geoconvivencia 2017” organized by Villuercas UGG with a class from the Naturtejo Geopark’s school José Sivestre Ribeiro, May.
22. Participation of a representation of our village of Toulões in the Paeony Festival of Bergstrasse Odenwald, June.
23. Workshop “Tasting Time” in Messel Pit WHS, June.
24. Participation in the educational workshop “I am a Geoparker” in Villuercas UGG, July.
25. Revalidation missions in Sobrarbe UGG, Spain and Grutas del Palacio UGG, Uruguay, June and August.
26. Signing of a partnership agreement with Funiushan UGG, China.

27. Activity by Partners

28. Support to the organization of many cultural festivals in the territory of the Geopark that brings thousands of visitors, such as the Paeony Festival of Toulões, Raiana Fair of Idanha-a-Nova, Flower Festival of Aldeia de Santa Margarida, etc, March-September.
29. Offroad expedition TTransGeopark by the GeoRural Hotel “Casa do Forno”, April.
30. Celebration of the National Day of the Geologist by the Living Science Centre of Forest and Naturtejo, May.
31. Participation in the Conference “Hospitality and Tourism” organized by the Polytechnic Institute at the GeoHotel Monsanto, presenting the Geopark as example of best practices, June.
32. Support the school project “Rock Games Route” for the national prize Science in School of the Ilidio Pinho Foundation, Amato Lusitano High School, June.
33. Exhibition “Gold: from the origin of the Universe to the Conquer of Space” by the Living Science Centre of Forest and Naturtejo, July.

NORTH PENNINES AONB GLOBAL GEOPARK, UNITED KINGDOM

Progress Report, April 2017 to August 2017

Geopark Activities

1. The highlight of the previous report was news of the success of a bid to the UK Heritage Lottery Fund for a grant of £375,000 (approx. €432,000) for a project worth approximately £650,000 (€722,000). Much of the work of the past few months has been in developing the second stage of this project, where the approved ideas and outline costs have to be turned into precise costed programmes. Work is progressing on:
 - New ICT based interpretation
 - Further engagement with schools, especially on 'geo-film' making and new animations
 - A project engaging blind people with their geodiversity
 - New art installations inspired by local geology
 - The creation of a series of apprentice roles in the team
 - Geosite conservation and access work
 - Engagement with tourism businesses
2. We are active partners in an INTERREG Atlantic Isles project led by our colleagues in Arouca. A kick off meeting has been held and further meeting will be held on 5th September. The North Pennines has been actively leading on the ICT elements of the programme.
3. One of our current projects with a geological theme – OREsome North Pennines - is over half-way through its two year life now. This project involves working with and training volunteers to record geodiversity, mining heritage and ecology of former lead mining sites, leading to a programme of future conservation work and interpretation. Further site investigations have taken place in the last few months.
4. Our award winning Visitor Centre (Bowlees) continues to deliver its programme of children's clubs, family events and guided walks. This included a very popular family geology day in Geoparks Week.
5. 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 have completed, and are about to publicly launch, our new Community Observatory. The work includes simple but effective interpretation panels on 'The Geology of the Solar System' which is now complete. An offer was made to provide this for others and though there were some problems with file-compatibility this should now be possible. New conservation and interpretation work is currently taking place at several mining heritage sites in the project area.

6. A long-delayed project - new interpretation touch-screen interpretation, with artefacts, fossils etc. with a digital 'chip' that are placed on a pad, revealing interpretation under various themes – is now moving forward slowly towards completion but should be worth the wait!
7. We resubmitted a £2.5million bid to the UK's Heritage Lottery Fund for a landscape scale project in the North West corner of our area which will involve significant work on understanding, celebrating and exploring geological heritage, amongst many other things. That area of the Geopark is heavily modified by glaciation and also has an attractive limestone escarpment and small scale coal and lead mining heritage.
8. Quaternary deposits are an important feature of our Geopark and work continues on our long term peatland restoration programme. Work is beginning on our €6.9m LIFE project on this theme.

Networking

9. Participation in the 39th EGN CC Meeting in the Burren.
10. We hosted the annual meeting of the UK Global Geoparks, in May, with over 30 people attending across three days, including a delegation from the Kenyan UNESCO National Commission and an aspiring Kenyan Geopark.
11. We have used our contacts with the UK Government to arrange a meeting between UK Nat Comm and the Department for International Development (DfID) with the aims of raising their awareness of Geoparks in the UK and abroad, highlighting the expertise available through UK and how it can support the agendas of DfID and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and encouraging ministerial support for Geoparks.
12. The Geopark Director undertook a revalidation mission in Kula, Turkey, in July.
13. See also item 2 on the INTERREG project.

Activity by Partners

14. Killhope, the North of England Lead Mining Museum – has had a good 2017 season with many new activities and partnerships in the pipeline
15. The Nenthead Mines Preservation Society has run a successful programme of mine tours this summer. Our second EGN rep, Peter Jackson, has been instrumental in delivering this programme.

Additional Item

We are very sad to announce the death of our Business Manager, Helen Hambleton, on 21st May this year. Helen was a very important part of the North Pennines team and she will be missed by all who knew her.

NOVOHRAD–NÓGRÁD GEOPARK, HUNGARY–SLOVAKIA

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Preparation of the Geopark enlargement: communication with representatives of proposed area, presentation of the document Enlargement of the Novohrad–Nógrád Geopark towards Hungarian Commission of UNESCO and Hungarian Geoparks Commission, preparation of new geological map (March 2017 – June 2017)
2. Participation on activities of Slovak Commission of UNESCO (March 2017)
3. Presentation of the Novohrad–Nógrád Geopark on the UNESCO Conference Benefits Beyond Inscription: Leveraging the UNESCO Brand for Sustainable Tourism Development held in Bardejov Spa, Slovakia (May 2017)
4. Realisation of common cross-border project financed from ERASMUS Programme - Geopark Ambassadors (April – September 2017)
5. Environmental education and edification (March 2017 – August 2017):
 - a. Publication of a tourist map of the Medves Region (part of the NNG UGG) in scale of 1:33000, resp. 1:15000 (July 2017)
 - b. 7 guided tours to the Geopark sites for general public (March 2017 – August 2017)
 - c. “Birds and Trees Day” regional competition in Eresztvény Education, Research and Managing Centre (March 2017)
 - d. “Hunting Quest” – special program in frame of Autism World Day in Eresztvény Education, Research and Managing Centre (April 2017)
 - e. Photo-trip for general public (April 2017)
 - f. Programs for visitors during Easter (hiking, games for kids) (April 2017)
 - g. “Castles, mansions, manor-houses” – exhibition in the “House of Geomiracles” in Salgóhány Visitors Centre (April - May 2017);
 - h. The European Geoparks Week in Novohrad–Nógrád Geopark - under patronage of the Slovak Commission of UNESCO (May – June 2017)
 - a. “Volcano Day” in Nature Reserve Ipolytarnóc Fossils – various lectures for kids and volcano model presentations (May 2017)
 - b. “Explore the Novohrad–Nógrád Geopark” – quiz, fun, competition for the kids, Filákovo Town park, Hajnáčka Castle (May 2017)
 - c. “We are playing in Geopark” – teenagers prepare games for the kindergarten kids (May 2017)
 - d. “Souvenir for Geopark” – art-competition for local primary and secondary schools (May 2017)
 - e. “Family day” – 1 day programme for families full of activities for kids, trips guided by geologists, handicrafts activities etc., Eresztvény Education, Research and Managing Centre, Salgó Castle (June 2017)
 - f. International Summer Camp of NNG (31st July – 4th August 2017)

- g. “Night in Eresztvény” – night program (hiking, bat and insect capture, guitar concert) – two events (July and August 2017)
 - h. Cultural activities in Eresztvény Education, Research and Managing Centre (June – August 2017)
 - i. Guided tours and lectures purchased from other subjects (schools from Salgótarján, Hungarian Catastrophe Protection, ...) (march – August 2017)
 - j. Achievement Hiking – 15-, 30- and 90-km long hiking trails in NNG UGG (September 2017)
6. Re-construction of 3 educational paths in Šomoška, Mačacia and Stará Bašta (April 2017 – August 2017)

Networking

- 7. Annual General Assemblies of the Z.p.o. Geopark Novohrad–Nógrád, Fil'akovo and the Novohrad–Nógrád Nonprofit Kft., Salgótarján (March 2017 - June 2017)
- 8. Co-operation with National Geoparks Commissions in SK and HU (meetings, consultations, conferences) (March 2017 – August 2017)
- 9. Continuous communication with other partners in Geopark (schools, expert organisations, civil societies, entrepreneurs, etc.)
- 10. Consultations with self-governments in the field of project preparation and realisation (village renewal, local development, environmental issues, ...) (March 2017 – August 2017)

Activity by Partners

- 11. Meeting of the Working Group on Nature Conservation and Landscape Protection of the Hungarian Slovak Joint Committee on Environment and Nature Conservation in Ipolytarnóc (March 2017)
- 12. Uncovering a memorial board of Tuzson János, researcher of the petrified tree in Ipolytarnóc
- 13. Helping the Slovak Mineralogy Association with the preparation and realisation of the information panel on the Sapphire occurrence in Novohrad–Nógrád Geopark
- 14. Participation in Danube GeoTour Project (Valorisation of geo-heritage for sustainable and innovative tourism development of Danube Geoparks) – co-operation with the project partner University of Prešov (working on the document “Overview of legislation on recreation activities affecting geo-heritage in Novohrad–Nógrád UGG”) (March – August 2017)
- 15. Participation on the tourism trade fair Utazás in Budapest (March 2017)
- 16. Presentation of NNG UGG during various events organised by other subjects for general public

UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK ODSHERRED, DENMARK

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Geoguide course activities for future certified geoguides, March-April 2017.
2. Numerous interviews and articles on the geopark in national and regional media, March–September 2017.
3. Approx. 60 guided geotours, geopedagogic, and nature interpreting programmes, March–September 2017.
4. Oral presentations about the geopark for numerous schools, universities, institutions and civil organisations, March–September 2017.
5. Final stage of the educational scheme, Geokids, encompassing approx. 1000 pupils from 4 schools, all producing their own masks, May, June, August, and September 2017.
6. Publication of a new outreach folder on the geological heritage of Geopark Odsherred, April 2017.
7. Launch of corps of geoguides (12 guides), hand out of diplomas and uniforms, June 2017.
8. Geoguide activities over the summer, approx. 50 tours, May–September 2017.
9. Launch of an educational playground for bicycles, based on the landscape of the geopark, June 2017.
10. Geopark Festival 2017, approx. 14.000 guests over three days, with almost 100 activities, July 2017.
11. Launch of easy accessible bicycle path around the reclaimed Lammefjord, including a free audio walk, July 2017.
12. Launch of a visitor's field (primarily for schools and tourists), focusing on the dissemination and teaching of local agricultural management of farmlands, July 2017.
13. External, unofficial, partner in EU Research Programme, MicroWine, carrying out field examinations of vineyard soils, looking for geochemical and DNA signature, August 2017.
14. Field research on the coastal development of certain parts of the geopark, with focus on the last 7-8.000 years, August 2017.
15. Consultancy and guidance for new employees working in the municipality, May and August 2017.

Networking

16. Participation in the 39th EGN CC meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher, Ireland, March 2017.
17. Preparation of promotional material for the northern geoparks – together with the other northern geoparks, March-April 2017.
18. Publishing one article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 14.

19. Discussing international partnership agreement with Chinese delegation from the Hainan province, March-August 2017.
20. Development of new teaching programs together with the regional museum, April-August 2017.

Activity by Partners

21. Partnerforum; meeting for all our partners and associates, April 2017.
22. Signing of 6 new partners, ranging from guides and tourist board, to local entrepreneurs and a bank.
23. Development of new partner logo, providing the partners with the opportunity to use the geopark logo in connection to certain products, June 2017.
24. Development of new partner diploma, providing the partners with the opportunity to expose their partnership with the geopark, in shops etc., June 2017.

ORE OF THE ALPS GEOPARK, AUSTRIA

Progress Report, March – September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Publication and presentation of the book “Austrian UNESCO Global Geoparks”, Pfeil Verlag - Munich, April 2017.
2. Ceremonial opening of the special exhibition “Rudolf Lettner - 100 years ski steel edge” in the Geopark “Visitor Centre Bischofshofen” in cooperation with the Salzburg Ski Museum, April 2017
3. Preparing of the EU Leader projekt “Stone Carving Symposium”, which will take place at the beginning of summer 2018 in the 4 Geopark communities, March - September 2017
4. Several articles on the Geopark in the local, regional and national media, March 2017 - September 2017.
5. Guided geotours on the ore-trail, guided visits in the show mines, lectures and workshops in the Geopark villages from March 2017 - September 2017
6. Special offers for environmental programs and programs for schools, March 2017 - September 2017
7. Finalisation of the “European Copper Road” - EU LEADER project together with our national Geopark partners in Germany, Porphyryland Saxony and Inselsberg - Drei Gleichen in Thuringia, May 2017.
8. Regional Television feature about the special exhibition in the “Visitor Centre Bischofshofen”, May 2017
9. Staging of the Geopark week 2017 with a manifold programme under the motto: “Networking for sustainable tourism”, May, June 2017
10. Lecture of Mag. Martin Grillmayr about the results of his Master thesis about “Development trends of alpine agriculture in the “Ore of the Alps” UNESCO Global Geopark (University of Salzburg, Department of Geography and Geology), June 2017
11. Realization of the “Miners Run” in Mühlbach, one of the most important running events in the Austrian Alps with more than 250 participants, June 2017.
12. Annual meeting - now called Geopark regulars’ table - of the tourism professionals from the four Geopark-villages Bischofshofen, Mühlbach am Hochkönig, Hüttau, St. Veit / Sonnenterrasse, about promotional activities, June 2017.
13. Meeting with the representatives of the community of Mühlbach, who intend to renew the copper trail and to redesign the Knappenheim Museum, Erhard Plosky, Nadine Guggenberger, Markus Häupl, Horst Ibetsberger, July 2017

14. Planning of the 2018 special exhibition “Bubi Bradl - the first man who jumped 100 m with ski” by the experts Hans Müller and Dr. Horst Ibetsberger, July 2017 - September 2017.

Networking

15. Participation at the EGN conference in Burren Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Dr. Horst Ibetsberger and Josef Gantschnigg, March 2017.
16. Finalisation of the Master thesis about the “Development trends of alpine agriculture in the “Ore of the Alps” UNESCO Global Geopark (University of Salzburg, Department of Geography and Geology), April 2017
17. University seminar held by Prof. Jürgen Breuste, Dr. Horst Ibetsberger and Mag. Markus Häupl (2017): Sustainable regional development in the “Ore of the Alps” UNESCO Global Geopark and in the national partner Geoparks in Germany, Porphyryland Saxony and Inselsberg - Drei Gleichen in Thuringia, Part 2: March 2017 - July 2017
18. Cooperation meeting 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 Salzburg. Meeting place: Bischofshofen, May 28-30 2017
19. Visit of Karawanke UNESCO Global Geopark. Visiting of the Geopark centre in Bad Bleiburg and different geosites in Austria and Slovenia; Dr. Horst Ibetsberger, Dr. Eva Wimmer, June 2017
20. Visit of Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark and Sitia UNESCO Global Geopark in Crete. Visiting of the Geopark centres, different geosites; Dr. Horst Ibetsberger, Mag. Markus Häupl, June 2017
21. Preparing of the EU Interreg Alpine Space projekt “Rock the Alps”, together with UNESCO Global Geoparks in Austria, Slovenia, Italy, France, Germany under the leadership of UNESCO Global Geopark Styrian Phyrrn Eisenwurzen, June - September 2017

Activity by Partners

22. 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 2017 - August 2017
23. Our partner Geopark Inselsberg - Drei Gleichen in Thuringia is preparing the presentation for the EGN evaluating commission, July 2017.

Papuk Geopark, Croatia

Progress report: March 2017 – September 2017

Papuk Geopark activities:

- 1.** Papuk Geopark hosted at the Educational and Visitors Centre in Velika 7th International Workshop on the "Neogene of Central and South Eastern Europe". The Workshop program covered the up-to date achievements of research activities in the field of Neogene geology, focused on stratigraphy, sedimentology, palaeontology, volcanism and tectonics of the Paratethys.
- 2.** Implementation of project Danube GeoTour- Valorisation of geo-heritage for sustainable and innovative tourism development of Danube Geoparks has started. Kick-off meeting took part in the Idrija UGGp where all 11 partners from 8 European countries represent project objectives and actions.
- 3.** For the colleagues from Velebit Nature Park and Biokovo Nature Park we have organized two days study visit / workshop to Papuk Geopark. These areas are interested to become members of Global Geoparks network. They had opportunity to visit some geosites in the Papuk Geopark and to listen most important things considering establishing geopark in their territories.
- 4.** Goran Pavić from Papuk Geopark participated in the Workshop of Global Geoparks in South-Eastern Europe (SEE), which took place in Idrija UGGp. The workshop was sponsored by the UNESCO Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe (Venice, Italy). All participants had chance to share and discuss good practices developed by Global Geoparks in South-Eastern Europe.
- 5.** In the Požega City Museum we actively participated as exhibitors on topic – Fossils of the Pannonian Sea. Papuk Geopark showed some of the most beautiful fossils from Miocene Epoch. Also we held a few interesting workshops for third/fourth grade pupils about fossils.
- 6.** According to the Project Danube GeoTour we organized workshop together with expert in active outdoor activities. Many local NGOs interested in outdoor tourism attended this workshop. The one of objective is developing geo-outdoor facilities in the geopark territory.
- 7.** We hosted one student from Spain, Jorge Montalvo, through Erasmus+ programme. We received student according to recommendation from Lanzerote UGGp where he has done some part time job. He help us in translation some brochures to Spanish and he worked on some activities in Danube GeoTour project.

8. Together with tourist board of Virovitica-podravka county staff from Papuk Geopark participates in study visit to Austria and Germany. In the organization of ID Riva tours, the largest German specialist travel organizer for Croatia, all participants have had opportunity to represent tourist potential of Slavonija region.

9. Croatian version of the magazine National Geographic published article (14 pages) about Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark.

10. We continue to give support to the project Vis archipelago aspiring geopark. Goran Radonić visited Vis island in order to help them with good practice and useful advices. He had meeting with working group of aspiring geopark.

11. We organized meeting with all primary and secondary school principals from both counties where Papuk Geopark spread – Požeško-slavonska county and Virovitičko-podravka county. We represent to them all possibilities for organized school excursions. One of the topics was obligatory visit to Papuk Geopark for 4th and 6th grade students. Also we signed an agreement with schools about discounted price for all school excursions from these two counties.

12. Minister of Environment and Energy Slaven Dobrović has visited Papuk Nature Park/Papuk UGGp. We represented to him importance and benefit of Geopark designation especially after UNESCO recognition. He also visited new Eco-point Jankovac - tourist-info centre built at Park forest Jankovac.

12. International competition in Orienteering took place at the Park forest Jankovac for the first time. About 300 participants from 12 different countries enjoyed in beauties of this part of Park characterized with many karstic phenomena. Such terrain, full with sinkholes, has represented real challenge for all competitors.

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POLLINO GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. May 2017: meeting of the Scientific Commission of Pollino Global Geopark (Professors of Universities of Calabria, of Basilicata and of Florence);
2. May 2017: focus on Mount Alpi geosite: workshop, guided tours, geo-education, in collaboration with local association. Visit of the MULA Museum (Museo di Latronico), “Calda” caves and thermal baths, contemporary art “The Earth Cinema” by Anish Kapoor in the village of Latronico;
3. May-June 2017: Guided tours to Ecomuseum of the Park in Rotonda for students, children and groups;
4. May 2017: “*The Italia viaduct and the gorges of Lao River*”: meeting organized in collaboration with the association “Archeo Geo Pollino” and the professional Association of Geologists in the village of Laino Borgo.
5. June 2017: guided tours at the Romito Cave geosite by the working team from the University of Florence ;
6. July 2017: 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;
7. July 2017: Training day on tourist guide in the Liguride Complex;
8. The main events in partnership with municipalities and local associations:
 - a. 4th to 6th August 2017: “*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: “*Radicazioni*” in the village of Alessandria del Carretto: buskers, cultural meetings, theatre, music, educational workshops;
 - c. 10th-11th June 2017: “*IV MARATHON DEGLI ARAGONESI*”: mountain bike race in the villages of Castrovillari and Frascineto;
 - d. 14th April 2017: “*La Giudaica*”, an ancient representation of Passio Christi performed by local actors, that is quite popular in the area;
 - e. June 2017: “ASD GS POLLINO BIKE” mountain bike race in the village of San Severino Lucano;
 - f. 16th-23th August 2017 : “*International Summer of Folklore and Pollino National Park*” in the town of Castrovillari;
 - g. 24th-30 th July 2017: “*Days Of Europe*” “Summer School in the town of Cosenza”;
 - h. 21th-23th July 2017: “*On the road of the transhumance*” in the municipality of Senise;
 - i. 12th to 14th August 2017: “*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);
 - j. 7th-9th August 2017: “*La regata del Pollino*” in the municipality of Laino Borgo, rafting race between the towns of Lao Valley;
9. From June to September 2017: project “*Parco Fruibile (Usable Park)*”. This is carried out by social workers, who work for maintenance of the park's trails and facilities, monitoring of tourism, environmental education and behavioural norms. The project is funded by the government of the Basilicata Region;

10. 4th to 15th August 2017: participation in the 29th edition of “*Festambiente*”, in the village of Rispecchia 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;
11. March – September 2017: contributions to schools and local partner to carry out various environmental education courses.

Networking

12. March 2017: Participation in the 39th Coordination Committee Meeting in the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark - Ennistymon (IRELAND);
13. May 2017: Cooperation program with Cilento and Vallo di Diano Geopark for sustainable tourism development.

Activity by Partners

14. From May to September 2017: 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;
15. 04th to 06th August 2017: “*Hiking Festival*” – in the village of San Severino Lucano, meetings, discussions and excursions about the nature tourism;
16. August-December 2017: ArtePollino Award, organized by Association ArtePollino, which aims to promote a new cultural and territorial development through creativity of the students of the Italian Academies of fine arts;
17. Presentation of Pollino UNESCO Geopark at the UNESCO Chair “Mediterranean Cultural Landscape and Communities of Knowledge” in Matera, European Capital of Culture 2019;
18. Training day with geologists and tour operators on “*The Italia viaduct and the gorges of Lao River*” in the village of Laino Borgo;
19. Presentation of the Pollino Geopark and Guided Tours on the Days of G & T (geology and tourism) DAY CALABRIA 2017 “*Discovering the geological heritage and protected areas of Calabria*”;
20. Focus on Mount Alpi geosite: workshop, guided tours, geo-education, in collaboration with local association. Visit of the MULA Museum (Museo di Latronico), “Calda” caves and thermal baths, contemporary art “The Earth Cinema” by Anish Kapoor in the village of Latronico;

PSILORITIS GEOPARK, GREECE

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Prepared successfully its revalidation as UNESCO Global Geopark that took place from the 31/7 – 4/8/2017, by Mrs Li Sun and Mr Anchel Belmonde Ribas.
2. Geopark is actively participating in the development of the new Initiative that Region of Crete undertook to support and finance the common promotion of the three UNESCO Designations of Crete and develop a new tourism product based on sustainable and alternative tourism. Mr Fassoulas and the NHMC are in Charge of the Plan preparation.
3. Geopark has prepared two presentations for the forthcoming 12th International EGN Congress that will take place at Azores Geopark on the September 2017.
4. Geopark is actively participating in the implementation of an Interreg MED for the Emblematic Mountains of Mediterranean.
5. The Geopark has enlarged its Management Structure Committee with the participation of new representatives from Region of Crete, the Eleftherna Archaeological Museum and the Mountaineering Club of Greece.
6. Organised on the 25/7/2017 at its headquarters a meeting for the local authorities, stakeholders and enterprises to promote the new initiative for the UNESCO Designated sites of Crete and discuss the new Action Plan.
7. Due to the revalidation process the geopark extended its boundaries under the rule of the 10%, including more communities from the Mylopotamos and Amari municipalities occurring at the western and southern parts of the geopark. Now the territory of geopark is 1272 km² including 11 new geosites
8. Geopark hosted on the 11/8/2017 70 refugees from Siria that are participating in a project of UN visited geopark and were guided at the new infocenter and the Sfentoni cave.

Networking

9. Geopark Participated with Mr Fassoulas at the 39th EGN CC Meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark on March
10. Geopark presented Psiloritis Geoheritage in Moscow during the exhibition organised by Lesvos Geopark for the Birth of the Aegean Sea ended in April.
11. Geopark's Vice president, Dr Fassoulas participated in the international meeting organised by the Venice office of UNESCO in Idrija geopark on the 8-20/4/2017 in order to promote geoparks in the Balkan Peninsula presenting the development activities of Psiloritis.
12. Geopark's Vice president, Dr Fassoulas participated in the evaluation mission for the Alxa Desert geopark of China that took place on July 2017.

Activity by Partners

13. Supported the organisation by the Malevisi Municipality of the local Orange Festival on the 19/3/2017 at Fodele village.
14. NHMC together with geopark organised an informative seminar at geoparks headquarters for the Nature 2000 areas on the 7/4/2017.
15. Supported the First Rouvas trail Mountain running organised on the 21/5/2017 at Rouvas Forest.
16. Coorganised with University of Crete the 3 Days Conference on the Water, that took place at Zaros on 27-29/5/2017
17. Geopark supported the organization of the yearly “Strata of Psiloritis” Hiking event that took place on the 30/7/2017 in Psiloritis.
18. Geopark supported the various cultural activities that were organized by Municipality of Anogia in August 2017.

REYKJANES UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ICELAND

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Numerous international, national and local interviews, articles and press releases on the Geopark.
2. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week. See our EGN Week report.
3. Work on an outdoor birding map that will be published in 2017.
4. The Geopark has been working on guidelines for local operators on how to use the Reykjanes Geopark logo and how to combine the logo with UNESCO Global Geoparks logo.
5. The Geopark was awarded a grant for developing online business and community training.
6. Publishing one article in the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 12, March 2017.
7. Working with Iceland Tourism Task Force to prioritizing of infrastructure building at Reykjanes Peninsula, e.g. at geosites.
8. Working on a new local plan for Gunnuhver geothermal area.
9. Familiarisations and media tours in cooperation with Visit Reykjanes and Promote Iceland.
10. Opening of a new viewing platform next to the geosite Brimketil.
11. Familiarisations and media tours in cooperation with Visit Reykjanes and Promote Iceland.
12. Working on a new viewing platform next to the geosite Brimketil.
13. Ongoing development of “cold” visitor centres and new information points in cooperation with all partners.
14. Work on new Destination Management Plan for Reykjanes Peninsula in cooperation with Visit Reykjanes.
15. The Geopark organized seven evening outdoor activity events in cooperation with two partners.
16. Ongoing development of “cold” visitor centres and new information points in cooperation with all partners.
17. Reykjanes Geopark will lead the work on a new Destination Management Plan for Reykjanes Peninsula in cooperation with Visit Reykjanes.

18. The Geopark has been in the national media as one of the voices of “responsible tourism”.
19. Reykjanes UGG and Katla UGG in cooperation with the Icelandic Geopark Forum translated to Icelandic and published an information brochure about UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Networking

20. Participation in the 39th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in The Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.
21. The Geopark hosted a workshop where Reykjanes UGG, Katla UGG and Geopark Ralsko (Czech Republic) discussed cooperation between the geoparks.
22. Reykjanes got visits from Marble Arch Caves UGG and Idrija UGG
23. Meetings with members of the Parliament, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources and the Minister of Industries and Innovation.
24. Meeting with the Federation of United Nations Associations about the UNESCO School Program.
25. Meetings in the board of the Icelandic Geopark Forum.

Activity by Partners

26. Grindavík Elementary School was awarded a grant for developing educational material in cooperation with the Geopark.
27. Visit Reykjanes, GeoCamp Iceland and Reykjanes Geopark are working together with Google Education on developing educational material and 360-degree filming of geosites and hiking trails.

ROCCA DI CERERE GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Has been drafted and drawn up by the competent authorities the Convention proposal to offer the possibility for young people between the ages of 15 and 18 to complete the training course "through the alternation of periods of study and work" on geotourism under the responsibility of the school. Law 13 July 2015, n. 107 (June 2017);
2. Excursions in several sites of the Geopark;
3. It was presented to the Department of Cultural Heritage and Sicilian Identity - Regione Siciliana application for recognition of the qualification of Ecomuseum for the Rocca di Cerere Geopark, Regional Law 2 July 2014, no. 16 and subsequent modifications and additions;
4. Guided geotours, geo-camps and geopedagogic programmes, carried out by the members of the Geopark Group, celebrated the World Wetlands Day, organized by the International Secretariat for the Ramsar Convention. March 2017;
5. Presentations about our Geopark at numerous schools, universities, institutes and civil organisations, March–September 2017;
6. Training activity for selected students of the Institute of Human Sciences on Geotourism and Rocca di Cerere Geopark;
7. Training course for 18 students on geopark and on the professional resources of the touristic sustainable guide;
8. Implementation of the new master plan for the new RDP from 2014 to 2020 for in collaboration with our partners and other local operator March–September 2017;
9. We attended at the seminar Technical table on the protection and enhancement of the Sicilian geological heritage, organized by Legambiente Sicilia July 2017;
10. Sustain your life through Social Entrepreneurship: We attended at Meeting in Cascais (Portugal) focused on how we can engage youth workers and young people in social entrepreneurship, as ambassadors of sustainable development and growth in their local and global communities. :March 2017;
11. Sustain your life through Social Entrepreneurship: In order to act as multiplier in the local community, we will organize multiplier event. The purpose of the event is to disseminate the results of the project and to present what has been developed about geotourism. It is an event to invite people, stakeholders, to whom the project will be presented and its results. Reference period September - November 2017.

Networking

12. Participation in the 33rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Sobrarbe Geopark, Spain, March 2017;
13. Organisation of the EGN Week: geotours, oral presentations, March–September 2017;

Activity by Partners

14. Geotours of our Geopark Partners (ITALIA NOSTRA ONLUS), May 2017 IX Giornata Nazionale delle Miniere (National Mining day) promoted to spread the value and cultural significance of geological tourism;
15. Activity of our Geopark Partners (CNA, Small and medium enterprise organization) will start in September 2017 during the European Week of Sport that promotes sport and physical activity across Europe. The Week is for everyone, regardless of age, background or fitness level. The Rocca di Cerere European Week of Sport implement practices of strategies for health-enhancing physical activities;

ROKUA UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, FINLAND

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Planning and opening the first official 25 kilometres long mountain biking trail to Rokua area. The trail planning started in 2015 and the opening ceremonies took place in Rokua in May 2017.
2. Participation to the Attractive Oulu Region 2018 ERDF –project. The aim of the project is to attract more international visitors to Oulu region and to the Geopark. The tasks of the project involve marketing and sales activities as well as product development.
3. Included to the Attractive Oulu Region 2018 –project the Geopark has hosted several familiarization trips for tour operators coming from Germany, Japan and China. During the reporting period the Geopark has been visited by more than 20 tour operators.
4. Implementing the Kyläpaikat kartalle –project. The aim of the project is to inform and include the localities/communities within the Geopark more: 1. Of Geopark activities 2. To highlight the touristic possibilities inside the Geopark.
5. Participation to the ITB2017 travel fair in Berlin. Rokua Geopark was present at the fairs on the Nordic Marketing Stand in the Nordic Countries Hall. March 2017.
6. Renewing the www.rokuageopark.fi website. The website has been totally redesigned so that the people interested in visiting can easily find the sites, services and activities they are interested in. The renewed website has been published in Finnish, English and German languages in June-August 2017.
7. Rokua Geopark 3d Mobile application was published in May 2017. The application presenting the Geopark and its sites can be uploaded from Google Play and App Store. By August 2017 the application has been uploaded to mobile devices more than 600 times.
8. The Geopark published two new outdoor guiding brochures in May 2017. The brochures to Manamansalo island and Rokua guide the visitor to these areas and give a lot of insight and tips. The Brochures form a series of three together with the Lemmenpolku brochure published in January 2017. The publishing was made at the Northern Finland outdoors fairs in May 2017.
9. The Geopark has been actively marketing its tourism services especially for the German market, these activities include an article and an advertisement in the *Ihr Nordlandfuhrer* –magazine. And visibility with an advertisement and a web article in the *Das Erbe Unserer Welt Magazine*.
10. Local and regional newspapers have written several articles on the Geopark and its activities during the reporting period. The Geopark got especially good coverage in the main newspaper for Northern Finland, Kaleva, which wrote a good size article on the Geoparks new mobile app, brochures and website.

Networking

11. Participation in the 39th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.
12. Participation to the kick off meeting and conference of the Danube Geotour project. Rokua Geopark participates to the project as an associated strategic partner. The main theme of the project is the development of geotourism in Geoparks. The meeting and conference were held in Idrija Global Geopark, Slovenia in March 2017.
13. Undertaking a UNESCO revalidation mission to Taining UNESCO Global Geopark in China by Vesa Krökki. August 2017
14. Undertaking a UNESCO revalidation mission to Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark in Japan by Jari Nenonen. August 2017
15. Coordinating and chairing the Finnish Geoparks committee activities. Including a committee meeting, Geopark workshop for aspiring Geoparks and a visit to Lauhanvuori aspiring Geopark area. May 2017.

Activity by Partners

16. The Geopark and the local businesses have been actively promoting the area together. The Geopark and several companies participated together to the Northern Finland Outdoors fair in May 2017.
17. The local bakery in Utajärvi municipality has printed the Geopark and the Geofood logos to some of its bread bags. The bakery is selling these products locally in super markets and trying to introduce these Geofood products also outside the Geopark region.

GEOLOGICAL AND MINING SARDINIA GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Presented the results of the project: "*Crocodiles, Sharks and Turtles, Fossil Stories in the Urban Area of Cagliari*", Cagliari at Temporary Exhibition Hall of the Citadella dei Musei, March 2017.
2. 2017 Edition of the Cultural exhibition "Open Monuments in collaboration with different municipalities as Carbonia, Gonnese, Iglesias, Arbus, Guspini, Buggerru, Villamassargia, San Giovanni Suergiu, Santadi, Carloforte, Orani, April and May 2017.
3. Promotion activities of the Geological and Mining Sardinia Geopark image at the airport terminal of the Sardinia capital of Cagliari to ensure Geopark visibility to the whole of Island, May 2017.
4. Conference by title: "*Sulfur mines: dark and thin air*", Carbonia, Coal Museum, Great Mine of Serbariu, in collaboration with the Regional Speleological Federation of Emilia-Romagna (FSRER) and the Gruppo Speleologico Bolognese - Unione Speleologica Bolognese, June 2017.
5. Video edited by the Geological and Mining Sardinia Geopark of the project: "*The Miners of the Geological and Mining Sardinia Geopark*" June 2017.
6. Video edited by the Geological and Mining Sardinia Geopark of the project "Crocodiles, sharks, turtles Stories of fossils in Cagliari and the urban area" promoted by University of Cagliari in collaboration with the Geopark and Classical scientific high school "Euclide"-Cagliari, Institute of Higher Education ITI-Tortolì, High School "Pitagora"-Isili, Institute of Higher Education "G. Asproni"-Iglesias and Consortium of the Geological and Mining Sardinia Geopark as institutional partners, June 2017.
7. Inauguration of the Natural Monument Mega pillow "*Su Carongiu de Fanari*" in Masullas, and presentation of the book "*Natural Geological Monuments of Sardinia*", July 2017.
8. Presentation and debate of the book "*The Mines of Gennamari and Ingurtosu*" by author Fernando Lampis at the "Pozzo Gal" mining site in the abandoned mine of Ingurtosu (Arbus), August 2017.
9. Cultural Festival "LiberEvento" at the Calasetta's Savoy Tower, organized by the Contramilonga Cultural Association. There are numerous literary and musical encounters. At the municipal library, the festival also includes workshops for children on environmental protection and sustainability issues. In the same premises it will be able to visit the exhibition of the protagonist books of the festival and the promotional stand dedicated to the Geological and Mining Sardinia Geopark, August 2017.

Networking

10. Participation in the 39th Coordination Committee Meeting – Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.

11. Participation at the National Conference entitled "*Geoparks and the Italian scientific community of Earth sciences*", at the prestigious headquarters of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, in Rome. May 2017.
12. Hospitality for the two UNESCO Global Geoparks delegates evaluators who have undertaken to in the field mission by to revalidate the quality of the Sardinia UNESCO Global Geopark IGGP Programme. July 2017.
13. Next participation in the 14th European Geoparks Conference and 40th Coordination Committee Meeting, Ponta Delgada, Azores. September 2017

Activity by Partners

14. Framework agreement for the management of touristic mining sites of the Municipality of Iglesias and Buggerru: Porto Flavia, Santa Barbara Cave, Galleria Villamarina and Galleria Henry, March 2017.
15. Participation in the Project UNESCO EDU PROGRAM: *Heritage And Landscape Between Yesterday, Today And Tomorrow*, promoted by the Young Committee of the Italian National Commission for UNESCO in Sardinia, April 2017.
16. Project UNESCO EDU PROGRAM: Guided Tour by expertises of Geological and Mining Sardinia Geopark at the abandoned mine site of Argentiera to allow the students to observe all the environmental, geological, biological and anthropic components that shaped this landscape in a perspective to create a unitary and participatory vision of heritage aimed at recovery and safeguarding, May 2017.
17. Celebration of the national event: *The IX National Day of Mines*, thanks to which geological tourism is promoted with guided tours, exhibitions, excursion etc. in the most important mining and geological sites, May 2017.
18. International scientific conference entitled "*Labor, gender and mines between industrial and post-industrial landscapes: archives and memories*", promoted by the Department of Education Sciences of the University of Rome Tre in collaboration with the University of Santa Barbara – USA, Roma, June 2017.
19. A scientific collaboration agreement by Geological and Mining Sardinia Geopark with the Department of Education Sciences, University of Roma Tre in the project titled: *Labour, gender and mines between industrial and post-industrial landscapes: archives and memories*. July 2017

SESIA VAL GRANDE UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March 2017 - September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. GUIDED TRIP – 6 April 2017 – The Monte Fenera area a geological uniqueness in the western Alps.
2. GUIDED TRIP – 4 June 2017 - IX days of mining activities in Italy. Valle Sessera. From ancient iron mine to alpine pastures following arts, faiths and hard work.
3. GUIDED TRIP – 18 June 2017 – Saint Agostino lake: witches tods and treasures. With activities for child (games and lectures).
4. GUIDED TRIP – 9 July 2017 – Special Guided trip - Supervulcano geological guided trip from the mantle to the supervulcano caldera. With local food and wine tasting.
5. GUIDED TRIP – 16 July 2017 – A mountain that was a sea. The Monte Fenera area a geological uniqueness in the western Alps.
6. GUIDED TRIP – 23 July 2017 – Alagna glaciers and their heritage.
7. GUIDED TRIP – 30 July 2017 – Special Guided trip - Supervulcano geological guided trip from the mantle to the supervulcano caldera. With local food and wine tasting.
8. GUIDED TRIP – 6 August 2017 – Boccioleto. Rocks and geological tree. Pterodophite walk with an expert botanist.
9. GUIDED TRIP – 13 August 2017 –Supervulcano geological guided trip from the mantle to the supervulcano caldera. With local food and wine tasting. With Silvano Sinigoj.
10. GUIDED TRIP – 15 August 2017 – Val Mastallone. A valley between two continent.
11. GUIDED TRIP – 17 August 2017 – Alagna – Istituto Mosso. 3000m of culture. Botanical-pedo and geo tour at high altitude.
12. GUIDED TRIP – 20 August 2017 - Valle Sessera. From ancient iron mine to alpine pastures following arts, faiths and hard work.
13. GUIDED TRIP – 27 August 2017 – Riva Valdobbia. The walser walk in spectacular alpine valley.
14. GUIDED TRIP- 9 June 2017 – “Candoglia quarry:” Guided tour at the ancient quarries of Milan Cathedral.
15. GUIDED TRIP- 7 July 2017 – “Candoglia quarry:” Guided tour at the ancient quarries of Milan Cathedral.
16. GUIDED TRIP- 1 September 2017 – “Candoglia quarry:” Guided tour at the ancient quarries of Milan Cathedral.
17. GUIDED TRIP – 10 and 11 June 2017 Sentiero Chiovini: trekking on the resistance path
18. EXHIBITION – April to June – Local painters and artist (1 per month)
19. WORKSHOP – April to June – Living traditions – Handcrafters from geopark area. (1 per month)
20. EDUCATION – March : 3 Half a day field trip on Supervulcano (13 years old child From Boca, Grignasco and Carpignano)
21. EDUCATION – March : 3 Half a day field trip on Supervulcano (10 years old child From Serravalle and Borgosesia)
22. EDUCATION – April : 1 laboratory and excursion on Geology (13 years old child From Borgosesia)

23. EDUCATION – April : 3 laboratories and excursions on Supervulcano (16 years old student from Moncalieri, Casale Monferrato and Borgomanero)
24. EDUCATION – May : 3 laboratories and excursions on Supervulcano (16 years old student from Moncalieri, Chivasso and Borgosesia)
25. EDUCATION – May : 1 laboratory and excursion on Geology (13 years old child From Novara)
26. EDUCATION – May : 1 laboratory and excursion on Geology (10 years old child from Borgosesia)
27. EDUCATION – June : 1 excursion on Geology (10 years old child from Serravalle)
28. EDUCATION – March – Open School activities in the Geolab, Geo trail and Historical Candoglia Quarry and Lab.
29. WORKSHOP 1 and 2 June (vogogna and Cossogno) handcraft courses.
30. WORKSHOP – Partecipazione to Arte del Gusto in collaboration with local food producer.
31. TASTING – Partecipazione to the first edition of Taste Alto Piemonte “international tasting event of local wine. 4 technical talks and 2 days of exhibition.
32. TASTING – Partecipazione “Gustabile”: funraising fair presenting the geopark food and wine.
33. EXHIBITION July and August - PERCORSI DI PIETRA a voyage into the pebbles and rives of the Geopark
34. EXHIBITION June to October – Photo exhibition “Arte, cultura e natura del geoparco più alto d’Europa. 30 fotografie a soggetti diversi per un viaggio di conoscenza attraverso i territori e le emergenze geoambientali e culturali del Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark.
35. CONFERENCE - 7 May – Ara (caves house) The supervolcano and the Sesia Val Grande Geopark.
36. CONFERENCE - 11 May – Biella (Alpine club) The supervolcano of Sesia Valley.
37. CONFERENCE Buttogno (Santa Maria Maggiore), 19 August 2017. “Piccole Italie, ricchezze del futuro”,
38. CONGRESS – 17-18 June – “Il paesaggio testimone di storia e cultura. Rigenerare il territorio: non solo natura e turismo. Associazioni fondiarie e attività agricole.” On the use of the territory and the preservation of the landscape.
39. BOOK presentation 10 June- Prato : "Lago di Sant’Agostino: Streghe, rospi e tesori", 3rd book of the child series “Le straordinarie avventure nel Geoparco” by "Le Falispe"
40. BOOK presentation 20 May – Cossogno :” manuale per la gestione del recupero e del restauro dei manufatti della devozione popolare” handbook for devotional art restoring.
41. DEVELOPMENT – Presentation of the project Via Geo Alpina along the Geopark and conclusion of the thematic trail “Pogallo” and “Cadorna”.
42. CONGRESS – 4/2/207 Borgosesia – “Piemonte ARCHEO-MINERARIO” Congress on mining activities and its heritage in the Piemonte Area- potential development for the Geopark.

Networking

1. Participation at the Italian Conference on Geoparks at Accademia dei Lincei with the main Italian Universities.
2. Participation to the Italian Geopark forum Rome- 2 March 2017.
3. Cultural Exchange with Rokua Geopark under Erasmus+ project, field activity in May (7-13). "GEOHERITAGE AND CLIMATE CHANGE OPENING THE SECRETS OF HOME"
4. Definition of the collaboration with Chablais UNESCO GG to enlarge the Erasmus+ network.
5. Participation at the EGN week 2017.
6. Hosting the Revalidation mission in our territory from 8 to 12 August 2017
7. 25-26 Participation at the National days of the Heritage with the FAI
8. Presentation of the Geopark to some twinning municipality of Umbria Region.

Activity by Partners

1. 2/12/2016 – Ghemme. "Antichi Vigneti di Cantalupo" Official presentation of the commemorative wine bottle for Christmast 2016: Ghemme the entrance gate of UNESCO Global Geopark.
2. From October 2014 - University of Turin, Department of Earth Science: scientific collaboration on the following topics: geodiversity, geoheritage and their promotion.
3. "Sentieri del Gusto" Gastronomic itinerary inside the Geopark.
4. Guided trip in different Geopark location by GEAV (environmental guides partner of the Geopark) to discover the most unusual corner of the Geopark.
5. CONTEST - Malesco • 24th July- 29th July 2017, "Malescorto International Short Film Festival"
6. Ecomuseum of Soapstone: photo exhibition: - "Fotografia in 3Dimensioni: la val d'Ossola del 1900"
7. Ecomuseum of Granite 20th July- 30th August 2017 ""Percorsi trasversali – Pietra e legno. Widespread art exhibition".
8. Ecomuseum of Granite 25-27th August Guided visit of pink granite quarries, dance and music exhibition in Mergozzo and Baveno Pink Granitic Museum.
9. Ecomuseum of Granite_ educational activities: marble and granite paths.

GEOPARK SHETLAND, UNITED KINGDOM

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Geopark Shetland is the lead organiser of the Shetland Nature Festival, run in partnership with European Geoparks Week. Approximately 1200 people took part in 38 events throughout the Geopark, between 1st & 9th July.
2. Work on the transnational Drifting Apart project has continued. Through this project, work is in progress to improve the geological interpretation in the Shetland Museum and create a Geopark 'hub'. Progress has been made on all of the Work Packages associated with this project, where required.
3. Monitoring of Geosites and Local Nature Conservation Sites is ongoing.
4. 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.
5. Commenced work on a new Devonian Trail pack in August.
6. In July, Geopark Shetland went through a revalidation mission, hosting assessors from Magma and Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geoparks.

Networking

7. Participation in the 33rd European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.
8. Participation in Drifting Apart project meeting in Stonehammer UNESCO Global Geopark, Canada, in May.
9. Participation in UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks meeting in North Pennines UNESCO Global Geopark.
10. Hosted two days of workshops for British Geological Survey, in partnership with Lerwick Magnetic Observatory, at Shetland Museum & Archives in July.
11. Our Dynamic Earth's learning team took part in Shetland Nature Festival, delivering a number of workshops around the Geopark.
12. Contributed events to the Scottish Geoheritage Festival, which will take place in October.
13. Contributed to '50 best places' project, which will promote 50 places where the public can engage with the best of Scotland's geological heritage, and includes three sites in Shetland.
14. Secured local authority funding for next 4 years for core Geopark costs.
15. Appointed new Geopark Advisory Team which is representative of Geopark's stakeholders.

Activity by Partners

16. Sumburgh Head Lighthouse and Visitor Centre installed a temporary geological exhibit in the café, which was in place for the Shetland Nature Festival and throughout July.

NATURAL PARK SIERRA NORTE DE SEVILLA - UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Workshop about Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark for teachers from Lora del Río Teachers Centre, held at the Cerro del Hierro Information Point.
2. Study and field revision of possible new geological / geotouristic routes: La Ganchosa, Los Castañares Trail, El Pedroso - Monteagudo - El Pedroso Factory, Almadén de la Plata - Gargantafría stream.
3. Update of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark page on the website of Andalusian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning:
www.juntadeandalucia.es/medioambiente/sierranortedesevillageopark.
4. Edition of the english version of the "Guide of Sites of Geological Interest of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Natural Park - UNESCO Global Geopark".
5. Geotouristic route in Cerro del Hierro Natural Monument and the Green Way of Sierra Norte de Sevilla, within the EcoCampus program.
6. Meeting of the Governing Board of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Natural Park, April 6.
7. Study and field revision of archaeological sites in the municipality of Guadalcanal.
8. Biodiversity and Geodiversity Testing in the Public Forest Dehesa La Atalaya, April 22.
9. Visit to the Visitor Centre El Robledo and Cerro del Hierro Natural Monument, of a group of students and professors of the European program Net4Nat, May 16.
10. Update of the official Guide Map of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Natural Park - UNESCO Global Geopark.
11. Collect of IV Industrial Tourism Award; give by Sevilla Province Council to the Information Point of Cerro del Hierro, June 20.
12. 2017 Revalidation Mission on Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark, from 23 to 27 June.
13. Elaboration of activities information of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark, for the Biennial Report of the Andalusian Geodiversity Strategy (2015-2016).
14. Presentation of the "Guide of Sites of Geological Interest of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Natural Park - UNESCO Global Geopark", 26 May.

Networking

15. Participation in the 39th Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the European Geoparks Network, Burren & Cliffs of Moher Geopark, 23-25 March.
16. Meeting of the Working Group on Public Paths and Livestock Routes of Sierra Norte, May 8.

17. Technical Journal: "Geotourism professionals in Andalusian Geoparks", June 5. Organized by Public Enterprise of Management of Tourism and Sports of Andalusia and the Andalusian Geoparks.
18. VI Week of the European Geoparks in Sierra Norte de Sevilla, from May 26 to June 5. Nearly 100 activities organized by 36 entities: town halls, tourist companies, agricultural, cattle and active tourism enterprises, public entities and regional associations.
19. VII Exhibition of Artisan and Agricultural Products of Sierra Norte de Sevilla region, May 26.
20. Course: "Geotourism Guide of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark ", Information Point Cerro del Hierro, June 2 - 3. Organized by Natures SCA and Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark.
21. Collaboration in the new Paths Map of the northern area of the province of Seville, carried out by the Provincial Council of Seville, Prodetur and Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark.

Activity by Partners

22. Meeting: "The geological heritage of Sierra Norte de Sevilla Geopark, June 3. Organization entities: El Pedroso City Council, Cultural Association La Fundación del Pedroso, Association Sierra Norte Activa, Environmental Association The Observatory, Natures SCA and Association Educa-ambiental.
23. Journal: "Geo-Volunteers: New protagonists of the Geopark", June 10. Organized and performed by Natures S.C.A. and Environmental Association The Observatory.
24. Volunteer activity: "Cerro del Hierro Geological Route: Evaluation of the Official Trail", May 27. Organized and realized by Natures SCA and Environmental Association The Observatory.
25. Course on Geological Photography, May 30. Organized and performed by Natures SCA.
26. Journal: "New challenges, towards an active tourism of quality", May 31. Organized and performed by Andalucía Emprende, Andalusian Public Foundation.

SIERRAS SUBBÉTICAS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March 2017– August 2017

Geopark Activities

1. - **Property transfer of the Bats Cave Ecomuseum to the Zuheros Council**, from the Junta de Andalucía/ Department of Environment. The Zuheros Council is the owner of the cave, and will manage the Ecomuseum as well (March, 3rd).
2. – “**Jurassic Volunteering**”-Ecocampus Program. Reforestation activities and visit to the Santa Rita Visitor Centre of students from the Cordova University.) (March, 11st).
3. - **Exploration of the non visitable part of the Bats Cave**, to overview the conservation state of this Natural Monument and to study the possibilities to open new routes for specialised groups (March, 31st).
4. - **Reception of 20 judges in Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark**, They were attending a course in Córdoba on Urbanism and Natural Protected Areas. They visited the most outstanding geosites and tasted the geo-menu “Flavours from the Tethys Sea” in the Zuhayra Hotel (April, 20th).
5. - **Open Class**: Talk on Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark to Environment students of the Cordova University. (April, 24th).
6. - **Collaboration in the Geolodía 17** (Geolo-day), province of Cordova (May, 7th).
7. - **Celebration of the XI European Geoparks Week**. In this edition, 20 entities, associations and institutions were involved, offering 26 different activities, with the participation of more than 600 people. The most outstanding activities have been: “Geobiking in the Green Way; “Geo-Watercolour-I Geopark’s Creative Painting Workshop”, or “Geo-conservation- Let’s clean the Bats Cave”, (May, 5-28th).
8. - **Board Meeting**: The Delegate of the Provincial Department of Environment and the director of the Park meet the representatives of different collectives and administrations linked to the Natural Park/ Geopark (mayors, landowners, entrepreneurs, ecologists, etc.). At this meeting the EGN Week results and the annual report were presented. (May, 30th)
9. - **Promotional activities**: Two articles for the blog of the Andalusian Department of Environment: <https://medioambienteand.wordpress.com>. Several press releases in provincial newspaper, interventions in Radio (on the occasion of the EGN Week), TV Andalusia: (shooting of the program “Tierra y Mar”): Extensive livestock in the Geopark and The role of the Park Wardens.
- 10.- **Activity of environmental awareness**, with the Secondary School Felipe Solís Villechenous. On the occasion of the World Environment Day, a field trip was organised visiting the Orchards of Cabra in collaboration with the ecological association “Subbética Ecológica”, and the centre “Cabra Jurásica”, to learn about Geoconservation. (June, 20th).

Networking

1. - **Attendance to the 39th EGN Meeting** in Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark. Participation in the Open Event Display, with local products and information material from Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark. Participation in the meeting of the Spanish Geoparks Forum. (22nd- 26th March).
2. - **Participation in the common presentation of the European Geoparks Week** of the Spanish UNESCO Global Geoparks, with delivery of material and information from Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark. (Madrid, Spanish Geological Survey, 16th May).
3. - **Attendance to the Spanish Geoparks National Committee Meeting** (Madrid, June, 28th).
4. - **Contribution to the Global Geoparks Network Newsletter** on behalf of the Spanish Geoparks Forum, with an article on the presence of the Spanish Geoparks Forum in the International Tourism Fair of Madrid (FITUR) (March, 31st).
5. - **Submission of a draft contribution for the new book of the EGN Fossil Group**: “A Cemetery of ammonites in Sierras Subbéticas” in collaboration with the University of Granada”.
6. - **Participation in a 2-minute promo video of Spanish Geoparks**, to submit to National Geographic Documentary Film.
7. - **Submission of two contributions for the XIV European Geoparks Conference** (Azores UGG): Geo –Water colour: a different approach to Geoparks (poster)/ The Andalusian Strategy of Integrated Management of Geodiversity: analysis and progress (oral presentation).
8. - **Sierra Norte de Sevilla UNESCO Global Geopark** Revision of the English version of the Geosites Guide of Sierra Norte, and participation in the Workshop on Sustainable Tourism and Geoparks (Guadalcanal, June, 5th).
9. - **Submission of a contribution for the EGN Newsletter** on the activity GEOBIKING in the Green Way. (June).

Activity by Partners

1. - In the Framework of the XI EGN Week, several activities were organised by partners: The Photo Marathon Subbetica (Subbética Community); A recycling workshop with shotgun cartridges collected in the field (Umax Club Deportivo); the Millenary Olives Route (Aceites Vizcántar); Histories and Leyends under the moon of Priego (Paseos Priego); or the III Anniversary of Sonrisas Association (charitable association for challenged children).
2. - **Collaboration in the VI Night Trail Castle of Carcabuey**, in the framework of

SITIA GEOPARK, GREECE (CRETE)

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Educational activities and training program in collaboration with primary schools and high-schools, March– July 2017
2. Visits by representatives of Sitia Geopark at schools to inform the geology and biodiversity of the Geopark, March– June 2017
3. “European Geoparks Week” event, to promote and inform the citizens and visitors about the Geoparks, their geology, culture and biodiversity. The events aimed to promote geotourism and sustainable development, July - August 2017
4. With the funding support of “Landscape Research Group”, was organised a series of grass roots engagement activities, involving local communities, the youth of the Geopark as well as representatives from the cultural and agricultural associations of the area. Activities aimed to identify the key characteristics and landscape elements which locals identify with and wish to preserve as well as promote through the Geopark. A visioning exercise took place, asking people to describe how they ideally envision their area in 25 years from today, March– September 2017
5. Continuous interviews and articles on the Sitia Geopark in the national and regional media and Social Media aimed to inform the citizens. March–September 2016
6. Painting and Photograph Exhibition of students participating in Geopark's action "I live and discover my place, my landscapes: The Geopark of Sitia", July 2017
7. Walking in the Geotopes & Geotracks of Sitia Geopark. A hiking trip in cooperation with the mountaineering club of Sitia. The participants, had the opportunity to know important geotopes and to learn about geology and ecosystems of Geopark Sitia. The goal is to promote Sitia as a unique place for rural activities such as hiking, June 2017
8. Palaeontology and Geotourism. The paleontological findings in Sitia Geopark. The excavation of *Deinotherium giganteum* in Agia Fotia Sitia. Their role in sustainable tourism development in the region, August 2017

Networking

9. Participation in 39 th Coordination Committee Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark 23th – 24th March 2017
10. In collaboration with “Ecole Nationale Superiere de Paysage, Versailles” in France and the “Landscape Research Group in Oxford” in a research project to sensitize the local community in the management of the Geopark, June 2017

Activity by Partners

11. Cleaning & Hiking marking trails in Sitia Geopark for the first time, with the participation of local cultural associations, July 2017
12. Information meetings with tour operators on the geopark to inform about the geo sides of alternative tourism and the geo-tourism, September 2017
13. Organizing new educational programs in collaboration with the “Centre for Environmental Education” for biodiversity and geology of the Geopark. March– June 2017
14. "The Sitia Geopark as a lever of development". Workshop with cultural and agricultural organizations about participatory planning and promotion of our cultural and productive identity ", July 2017

SOBRARBE-PIRINEOS GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March–September 2016

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 (500 participants), to participate in the World Heritage didactic activity developed by the Sobrarbe Geopark. This is the fifth 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. **Expedition to the Himalayas:** From March 18th to April 9th, the Scientific Coordinator of the Geopark, took part in an expedition of the climber Carlos Soria to study, along with the Spanish Geological Survey, the links between the Himalayas and the Pyrenees .
4. **TV programme:** The Geopark has participated in a TV production dedicated to spreading the trails of Aragon, to promote the Geopark and its geo.tourist resources. March 2017
5. **Workshop “European day of the Megalithic culture”:** This workshop was organised by the Geopark since the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark has been included in the European itinerary of the Megalithic culture. 30th April 2017.
6. **Visit of Spanish secondary schools to the Geo-routes** of the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark. March, April, May and June 2017 (Sierra de Leyre secondary school, Sierra de Guara secondary school, Piramide secondary school).
7. **Celebration of the EGN Week:** From the 22nd May to the 4th June the Sobrarbe Geopark organised a series of activities promoted as the European Geoparks Week (guided visits and excursions, conferences, photo contest ...)
8. **Project Excave with the Sobrarbe Geopark:** It's the fifth year this activity has been organised by the Geopark, it consists in the participation of 6 people for 6 days in an archaeological dig in Sobrarbe during the month of June. They work voluntarily in the field work carried out by a team of archaeologists. August 2017.
9. **Archaeological and paleontological activity for secondary school pupils:** The Geopark organized a visit to two archaeological and paleontological sites in June 2017
10. **Tourism and promotion activity:** Organization of a press-trip from the 7th to the 10th June with the support of the Ministry of Tourism, hosting a knowledge visit of

three European journalists / bloggers (Norway, Denmark and Finland), specialized in activities related to hiking, sustainable nature destinations etc ... to know tourist offer of the Sobrarbe Geopark and its partner enterprises.

11. **Summer activities for youths in Sobrarbe:** The Geopark organises activities for young people between 10 and 18 years from the 5th to the 22nd of July
12. **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.
13. **Course on geological heritage, geoparks and geotourism:** This course held in Sobrarbe for the third time, took place between the 3rd and the 8th 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. It's had the participation of students from Brazil, Peru and Argentina.
14. **Application of Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark as regional gastronomic territory:** The Geopark has submitted the application of Sobrarbe to be declared "Gastronomic Territory of Aragon 2018. July 2017
15. **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 2017
16. **Cooperation project** regarding the international World Heritage Site "Pirineos Monte Perdido", that is partially inside the Geopark. March 2017-September 2017.
17. **Visit of 300 young people ("*Transpirenaica solidaria y social*")** in vulnerable situations to the Geopark, where some activities were organised to explain the origin of the Pyrenees. June 2017
18. **Visit of an student from Peru, preparing a PHd on Geotourism.** March 2017
19. **Visit of Natural Park of the Cadí-Moixeró (Lérida).** to exchange knowledge on the dissemination and management of the geological heritage. May 2017.
20. **Visit of the Polytechnic University of Huesca** to the Geopark, to learn more about geology, soil and vegetation. They were accompanied by scientific coordinator who made an approach to the geology of the area and the Geopark.. May 2017
21. **Visit of the Barcelona University:** The scientific coordinator guided a visit of students from this University in the Geopark. May 2017

Networking

22. **Participation in an application for the Interreg SUDOE program.** The project is named GeoSky and is an innovative and integrative project focused on the promotion of geotourism and astronomy tourism. The project has the

participation of three UNESCO Global Geoparks: Arouca (Portugal), Villuercas-Ibores-Jara (Spain) and Sobrarbe-Pirineos

23. **European Geoparks Week:** (May 22nd to June 4th). (Exhibitions, guided tours...)
24. **Participation in the 3rd Meeting of the Spanish National Committee** of Global Geoparks. June 2017
25. **Participation of the Scientific Coordinator** of the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Global Geopark in a revalidation mission in Creta. Also the manager of the Geopark, has carried out a revalidation mission in France.
26. **Participation in the EGN Newsletter .**
27. **Publication of news about the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark activities** in the EGN, GGN and Unesco websites.
28. **Sending of brochures** and leaflets of the Geopark to the EGN for the ITB Fair in Berlin, from 9th to 12th March.

Activity by Partners

29. **Cooperation with the University of Barcelona and CSIC in a seminar** on the archaeology in the Pyrenees, focused in the archaeological findings in mountain areas, devoted this year in Prehistoric archaeology from the Carpatos to the Pyrenees". 17th to 19th March 2017.
30. **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. 7th May 2017
31. **Meeting of representatives of the Ecotourism Club of Spain** (association to which belongs the Sobrarbe-Pirineos Geopark) with the Secretary of Tourism Ministry of Spain, to strengthen the support of this Ministry to the territories associated in the Ecotourism Club.
32. **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 2017
33. **Participation in the Congress of the Geological society of Spain** (5th -8th June): the scientific coordinator of the Geopark participated in the Scientific Committee of the Congress and also he presented the article "Characterization of the geotourist in a mountain geopark (Sobrarbe-Pirineos, Huesca)".
34. Participation of the Scientific coordinator of the Geopark as lecturer, at the **1st International Summer University on Geoparks, Sustainable Development and Healthy Lifestyles,** organised by the UNESCO Chair of the University Trás-os-Montes and Alto Duero of Vila Real (Portugal). July 2017

35. **Agreement between the and the Federal University of Goiás (Brazil)**, with the objective of promoting academic, cultural and scientific relationship in the areas of teaching, research and culture.
36. **Cooperation project** regarding the international World Heritage Site “Pirineos Monte Perdido”, that is partially inside the Geopark. June-September 2017
37. **Cooperation with speleological groups** during the summer season 2017.
38. **Geological Olympics**. The Geopark collaborated in the VIII Geological Olympics of Aragon, organized by the University of Zaragoza finalists and teachers. April 2017.
39. **Book “La Brecha de Roldán”** The geopark has financed the publication and includes a prologue in this book, a legend located in Sobrarbe with a close relationship to geological sites
40. **Congress on Global Climate Change**: From the 7th to the 10th May, Sobrarbe hosted a meeting of young scientists, 110 researchers from around the world exchanging knowledge to better understand past and present climate changes.
41. **PYRENEES-CANYON event**:: The Geopark collaborated in this event celebrated from the 3rd to the 5th June, that combines geology, sport, photography, security...in a series of talks, workshops and excursion in the canyons of the Geopark..
42. **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: 17th to 19th March in San Sebastián
 - Sports , Active Tourism and Mountain Fair. 24th to 26th March in Lérida
 - BTravel in Barcelona from the 21st to the 23rd April
 - ARATUR from the 12th to the 14th May
 - Business Mountain Summit in Tarbes from 7th to the 9th July

STYRIAN EISENWURZEN GEOPARK, AUSTRIA

Progress Report, March–September 2017

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 8 other partners (European Geoparks, Universities), participating on a Communication training in Budapest, Hungary, and the Kick-Off Meeting in Idrija, Slovenia, March - September 2017
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. Opening of a public orchard garden and a special exhibition in the museum of Wildalpen, March 2017 – September 2017
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. Combat of non-native plants in the area with refugees, March 2017 – September 2017
5. Start of a new 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 2017 – September 2017
6. New management and touristic concepts for the GeoVillage Gams, Improvement of marketing and public relations, renovation of the Noth gorge bridge, planning of new projects to gain founding for further steps, March – September 2017
7. Emergency management tutorial for our employees and Geopark guides with the focus on guided field trips within the Geopark, April 2017
8. Organizing the Geoparks Week 2017, May 2017
9. Summer adventure days attended by approximately 80 children (4 different daily programs at each Geopark community), August 2017

Networking

10. Participation in the 39th European Geoparks Coordination Committee Meeting at the Burren and Cliffs of Moher, Ireland. Oliver Gulas, March 2017
11. Participation in the public event “Steiermark Frühling” (Styrian Spring) in Vienna attended by more than one hundred thousand visitors, April 2017

12. Participation in a public presentation of all Styrian Nature Park in Graz: "Grünzeug von der Wiese" (Herbs from meadows), May 2017
13. 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 Wildalpen. At numerous stations, the diversity of animals and of plants and their sustainable use were demonstrated, May 2017
14. Participation in the EGN Fossil Group: contribution to a new book, May – July 2017
15. Translation of the Guidebook "UNESCO Global Geoparks in Austria", to be published in autumn 2017, June 2017
16. Participation in the Austrian Geopark Forum and the Austrian UNESCO Commission in Vienna. Heinz Kollmann, June 2017
17. Presentation of the Geopark at the European Parks' Academy at the University of Carinthia, Klagenfurt, Oliver Gulas, July 2017
18. Excursion of the international Cretaceous symposium at the GeoVillage Gams. Heinz Kollmann, July 2017
19. Visit of the mascot Andi Andezit from Hateg County Geopark, Romania. They are using pictures and information of our Geopark for educational purposes. July 2017
20. Summer festival: Celebrating the Nature and Geopark Styrian Eisenwurzen with live radio music show and a GeoFood market at the GeoVillage Gams, August 2017

Activity by Partners

21. Nature and Geopark schools in Altenmarkt, St. Gallen and Weißenbach: visits, excursions and presentations of the Nature and Geopark throughout the educational program, planting of hedges at every school to learn about the biodiversity of these plants, March - June 2017
22. Presentation of a new book: "Die Eisenwurzen als Buchlandschaft", A book from the secondary Nature and Geopark school Weißenbach including stories about the area written by students, June 2017
23. Summer programmes of our Geopark Partners (different activities 7 days a week throughout the Geopark), July – August 2017
24. Representatives of the GeoVillage Gams and different partners were attending various markets and events throughout the Geopark and in surrounding areas, May – August 2017

SWABIAN ALB GEOPARK, GERMANY

Progress Report, March-September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Presentation the Geopark to a regional group of BUND (Federation for Environmental Protection Germany). Discussion about the intended mining of limestone in a protected area, April 2017.
2. Viewing the geotope "volcanic pipe" in Neuffen. Discussion with the state nature conservation authority about geoconservation and access for the public, April 2017.
3. Meeting of the Geopark Task force and Geopark Advisory board in municipality Münsingen, April 2017.
4. Press conference in municipality Lenningen-Gutenberg. Inauguration a travertine terrace as the first Geo-Point in member county Esslingen, April 2017.
5. Extraordinary general assembly in municipality Laichingen. Election of the Deputy District Administrator Markus Möller (county Alb-Donau-Kreis) as the new chairman of the Geopark association, April 2017.
6. Change in staff. Mrs Iris Bohnacker is the new project manager and geologist in the Swabian Alb Geopark, May 2017.
7. Presentation the Geopark to the parish of Westerheim municipality, May 2017.
8. Education the staff of the Geopark Infocentres and tourism offices about Geopark issues in Geopark Infocentre Tiefer Stollen, Aalen municipality, May 2017.
9. Presentation the Geopark and discussion with members of parliament of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs about financial support of the German UNESCO Global Geoparks, May 2017.
10. Celebration the Eighth Geopark Festival in Geopark Info centre Sontheim/Brenz. Nearly all Geopark Infocentres and landscape guides presented themselves with various activities like preparation of fossils, guided tours and much more. About 2.000 visitors, June 2017.
11. UNESCO-Revaluation of the Geopark Swabian Alb, June 2017.
12. Inauguration the Wachtfelsschule (primary school) in Kolbingen municipality (county Tuttlingen) as the first Geopark-School. Presentation of geo-activities by the pupils, June 2017.
13. Press conference in a limestone quarry in Römerstein-Zainingen, county Reutlingen. Presentation the Geopark to two members of parliament. Discussion the partnership between Geopark and the Building Material Association Baden-Württemberg and its benefits for both partners, July 2017.

Networking

14. Participation as lecturer (geology and earth history) in the education of certified landscape guides. The education is organized by the Academy for Natural and Environmental Protection Baden-Württemberg, March 2017.
15. Half year meeting of all Geopark Infocentres in Sontheim/Brenz. Preparation the Geopark festival in June, March 2017.
16. Meeting of the working group Geopark alliance in Münsingen. Discussion of further activities in 2017 with quarry companies in the frame of the partnership with the Building Material Association Baden-Württemberg, March 2017.
17. Participation on the 39th EGN Meeting in Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.
18. Participation at a meeting of the tourism steering committee of the county Esslingen in municipality Beuren, May 2017.
19. Discussion with representatives of the cave and karst researchers federal association Baden-Württemberg about future projects and cooperation, May 2017.
20. Participation on the conference "Geotope 2017" in world heritage site Rammelsberg, Geopark Harz Braunschweiger Land Ostfalen, May 2017.
21. Participation at the Lonetal festival in the archaeological park in Niederstotzingen. Celebration the designation of the six caves in Lone- and Ach-valley (ice ages art) as the new world heritage site in Germany, July 2017.

Activity by Partners

22. Participation at the 3rd tourism forum of the member county Ab-Donau-Kreis in Ulm. Adoption of a tourism mission statement. The mission statement is based mainly on geotourism, March 2017.
23. Press conference at Wimsener Höhle (show cave). Presentation a combi-ticket which allow guests to visit two caves and a Geopark-Infocentre to a reduced price, March 2017.
24. Presentation the Geopark with a counter at a local garden fair in Reutlingen, April 2017.
25. Geopark Infocentre Tiefer Stollen celebrates the 30th anniversary of the visitor mine in Aalen municipality. Presentation the Geopark with a counter to the public, May 2017.
26. Presentation the Geopark to representatives of the press media within a press tour organized by the Swabian Alb tourism association, July 2017.
27. Guided tours of the Geopark into the marble quarry in Münsingen-Böttingen to representatives of the twinning of Münsingen municipality, July 2017.
28. Inauguration of the 3rd Cave-experience Day in county Tuttlingen, which is organized by the Geopark steering group in this county. Guided tour of the staff of the Geopark in the Upper Danube Valley, August 2017.

TERRA.VITA GEOPARK, GERMANY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Participation in a bicycle fair in Osnabrück, organized by the German Bicycle Club (ADFC)
2. Successful implementation of a lecture event (seminar) on Geothermal Energy for architects and planners, 100 participants
3. Start of Commerzbank-sponsored Internship, draft of an outline proposal on integrating soil as an important part of geological heritage in Geoparks work. Second internship is dealing with a new and more easy to read geological map
4. Restart of the Silver-Lake-Gallery Project after one year break because of flooding and security check by an external expert
5. Meeting with Geopark Hondsrug, exchange on possible common projects on environmental education and sustainable development
6. Hünen-trail project finished, new signage, banks, huts, three new information panels on sights installed (Quarry Gehn, Heather at Gehn, Alkenkuhle)
7. Launch of a new project on educating certified landscape guides together with rural adult education association
8. Outline proposal finished for a new geotouristic map
9. Second seminar on Geothermal Energy, this time for installation companies
10. 30.000 € budget collected to print a new oversight book on the soils of TERRA.vita
11. Two strategic workshops where held with the TERRA.vita staff during summer, to be continued in autumn.
12. New TERRA.tipp published for juniper grove in Plaggenschale
13. New animated internet feature “heather meter” installed at our homepage, to show when the heather is blooming in the park.
14. Rent a Ranger project started. Individual and successful meetings with companies have been held, to evaluate the projects potential. Companies are asked to fund small jobs. Rangers will be associated to the company and will serve the needs of TERRA.vita.

Networking

15. Evaluation missions to aspiring Geoparks Djerdap National Park, Serbia (Timo) and to Cao Bang, Vietnam (Hartmut)
16. Participation at CC spring meeting in Ireland
17. Presentations about TERRA.vita UNESCO Geopark at Hiking Association Wiehengebirgsverband and Heimatverein Melle
18. Intercommunal TERRA.vita working group held in the Osnabrück county house
19. Evaluation visit at the German aspiring UNESCO Geopark Ries together with German Natcom.
20. Talks with Lower Saxony Environmental Protection Academy to join a project on a method for a didactic concept for environmental education together with University of Osnabrück and German Environmental Foundation.
21. Presentation about the Geopark concept at the members assembly of the Association of German Nature Parks.
22. Two voluntary cooperations have been established to mediate conflicts around Natura 2000 areas. Farmers, communities and several organisations joined the

- cooperation. Meanwhile two meetings in each cooperation have been held and identified common projects. The two new managers (employed by TERRA.vita for six years) are looking and applying for supporting funds.
23. The INTERREG Va Network project started together with UNESCO Geopark De Hondsrug (NL). Stakeholders have been interviewed and workshop took place to identify common projects.
 24. Organisation of a Forum meeting in Goslar and participation in an meeting of German National Geoparks
 25. Presentation of TERRA.vita at the environmental board in the County of Gütersloh, aiming at a stronger financial support. The county of Minden-Lübbecke is paying an additional annual amount of 6.500 € and the city of Osnabrück 7.000 € enabling us to cofinance more projects.
 26. Parliamentary lunch at the foreign ministry. Minister Prof. Böhmer invited the German UNESCO Geoparks, members of parliament, Natcom and national UNESCO Commission. Hopefully a politician initiative will lead to a separate budget for UNESCO Geoparks at the foreign ministry. Minister Böhmer praised the Geoparks for their work and support of implementation of the SDG`s.
 27. Participation in the project Coal Conversion, to secure the mining heritage in the region. One of the last three coal mines in Germany will be closing in 2018.
 28. A meeting at the geological survey of Lower Saxony was held, promoting the interests of the German Geoparks Forum by TERRA.vita.

Activity by Partners

29. Signage of a co-operation agreement with the county hostel/outdoor school Barkhausen (Ehlerding Foundation) and official partner in environmental education
30. Joining into the project team of the city of Georgsmarienhütte, planning a lookout tower on the Dörenberg
31. Launch of a field railway project at the Piesberg by the city of Osnabrück, enlarging the existing line to 3,7 kilometers. TERRA.vita applied successfully for 225.000 € from the Sparkassen Foundation to support the project
32. Continual support of the development of a new canopy pathway and information center for the state horticultural show taking place within the Geopark area in 2018 in the city of Bad Iburg. TERRA.vita will be responsible for an entrance pavilion. Funding provide by the county of Osnabrück
33. Founding meeting of an association to establish a new museum for the Hüggl findings (fossils, minerals etc.). TERRA.vita is a founding member.
34. The botanical garden in Osnabrück is starting a new project: Botany meets geology. TERRA.vita will provide support and expertise.
35. The working group of nature parks in Lower Saxony held a meeting at the ministry of Environment in Hannover to support funding by the state.
36. The European Land and Soil Association starts a soil project called "Soil Box" to be offered to schools. TERRA.vita is supporting the project.
37. University of Osnabrück is conducting a third survey among visitors of TERRA.vita after 2007 and 2012, aiming at the economic benefits and other statistical background information.

TERRAS DE CAVALEIROS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, PORTUGAL

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Interviews on TV (7), Radio (5) and articles (25) about the Geopark in national and regional media as well as a monthly Geopark newsletter, March–September 2017.
2. Educational programmes (590 participants), guided geotours (311 participants) and pedestrian trails (200 participants), organized by the Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark, March–September 2017.
3. Study visit with students of the ERASMUS + Program and production of a documentary on film "E-Learning from Nature: A walk through the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark ", March 2017.
4. Participation on the Lisbon Travel Market (BTL), March 2017.
5. Accomplishment of 26 awareness actions to collect information, in the scope of the project "Treasures and Knowledges of the Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark " in the civil parishes of the territory (194 participants), March - June 2017.
6. Participation on the 5th Regional Health Fair, in Macedo de Cavaleiros, April 2017.
7. Visit to the territory with the members responsible for the application "Internationalization of Geopark Terras de Cavaleiros, April 2017.
8. Publication of the article "Sustainable Development: 17 territories - 17 Objectives", magazine "I Like This", April 2017.
9. Visit to the territory with students of the hotel and tourism course, Macedo de Cavaleiros School Association (AEMC) (30 participants), May 2017.
10. Participation in the "Festival of the Iberian Mask", Lisbon, May 2017.
11. Participation in the "Trás-os-Montes Agricultural Fair", Macedo de Cavaleiros, May 2017.
12. Participation in the "S. Pedro Fair", Macedo de Cavaleiros, June 2017.

Networking

13. Presence at the 39th Meeting of the Coordination Commission of the European Geopark Network, Geopark Burren and Cliffs of Moher, Ireland, March 2017.
14. Participation in the GEOfood Project, developed by Magma Unesco Global Geopark, Norway, March 2017.
15. Publication of the article "Murçós Mines - The Stories of its People", European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 14, March 2017.
16. Organization and promotion of the European Geoparks Week (1065 participants), May-June 2017.
17. Presence at the International Conference on "Managing Mediterranean Mountain Geoheritage - 3MG", Estrela Aspiring Geopark, May 2017.

18. Two articles accepted for presentation in the 14th European Geoparks Conference, "Geoparks: Pathways of Sustainable Tourism for Development", Azores, September 2017.
19. A presentation on the training course "Sustainable Tourism and World Geoparks of UNESCO" held in Estrela Aspiring Geopark, July 2017.

Activity by Partners

20. Activities carried out within the "Week of the Partners" of the Mine Road Map and Points of Interest for the Mining and Geological Interest of Portugal", March 2017.
21. A "Walk through the Forest" to celebrate the "World Tree Day", in partnership with the Macedo de Cavaleiros Municipality, the Police (GNR - Territorial Command of Bragança), the Senior University of Macedo de Cavaleiros, the Institute for Conservation of Nature and Forests (ICNF) and the Schools Association (AEMC) (183 participants), March 2017.
22. Implementation of activities under the project "Junto à Terra (Near the Earth)", under the responsibility of EDP and in partnership with the Alfândega da Fé, Mogadouro and Torre de Moncorvo Municipalities, April 2017.
23. Commemoration of "Geologist's Day", in partnership with the Schools Association (AEMC), May 2017.
24. Presentation and dynamization of the project "Rocks on the Table", in partnership with the Schools Association (AEMC), Pubs, Pastries and Restaurants of the territory, June - September 2017.
25. Implementation of activities in the territory's schools, under the Eco-Schools Program, promoted by the ABAE (553 participants), in partnership with the Macedo de Cavaleiros Municipality, March - June 2017.
26. Presence and realization of educational activities in the "Festival of the Solstice", in partnership with the Torre de Moncorvo Municipality, June 2017.
27. Conducting an "Environment Exhibition", in partnership with the Schools Association (AEMC) and Macedo de Cavaleiros Municipality, June 2017.017.
28. Implementation of activities in the Azibo's Protected Landscape, in partnership with Macedo de Cavaleiros Municipality and CERCIMAC (Association for the protection of disabled people), under the Blue Flag program, July-August 2017.
29. Promotion of activities in Astronomy, Biology and Geology, within the scope of the National Program "Living Science in the Summer", in partnership with the "Centro Ciência Viva de Bragança", July - September 2017.
30. Presentation at the University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro (UTAD), under the "1st Summer University in Geoparks - Sustainable Regional Development and Healthy Lifestyles", UNESCO Chair in Geoparks, Regional Development Sustainable and Healthy Lifestyles of UTAD, in partnership with the National Commission of UNESCO, July 2017.

TROODOS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, CYPRUS

Progress Report, March 2017–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Organized a meeting of the Troodos Unesco Global Geopark Coordinating Committee on 17th March, 2017, for the implementation of actions regarding the recommendations of the EGN and GGN networks.
2. Troodos Geopark Bike Ride “At the top of Cyprus”, September 2017.
3. Night Hiking at the geotrail “Teisia tis Madaris” in collaboration with the team “Cyprus from air”, 210 participants, August 2017.
4. Presentation: “The importance of proper tourism visibility of Troodos Geopark” in collaboration with Troodos Tourism Board, at Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre, July 2017.
5. 2nd Troodos Geopark Bike Ride “Cycling at the Center of the Earth” in collaboration with Nicosia Cycling Club and 4 communities of the area, June 2017 (EGN week).
6. Presentation of Global UNESCO Troodos Geopark and Troodos Geopark Bike Ride to a TV morning show, June 2017 (EGN week).
7. Photo contest of Troodos Geopark, 117 participants, May 2017 (EGN week).
8. Preparation of a digital photo album for promoting Troodos Geopark (in process).
9. Rose harvesting within the framework of Rose festival in Agros village, May 2017 (EGN week).
10. Presentation “Troodos Geopark: the core theme of building tourism sustainable development” at the Cyprus University of Technology, March 2017.
11. Numerous interviews on the Geopark in the national and regional media – also in TV shows of high ratings, March–September 2017.
12. Preliminary activities for “The School of Forest” (project of Troodos Development Company) to promote digitalization of the Geopark’s services and interaction, March-September 2017.

Networking

13. Participation in the 14th European Geoparks Conference, in 7th – 9th, September 2017, under the theme “GEO PARKS: PATHWAYS OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT”, in Azores, UNESCO Global Geopark, September 2017.
14. Participation in the meeting of the 39th EGN CC Meeting in Buren Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark in Ireland (23rd - 25th March, 2017).
15. Publishing articles in Troodos Newspaper “Trooding: mountain spirit”, Issue 5, April 2017.
16. Publishing articles in Troodos Newspaper “Trooding: mountain spirit”, Issue 6, September - October 2017.

Activity by/with Partners

17. Preparation of ‘GEO-IN’ Interreg Europe project – preliminary activities on “Biking Geoparks” in collaboration with Lesvos, Sitia and Psiloritis Geoparks in Greece, March – September 2017.

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TUSCAN MINING UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK, ITALY

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. March – September - Project “Gateways of the Park” - Regular, guided museum tours were organized at all the seven Gateways to the Park.
2. 6th of March Grosseto, Workshop with economic and touristic operators in the Province of Grosseto to introduce the park and the cultural and touristic services of the TMG.
3. 21st of March Pisa, meeting with Prof. Sergio Rocchi University of Pisa. Earth Sciences to define the subject of a PhD in metallurgical research on copper of the XIX century of TMG.
4. 13th of April and 16th of May, Gateway to the Park of Gavorrano, Project FREEWAT (Horizon 2020). Project for the development of an open .source software for the management of underground aquifers. One of the case studies is the underground aquifer of Follonica in the territory of TMG. TMG organized the 7 Focus Groups on the territory, planned by the project, involving stakeholders (Public Administrations, Industries, Farmers, Tour Operators, Free Professionals, Associations, Private Citizens). About 30/40 people each FG. <http://www.freewat.eu/>
5. 4th of May, Lucca Participation at the Workshop: TOWARDS THE EUROPEAN FORUM OF LUCCA. CULTURAL ITINERARIES: THE SYSTEM OF ROUTES IN TUSCANY IN FAVOR OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT: proposing insertion of a connecting route between Rome and Via Francigena through the TMG. <http://www.viefrancigene.org/it/resource/event/verso-il-forum-europeo-di-lucca-itinerari-cultural/>
6. 3rd of May 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.
7. 20th of May Piombino (LI) Participation of the TMG with a speech at the "Etruschi 4.0" (Etruscans 4.0). a conference organized by the European Federation of Touristic Itineraries and Historical Routes. (FEICST). The conference deepened the theme of slow tourism, especially that of the Historical Routes (Francigena, Romea etc etc and also the Etruscan historical itineraries.) TMG is working on this theme by trying to involve public and private partnerships in order to enter in the project of the Historical Routes of Tuscany.
8. 24th of May, Gateway to the Park of Roccastrada, EGN WEEK Laboratory "We play with minerals" in collaboration with the Museum of Earth Sciences of the University of Siena. The workshop was set up to learn the minerals of Geopark for kids. This educational workshop for small groups (max 4-5 students per time) for about 30 minutes addresses all of mineral properties. 50 pupils.
9. 27th of May Siena Partecipation at VII Festival of Science Museums. W Geopark organized a workshop on the properties of minerals of TMG. About 300 children.
10. 30th of May /11th of July /13th od September Roma Environmental Ministry. Participation in the National Working Group of National Park about Performance Indicators. TMG has been selected to represent Mining Parks in the working group and it has proposed inserting indicators for geodiversity conservation and geosites management.
11. 12th – 14th of June Gateway to the Park of Gavorrano, Organization in collaboration with Italian Geological Society of the Geoscience Information Technologies Conference (about 120 geologists from all over Italy). TMG has set up a € 1,000 to reward the best research on georesources presented by young researchers (under 32) <http://www.gitonline.eu/GITTMP/GIT2017/GIT2017.html>

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12. 20th of June Gateway to the Park, Public presentation of TMG's Historical Itinerary Project and signature of a letter of intent by the municipalities of the park, TMG and the European Federation of Touristic Itineraries and Historical Routes. (FEICST).
13. 27th of June, TMG was selected through a Public Call as the Pilot Park for INTERREGMED Destimed project. TMG has to design and implement a sustainable tourism package that will be tested and developed by the project.
<https://www.iucn.org/regions/mediterranean/projects/current-projects/mediterranean-ecotourism-destination-destimed>
14. 2nd of July Study Visit by a Moldova delegation under the UNDP SARD project to identify good practices to implement the sustainable development of Gagauzia and Taraclia in Moldova. TMG is one of the examples considered.
http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/en/home/operations/projects/inclusive_growth/support-to-agriculture-and-rural-development-through-promotion-o.html
15. 20th of July Gateway to the Park of Massa Marittima Conference on the Man of the Similaum (Oetzi) of Gunther Kaufmann, Director of the Archaeological Museum of South Tyrol, Bolzano and Gilberto Artioli, Department of Geosciences University of Padua. Recent studies have shown that Oetzi's axe copper comes from TMG mines..
16. 30th of August, Florence Meeting with the Tuscany Region - Environment Department for approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Management and Promotion of Natural Resources within TMG..
17. 4th of September, Gateway to the Park of Gavorrano Meeting of the Forum of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in the Protected Areas of TMG on DESTIMED project.

Networking

18. 2nd of March. Rome, Participation in the Assembly of Italian Geoparks;
19. 22nd – 26th of March Partecipation at 39th EGN CC Meeting in Burren and Cliff of Moher Unesco Global Geopark
20. 5th – 10th of September Partecipation aT 40th EGN CC Meting and 14th EGN Conference in Azores Unesco Global Geopark

Activity by Partners

21. 2nd , 4th , 11th of June EGN WEEK Festival The Places of Times
22. 3rd -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, Follonica).
23. 11th -16th of August, Castellina Marittima "100 Years in the Sign of GALEP". An Exhibition dedicated to Aurelio Galeppini, creator of the famous TEX comic character. A section of the exhibition was devoted to geodiversity and georesources of the territory curated by University of Siena and TMG.
24. Collaboration on drafting of the bill submitted to the Italian Parliament "Protection and exploitation of dismantled mining sites and their historical, archaeological, landscape and environmental heritage" by On Maria Iacono with the support of Italian Network Parks and Mining Museums (REMI).
25. Joint promotion agreement between TMG and the Association of Wine Roads and Flavors of the Monteregio di Massa Marittima (DOC wine area).

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VIKOS- AOOS GEOPARK, GREECE

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Presentation of the Vikos-Aoos Geopark and the UGG, EGN and GGN activities to the Municipality Council of Zagori and official award of the UNESCO certificate to the Municipality (February).
2. Presentation of the Vikos-Aoos Geopark and the UGG, EGN and GGN activities to the municipality council of Konitsa and award of the UNESCO certificate to the Municipality (March).
3. Sign of an agreement with the Regional Authority of Epirus for the publication of a book regarding Geopark's special features including a geological map (April).
4. Production and installation of six -king size- panels with the official UNESCO Vikos-Aoos Geopark label (April- August).
5. Participation, as co-organizer, at an event called "Green Cultural Routes" for schoolchildren in Zagori municipality, dedicated to the geology, the use of stone and the post byzantine architecture in the Geopark (Vikos-Aoos Geopark/ Management Body of Northern Pindos National Park/ 8th Ephorate for Byzantine monuments) (Vitsa, 25th of May),
6. Participation –with a relevant lecture regarding Geoparks- to a workshop regarding protected areas and people with special needs organised by a Psycho-social Research Organisation (*ΕΨΕΠ*) and Tzoumerka National Park (Ioannina, 9th of June).
7. Organization of a seminar on Geopark's geological features in Konitsa and Aoos gorge (40 participants- Konitsa municipality- Vikos Aoos Geopark) (Konitsa, 14th of June),
8. Organization of a seminar on Geopark's geological futures in Zagori and Vikos gorge (50 participants- Zagori municipality- Vikos Aoos Geopark) (Zagori, 15th of June),
9. Participation -as co-organizer- to a seminar on traditional settlements and geological features of the Geopark (100 school teachers – Vikos-Aoos Geopark, Environmental Education Centers of Konitsa, Arachthos and Filiates) (Konitsa, 23th -25th of June),
10. Elaboration of a special lecture about the Geopark's special features to the students of the Greek Summer school on Biological conservation (Vikos-Aoos Geopark, University of Ioannina) (Ano Pedina, 7th of July).
11. Participation as co-organizer to the famous Zagori mountain running with more than 2.000 athletes and about 5.000 visitors in a weekend (Zagori, 21th-23th of July).
12. Elaboration of a special lecture about the Geopark's special features to the participants of the Vovoussa Festival in the Aoos river valley (Vikos-Aoos Geopark, Vovoussa festival organization committee) (Vovoussa, 3rd of August).
13. Organization of an open event regarding Geopark's special features and prehistory in the Geopark in Aristi village (Vikos-Aoos Geopark, Aristi Youth Society) (28th of August).

Networking

14. Participation at the 39th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in the Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland, March 2017,
15. Forward progress regarding a proposal for collaboration between Geoparks in Greece and Cyprus in the frame of Leader CLLD programme.
16. Several interviews to the local MEDIA regarding the UNESCO Global Geoparks and particularly the Vikos-Aoos Geopark, especially after the results of revalidation (March to August).
17. Contribution to the EGN Newsletter, 2017.
18. Approval of a proposal (Cross border cooperation projects Greece- Albania) regarding a new approach on visitors information in the Geopark (August).
19. Numerous meetings with the local stakeholders for the strengthening of the relations and the better implementation of the Geopark's activities.

Activity by Partners

20. 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 (4.704 visitors) (March to August),
21. Re-printed brochures by the Northern Pindos National Park Management Agency, in order to promote the ecological and cultural value of the Northern Pindos National Park and the Vikos-Aoos Geopark (2.000 english and 1.000 greek brochures) (March),
22. 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 (3.314 school-children and 200 school teachers) (March to June),
23. Environmental education in the Vikos-Aoos Geopark carried out by the Konitsa Environmental Education Centre (1.898 school- children, 176 school teachers, 58 schools),
24. Specifically organized excursions, held by the Northern Pindos National Park Management Agency, aimed at promoting the geological importance of Vikos-Aoos Geopark during the EGN Week in May (including the participation of 176 school- children and 10 school teachers),
25. Implementation of a hiking trip, open to the visitors and locals, held by the Northern Pindos National Park Management Agency within the Vikos-Aoos Geopark, celebrating the World Environment Day (June)
26. Two musical events with the municipality's choir and the philharmonic band were organized in Konitsa city (1st & 2nd of July).
27. Special celebration events dedicated to the -well known- local Saint "Paisios" took place in Konitsa with the participation of locals as well as foreigners that travel from neighbouring countries and even from the far away Russia. Most of the visitors walked the old trail in the Geopark, which ends at Stomio Monastery (10th-12th of July).

28. Numerous events and festivals organized by the Geopark's municipalities or by the local cultural societies in the Geopark's villages with the participation of locals and visitors (mainly July- August).

VILLUERCAS-IBORES-JARA GEOPARK, SPAIN

Progress Report, March–September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Meeting of the Geopark Territorial Committee. 18th April. Steering of the 2017 Action Plan.
2. Educative workshops: 9 in Primary and High schools, 2 with companies and 2 guided routes in the territory of the Monfragüe Biosphere Reserve, adjacent to Villuercas UGG. 27th-31st March. 3 workshops in the CRA Villuercas schools and a guided route for the geopark. 18th-20th April. Workshop for Primary School of Cáceres. 27th April. Workshop and field trip for the teachers of the Center of Teachers and Resources of Plasencia. 3rd and 8th May. Educative activity for the Public Employment Service of Extremadura in Logrosán. 10th May. Workshop about the geopark in the Ciudad de Badajoz School, Badajoz. 12nd May.
3. Coordination meeting for the 8th European Geopark Week with the entities of the geopark. 14th April in Navalvillar de Ibor.
4. Technical meeting with the staff of the Geopark infocenters. 18th April.
5. 8th European Geopark Week. For more details please see our EGN Week report, <http://www.geoparquevilluercas.es/egnweek2017/> 19th-28th May.
6. Celebration of the "Geoconvivencia" in Berzocana, with almost 600 students from different schools of the geopark and Naturtejo UGG: games, entertainment, sports, activities for all. 24th May.
7. Educative activity at the Cañamero Primary School about the Earth geological time line. It consisted in several workshops with teachers and pupils and the painting by urban artists of a representation of the geological time line in a 10 m high 20m long wall at the school courtyard. May.
8. Meeting of the educative Project Geocentros for planning 2017 – 2018 scholar year. May 31.
9. Educative field trips organized by the geopark in collaboration with the regional ministry on Education for Primary and High School of the Province of Cáceres.
10. Article for the magazine Estudios Extremeños, UNESCO Extremadura, on the creation of the geopark, its objectives and development.
11. Field works of the Scientific Committee. <http://www.geoparquevilluercas.es/cec-campo/>
12. Co-organization of the 62nd Scientific Session of the Geological Society of Spain in Guadalupe. <http://www.geoparquevilluercas.es/sge/> 26th-27th May.
13. Presentation of the geopark experience in the Master on Economy Green and Circular Engineer field trip for the study of new access to the geopark's geosites. 16th June.
14. Co-organization, workshops, route and speeches in the Summer Course of the University of Extremadura in Guadalupe. <http://www.geoparquevilluercas.es/curso-de-verano-2017/>. 10th-12th July.

15. Updating and English translation of several pages in the main website
www.geoparquevilluercas.es.
16. Management of the Geopark's Social networks; Facebook (4,508 fans, 8% increase since the last report). Twitter (@VilluercasGPark, 5240 followers, 7% increase). Instagram (@villuercasgpark, 1168 followers, 20% increase).

Networking

17. Participation in the 39th EGN CC meeting. Burren Geopark, Ireland, March 2017.
18. Meeting of the Spanish Geoparks Forum. March 23.
19. Speech at the Technical Seminar on Geotourism in the Andalusian Geoparks. Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, 5th June.
20. Set up of the EGN Working Group to study funding for the Global Geoparks Network.
21. Press Conference of the Geoparks Spanish National Committee to present the EGNWeek Madrid, IGME, National Geological Survey. 16th May.
22. Presentation of the INTERREG Crossborder project "Bridge Over the Armorican Quartzite" in Penha Garcia. Naturtejo UGG. 13rd June.
23. Revalidation Mission in Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark, Slovenia (Javier López). 17th to 20th June.
24. Attendance of the Spanish National Committee of Geoparks at the IGME headquarters. 28th June.
25. Meeting of 8 UGG in Guadalupe: "I am a Geoparker" new global educational project. 10th-12th July. www.geoparquevilluercas.es/IAG.
26. Participation in Onda Cero radio program at the Geopark Visitor Center along with other entities and representatives of the geopark partners. 7th July.
27. First contacts with the Cyprus Local Action Group for LEADER cooperation.
28. Cooperation with the Extremadura Local Cooperation Fund –FELCODE- and aspiring territories in Latin America (Peru, Ecuador, Nicaragua).
29. Updating of the SGF website www.geoparques.eu.

Activity by Partners

30. Geolodía in Castañar the Ibor, a day to celebrate Geology in collaboration with the Geological Society of Spain. Workshops and field trip. 7th May.
31. Study of new access to several geosites of special relevance by the Rural Development General Directorate (Extremadura Regional Government).
32. Activities to Promote Social Awareness. LEADER project.
33. Speech at the LEADER Group ADESVAL. 28th April.
34. Presentation of the company Astrotourism in Las Villuercas, the first geopark company certified by the Starlight Foundation. 25th May.

VULKANEIFEL GEOPARK, GERMANY

Progress Report, March – September 2017

Geopark Activities

1. Weekly press information of Geopark Program in local bulletins and internet, March - September 2017
2. Press articles on Geopark Activities in local press media, March - Sept 2017
3. Guided excursions on local flora, fauna and geology, March - Sept 2017
4. Maintenance of various geotopes and biotopes, March – Sept 2017
5. Release of new geopark calendar for summer season 2017. Compilation of ca 600 excursions, walks, activities
6. Continuation of the programme “Natur- and Geopark Guides on site”: At the weekends during summer our guides are on site at geological hot spots of Vulkaneifel answering questions and giving advice, June-Sept 2017
7. Programme “The mysterious 13 - Twelve Maars and a Crater Lake”, a series of guided walks, presenting successively all of the twelve waterfilled maar-lakes of Vulkaneifel, April - Sept 2017
8. continuation of the new programme “Storytelling”: During guided walks our guides tell fascinating stories about the “battle of the elements” fire and water and the development of the Vulkaneifel, April-Sept 2017
9. Continuation of environmental education (earth sciences), implementation of environmental education concept on volcanism and ecology
10. several excursions on occasion of 200 year anniversary of Vulkaneifel district, March-Sept, 2017
11. Junior-Ranger Camp June 10/11, 2017
12. Presentation of Vulkaneifel UGG and GGN at local fair “Daun spielt”, June 11, 2017

Networking

13. Participation in the AC/CC meetings in Ennistymon, Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, March 2017
14. Presenting the weather and Vulkaneifel Geopark on TV – March 2017
15. Meeting with political parties – energy revolution. March 15, 2017
16. Development of touristical strategy for federal state Rhineland-Palatinate, March 23, 2017
17. opening event Zero Emissions in Natural Protected Areas, ZENAPA. March 29-31, 2017
18. meeting with ministry of the environment, Rhineland-Palatinate, May 2017
19. Organisation and wide promotion of the EGN Week: geotours, oral presentations, 3D slide show about caves, etc., for more details please see our EGN Week report, May–June 2017

20. Participation at “day of Nature conservation Rhineland-Palatinate”, May 17 2017
21. Participation at the meeting of the National und UNESCO Global Geoparks of Germany in Goslar, May 18-20, 2017
22. meeting with members of the Bundestag (parliament) and other politicians to present the 6 German UGG, May 30, 2017
23. presentation of newly published children’s book on volcanoes at Geschwister Scholl Gymnasium in Daun with Prof. Hans-Ulrich Schmincke, June 12, 2017
24. parcours on environmental education around Weinfeld maar lake for kindergarten and primary schools, June 14, 2017
25. press conference on concept of story telling along the Vulkaneifel-Pfade, June 29, 2017
26. Participation at round table concerning landscape and mining, Aug 10, 2017
27. Participation in the AC/CC meetings in Azores UGG, Sept 4-10, 2017
28. Permanent consultations with regional tourist boards and tourist service centres, March - September 2017

Activity by Partners

29. Presentation “Chaine de Puys – Volcanism, geotourism and cuisine” by Museum of Natural History Gerolstein. April 27, 2017