

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Dates of EGN Week:04 – 13 July

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 7
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 6
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 6
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 10000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 7
- total number of visitors/participants: 250
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The most popular and well-participated activities were the one that are part of a unique event 'SuperPark. Autor's Vision', a review that has been repeated for five years in a row and is always a great success among tourists and residents alike.

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Report

Name of Geopark: Apuan Alps UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Dates of EGN Week: 18 May – 06 June 2024

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Vote for Nature

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 7
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 12
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: approximately 120
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 6
- total number of visitors/participants: approximately 250
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

“Festa della Geologia” (“Geology Festival”) in Equi Terme di Fivizzano (18-19 May)

Over a period of two days, the festival dedicated to geology took place with several guided excursions and visits, experience labs, seminars, food and drink, activities, and adventure experiences, for young and old.

“Health comes by walking...” a trail hike from Canevara to Antona (Massa) (2 June)

An initiative conceived by the Italian League for the Fight against Cancer and organized with the Apuan Alps UGGp and the Italian Alpine Club Section of Massa, under the patronage of the Province of Massa-Carrara and the municipality of Massa. It had the aim of raising awareness of the importance of walking in the mountains, including as prevention against oncological diseases. The event attracted around 100 participants.

All the EGN week activities and events have been promoted as part of the GGN's 20th anniversary celebrations.

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Report

Name of Geopark:Azores UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal

Dates of EGN Week:18th may to 8th june

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Semana Europeia de Geoparques – Campanha
Pedaços de Mar e Ambiente (Pieces of sea and environment)

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 53
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 6
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 12
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 3
- total number of visitors/participants: 1080
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 71

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This year the Azores UNESCO Global Geopark partnered with several entities to give light to the EGNWeek 2024 in all the 9 islands of the territory, creating the Campaign – Pedaços de Mar e Ambiente. This campaign highlighted UNESCO Global Geoparks through science communication activities targeted to the general public and school public. The campaign was extended until the 8th of June integrating World Environment Day (5th of June) and World Ocean Day (8th June). During the EGNWeek 2024 we have also with other Geoparks in the world in online events like the Webminar with El Hierro and the exchange with Ngorongoro Lengai.

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Name of Geopark:Bakony–Balaton UNESCO Global Geopark, Hungary

Dates of EGN Week: 18 May–2 June 2024

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 6
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 0
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 204
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

One of our most popular activities during this year's European Geoparks Week was our guided geotour on International Volcano Day (1 June). This time, we explored the rich volcanic heritage of the Tihany Peninsula with many persistent and curious participants. The area is not only famous for its varied volcanic rocks and unique cultural heritage, but it is also the home to Hungary's first nature trail, named after geologist Lajos Lóczy. The hike was called "Grand Tihany", as the more than 15 km long tour covered the entire peninsula, stopping at the Lavender House Visitor Centre, the Eastern Gate of Bakony–Balaton UNESCO Global Geopark, which not only presents the aromatic plant and its traditional cultivation and processing, but also the volcanic evolution of the area.

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Report

Name of Geopark: Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark, SPAIN

Dates of EGN Week: 18th-26th May

Contact person/e-mail: Leire Barriuso, geogarapen@geogarapen.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Biodiversity of Geoparkea

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 9
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 3
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 20
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 15
- total number of visitors/participants: 650
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

In 2024, the legendary Spanish public television programme "El hombre y la Tierra" (Man and the Earth) hosted by naturalist Félix Rodríguez de la Fuente will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. To discuss his legacy, a conference was organised to which we invited his daughter Odile, where we could listen to and see excerpts of interviews and photos of the programme and its protagonist. GeoTalks initiative consists of combining science and art and is consolidating as a expected event in last Geoparks weeks. The initiative was a total success among the local population, who filled the cinema in Zumaia, which helped to spread the conservation message of Geoparkea a little further.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/geoparkea/albums/72177720317352229/>

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Name of Geopark:Beaujolais UNESCO Global Geopark, France

Dates of EGN Week:May 18th - June 2nd 2024

Contact person/e-mail:Floriane Hélou-Frugier / fheloufrugier@pays-beaujolais.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): In the water, Earth - Dive into unknown territory

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 8
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 3
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 2 000 flyers / 30 posters
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 5
- total number of visitors/participants: 1 800
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The Glay quarry festival took place on May 25th and 26th in this beautiful former golden stone quarry in the South of our Geopark. It was the occasion for sculptors, engravers, stonemasons and other craftsmen to show their know-how. Many booths were there to present the Geopark and its geology, the biodiversity of this area and so on. Activities included learning how to restore a dry-stone wall, stone carving or gold panning. Around 1 500 people took part in this event.

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Name of Geopark: **Beigua UNESCO Global Geopark**, Italy

Dates of EGN Week: 18/05/2024– 05/06/2024

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any): no motto

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 11
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 5
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 8.500 copies
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 212
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 102 participants

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

“TASTE OF GEODIVERSITY” A panoramic walk with the Guide took hikers to Val Gargassa. On the way back from the hike, we stopped at Agriturismo Monterosso, the cheese farm where chamois goats are reared and from whose milk so many Gustosi per Natura cheeses are made, and met Alice, who showed us her hives from which Beigua honey is made. The excursion also aimed to explore the theme of coexistence between human activities and the presence of the wolf, with mention of the Life Wolfalps EU Project. Municipality of Rossiglione

“GEOTREKKING: THE LERONE VALLEY” When the guide is also a geologist, the excursion becomes an in-depth study of the geological features of the Geopark. This time we started from Curlo for a ring trekking to the discovery of still wild corners: we crossed the Lerone Forest, with its small lakes, waterfalls, gorges and rugged rocky ridges to show the geological features of the Geopark. Arenzano Municipality

“ALTA VIA TRAIL IN BLOSSOM” our ‘classic’ spring hike: an explosion of colours and scents welcomed hikers along one of the most scenic parts of the Alta Via dei Monti Liguri, a spectacular show that every year fascinated us with new nuances and glimpses. We were accompanied by an exceptional guide, Stefano Marsili a botanical expert who revealed to us the curiosities and peculiarities of Beigua's characteristic blooms. Cogoleto Municipality

“GEOTREKKING: REMAINS OF ICE AGES IN BEIGUA GEOPARK” On the eve of the warm season: what better occasion to talk about when it was much colder? During the excursion we visited some of the most important geosites of the Beigua Geopark and we observed two particular formations, the blockfields and blockstreams, originating in the remote past from the action of ice. An excursion dedicated to the theme of climate change. Sassello Municipality

GUIDED TOURS OF TIGLIETO ABBEY: Appointment with the Beigua Park Guides for a visit to the Church, the Armarium, the Chapter House and the cloister of the Cistercian Abbey S. Maria alla Croce di Tiglieto, which in 2020 celebrated 900 years since its foundation. Tiglieto Municipality

ON LINE ACTIVITIES:

Webinar: “INTERNATIONAL DAY OF EUROPEAN PARK: Spring blooms in the Beigua Geopark” A webinar dedicated to discovering spring blooms held by Stefano Marsili, Park Guide and botanical expert.

Webinar: “BEIGUA GEOPARK GLACIAL EVIDENCE”: An afternoon with our geologist guide to discuss climate change and evidence of glaciation in the Beigua Geopark.

Workshop: “INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL DAY: Who is afraid of bats?”
Let's discover together with our guide, an expert naturalist, all the secrets about bats so that we are not afraid of them but learn to love them and understand their important role in biodiversity.

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Name of Geopark: Bergstrasse-Odenwald UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Dates of EGN Week: May-19th to June 2nd 2024

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Global Geoparks Network 20th anniversary

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 39
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 10
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters : 2500
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 41
- total number of visitors/participants: around 6000
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

International museum day (> 1000 visitors), UNESCO WHS & Geopark Day (>2000 visitors),
Family Day at the Sea of Rocks (> 500 visitors)

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Name of Geopark:Biokovo-Imotski Lakes UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia

Dates of EGN Week: May 23 to June 29

Contact person/e-mail: Ivana Čapin / geoparkbiokovoimotskajezer@gmail.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:5
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:30
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 127
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

We organized a two-day workshop called "Bat voting and use of equipment for recording and analysing votes". The workshop was a part of the "Still Water Revival - restoration and preservation of small freshwater ecosystems of karst mountains in the Mediterranean" project. Preservation of puddles and freshwater ecosystems is also of great importance for bats, which are an essential part of food chains and help control the number of insects. As part of the workshop, the participants had the opportunity to learn about standard bat research methods and equipment for monitoring bat votes and vote analysis. After the collected theoretical knowledge, the learned recording methods were applied in the field. On the second day of the workshop led by bat monitoring experts, the data collected in the field was analysed. This two-day workshop was attended by representatives of mountaineering and speleological societies from the Geopark area.

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Name of Geopark:Bohemian Paradise UNESCO Global Geopark, Czech Republic

Dates of EGN Week:25.5.-8.6.2024

Contact person/e-mail:Blanka Nedvědická / info@geoparkceskyraj.cz

Special motto of EGN Week: **Telling the stories of the Earth - experience a geopark firsthand.**

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 3
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 12000*
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 3
- total number of visitors/participants: 45
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

*For promotion and news about EGN Week, the Bohemian Paradise UNESCO Geopark uses mostly social networks and online newspapers and magazines. Information about EGN Week events was published in the local printed newspaper, which is published once every 14 days with a circulation of 12 000 copies.

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Geoexcursion for the public in Kozákov area - a walk with a geologist focused on the mineralogy and geological history of the area with a visit to a famous inactive quarry where precious stones are found.

Geoexcursion for the public in Příhrázské Sandstone Rock Town - a walk with a geologist from the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic. Acquaintance of the public with geological and local history and the sandstone phenomenon.

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Report

Name of Geopark: Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland.

Dates of EGN Week: 25th/26th May

Contact person/e-mail: edoyle@clarecoco.ie

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Bringing Academic Research to the Local Community

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 20
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 50
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This is the second year we focused on a single weekend event, The Geopark Academy, a full day of multi-disciplinary presentations on recent research from national institutions and universities took place on Saturday 25th in the Burren College of Art, Ballyvaughan, followed by a one-day field-trip on Sunday 26th exploring the cultural and built history of Kilfenora, Lemenah Castle, Corofin and Dysert O'Dea. The fieldtrip was led by local historians and archaeologists.

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Report

Name of Geopark:Buzău Land UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania

Dates of EGN Week: 18 May-2 June 2024

Contact person/e-mail:Alice Popa /alice.popa@tinutulbuzaului.org

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:21
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: none
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: none
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: none
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 498
- total number of participants of the **online** events: none

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The activities that took place during EGN week were addressed to students, as well as to teachers, tourists and visitors. The events were focused on raising awareness about the Geopark's natural and cultural heritage and on promoting a sense of ownership for younger generations through interactive presentations and classes, guided tours, exhibitions, seminars, educational activities in schools and various workshops. A few highlights include interactive indoor and outdoor classes focused on geological heritage, guided tours led by the Geopark team to the Mud Volcanoes, Rock-Hewn Dwellings and Salt domes, educational seminars attended by students and teachers, workshops focused on local crafts, and movie projections. The events were organised and moderated by the Buzău Land UGGp team, together with professors from several educational institutions, and by various partners like the National Peasant Museum, NGOs and High schools, and were attended by 498 participants.

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Report

Name of Geopark: Bükk region UNESCO Global Geopark, Hungary

Dates of EGN Week: May 18-June 2

Contact person/e-mail: Erika Kereskényi/kereskenyerika@bnpi.hu

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 4
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 6
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 0
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: 4032
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 1168

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

On June 1st, we attended the Bükkábrány Ancient Tree Festival, a local event celebrating the well-preserved Miocene swamp cypresses (Taxodium). The festival featured performances by local folk dance groups and folk song circles, showcasing the region's cultural heritage. The event's notable attendees included mayors and representatives from the municipalities, furthermore renowned Hungarian performers entertained the participants.

Attendees had the opportunity to taste local delicacies such as Csernely perogies and strudel, which were highly appreciated for their unique flavours. Additionally, the festival hosted our geopark's traveling exhibition, providing interesting insights into the area's geological values and natural treasures. Overall, the event offered a rich program and highlighted the strong sense of community, making it a memorable experience for everyone involved.

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Report

Name of Geopark: Cabo de Gata-Níjar UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week: May 17th-26th

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 10
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: 250
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This year was the first time the Scientific collections centre of Th University of Almería host two days of activities inside their new building, organization a Geo-blitz with more than 50 participants of a wide range of age. It was very good news for both the geopark and the museum and the beginning of way more collabs in their new house at the University. Astrotourism has become also one of the most popular activities at the geopark, due to the high quality of the night skies and many walks in different localities were organized during the weekend. As always, snorkel and scuba diving, and other aquatic activities were one of the most demanded, but due to the strong winds has to be postponed to other weekend.

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Report

Name of Geopark: Cabo Ortegal UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week: May 18 – May 26

Contact person/e-mail: Susana González Picos / xestionaxco@gmail.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): First anniversary as a UNESCO Global Geopark

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 11
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 3
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 817
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 63

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The two activities with the greatest success have been the hiking and interpretation routes, highlighting the two GeoRoutes (one through the interior and the other along the coast), the bird interpretive route and the Geopark coastal heritage route.

Also worth highlighting are the workshops held in schools on the minerals and rocks present in the territory. But without a doubt, the most special event has been the 1st anniversary as a UNESCO Global Geopark, with the participation of members of the Scientific Committee and also (virtually) some important people for us in all this process: one of the two UNESCO auditors who visited us last year, Chris Woodley Steward, José María Barrera as representative of the Spanish Forum and Sophie Justice from the EGN. Furthermore, taking advantage of the occasion, special recognition has been made to the "Entidade Amiga" associations, ambassadors of the Geopark since its inception.

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Report

Name of Geopark:Causses du Quercy UNESCO Global Geopark, France

Dates of EGN Week: 18/05/2024 to 01/06/2024

Contact person/e-mail:Vincent BIOT, vbiot@parc-causses-du-quercy.org

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....6
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 12
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 6000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:7
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 127
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....-

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Night is a time for contemplation that has fascinated mankind since time immemorial. We know more about landscapes during the day than at night... Left in the dark, forest, agricultural or natural landscapes remain mysterious places. The Geopark has come up with a new kind of discovery trail, to be explored after dark. Starting in the village of Corn, there are 5 stops along the way, lasting between 1,5 and 2 hours, where you can immerse yourself in the nocturnal landscapes. As part of Geoparks Week, the trail was inaugurated in the presence of the partners, and a visit was offered at dusk by the Geopark team.

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Report

Name of Geopark: Catalunya Central UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week: 18th of May to 2nd of June

Contact person/e-mail: ferran@geoparc.cat and buixaderage@ccbages.cat

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 27
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 7
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 5
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: about 760 (no expos visitants)
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 1958

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The Geoparks Week 2024 has been a highly successful series of events. We organized engaging workshops for children and families, literary gatherings, storytelling sessions at public libraries, and numerous field excursions that drew significant participation. The most successful events have been excursions such as exploring the "Torrent de la Sala" biodiversity, the night guided visit in "El Toll" caves in Moià with an escape room, and the excursion to explore the historical and geological heritage from El Pont de Vilomara to Viladordis. These activities attracted large crowds and widespread interest, highlighting the diverse natural and cultural heritage of our geopark. Another highlight was the scientific talk about the salt mines of Wieliczka (Poland), which captivated attendees with its fascinating insights.

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Name of Geopark: Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark, France

Dates of EGN Week: 18/5 – 02/6

Contact person/e-mail: coordinationgeoparc@siac-chablais.fr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): *“Journey to an (almost) familiar land”*

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 14
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 2100
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 5
- total number of visitors/participants: 1500
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark, together with its partner, the DMO “Destination Lemman” developed and tested an exciting new geopark product : a mountain biking wine tasting tour.

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Name of Geopark: Cilento and Vallo di Diano UNESCO Global Geopark, ITALY

Dates of EGN Week:24-26 May and 24 July

Contact person/e-mail:Aniello Aloia a.aloia@cilentoediano.it

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: ..2- mediterranean diet exhibition and meting on the sea forest life project

- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 2

- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 100

- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 500

- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:

- total number of visitors/participants: 10.000

- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The Mediterranean Diet Exhibition is an event in which six Italian regions participate with various stands (university and producers etc). The Cilento and Vallo di Diano Geopark set up a stand in which it hosted producers certified with the Park brand. In this way we showed as the geology and mediterranean diet are linked.

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Report

Name of Geopark: .. Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland/Northern Ireland

Dates of EGN Week: 22 May – 5 June

Contact person/e-mail:Julie Armstrong/ juie.armstrong@fermanaghmagh.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 250
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 532
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... n/a

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

On Saturday 1 June Cuilcagh Lakelands UNESCO Global Geopark held a Family Geoparks fun day in Killykeen Forest Park with lots of geological related activities for all ages. The event was focused on inclusiveness and accessibility, with activities for all ages and abilities. Geopark staff delivered a talk on fossils on the island of Ireland, and participants were able to create their own fossil to take home. Geopark staff also delivered a geological boat tour on Lough Oughter, showcasing ribbed moraines, drumlins and other geological features as well as taking in the wonderful biodiversity of this unique landscape. Other activities included fossil and kite making, water activities, a caving virtual reality experience, rocket launch workshops, mini beast hunts, geological boat tour and more.

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Report

Name of Geopark:De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark, The Netherlands

Dates of EGN Week:Saturday 18 May - Sunday 2 June, 2024

Contact person/e-mail:j.tomesen@dehondsrug.nl

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 15
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... +/-2500
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Geopark de Hondsrug organized two successful Geopark Week activities in Noordlaren, including a lecture and field study, which drew a large audience.

Physical geographer Anja Verbers gave a fascinating lecture on collapsed pingo's and blow-out bowls on May 30th at Noordlaren's community hall. These landscape characteristics are extremely prominent on the Hondsrug. The room was packed with over 40 attendees, and local community gained knowledge about the most recent findings in collapsed pingo's research, as well as the necessity of protecting them.

On June 1, 12 participants took part in the 'Investigate a collapsed pingo yourself' field survey, which was also led by Verbers. During this activity, participants had the opportunity to observe firsthand in the field how the investigation of a collapsed pingo with drilling is carried out.

Both initiatives demonstrated a strong interest in the geological history of the Hondsrug and the preservation of this unique landscape.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Djerdap UNESCO Global Geopark, Serbia

Dates of EGN Week:from May 29 to 31, June 1.

Contact person/e-mail:..... Sara Stankovic /saras@npdjerdap.rs
and Tamara Jankovic tamarajankovic@npdjerdap.rs

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:.....1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:.....0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:0
- total number of visitors/participants:256
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This year, most of the activities were focused on educating the youngest students, socializing and making contact with children from preschool institutions and school-age children with educators and volunteers from the Romanian Hatteg Geopark.

As part of cooperation with the Romanian Hatteg Geopark and Fetislam Fortress, the workshop "Back to the Age of Dinosaurs" was held for second-grade students of Elementary School "Vuk Karadžić", Kladovo. The main goal was to familiarize the youngest with the term geopark through interactive workshops.

Thank you for your cooperation.

As part of marking the EGN Week, as well as the 50th Anniversary of the existence of the Đerdap National Park, the opening of the exhibition "Wildlife Art", diplomas "Uže, Ljubisa Mick Marinović. Through 25 photographs, Marinović express his love for nature by showing the animals that live today on the territory of Đerdap UGGp, but also those that no longer exist, such as bison.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: El Hierro UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week: 15 to 30 May

Contact person/e-mail: Olaya García Pérez

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 09
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:our social 10, others 4.
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: We do not work with printed flyers.
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:..... We do not work with printed flyers.
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 200
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 20

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The Course for Official Guides and Active Tourism Companies "Natural and cultural resources linked to the volcanic phenomenon" was the most outstanding activity. The course lasted 8 hours of class and two days field trips. During this course the guides and active tourism companies learned about the volcanological process and the importance of the Canary Islands in the evolution of natural history and the theories of the origin of volcanoes.

This course was very successful for the work tool and the new vision that was generated for the guides to interpret together the geology of the landscape and established guidelines to disseminate and transmit the natural and cultural values of the island of El Hierro.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark, UK

Dates of EGN Week: 25 May to 31 May

Contact person/e-mail: m.border@englishrivierageopark.org.uk

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Geopark Discovery

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: Eight events available everyday, one event was available twice during the week and another available three times, plus there was a further 11 individual events

- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0

- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1

- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0 – marketing is now focused online via website and socials

- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 2

- total number of visitors/participants: 1665

- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This year's festival saw the trial of new Geopark Discovery Experiences being developed thanks to a UK Government funding scheme called UK Shared Prosperity funding which is creating a suite of authentic and quality experiences to act as introductions to the Geopark led by people who are passionate and knowledgeable about what makes this place one of 'Earth's Extraordinary Places!

The Geopark was able to support a group of local men, who have formed a sea shanty band (initially, this was an informal self-support group post covid) to gain public liability insurance now enabling them to perform officially. Their performances are heartfelt and always well received. They performed at a local hotel, using a smugglers tunnel that runs from the building to the beach.

Engagement was lower than normal this year due to poor weather, in particular an easterly, offshore wind, which meant many of the water based events could not operate and events had to be cancelled.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Estrela UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal

Dates of EGN Week: 20/05 to 02/06

Contact person/e-mail: Emanuel de Castro / emanuelcastro@geoparkestrela.pt

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 16
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 10
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: not applicable
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: not applicable
- total number of visitors/participants: 1100
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

As most successful activities we highlight:

- i) Final Conference for the "Biennium for Climate Action in Portuguese Geoparks", a joint project aimed at implementing new approaches, strategies and tools to adapt and mitigate climate change in these territories, making the Geoparks more resilient
- ii) The "Shepherds Festival", promoted in partnership with the Manteigas municipality, a festival for the promotion of shepherds, shepherding and the heritage, tangible and intangible, of the Estrela mountain;
- iii) The activity "Walk with Science", where through an interpreted walk, visitors and locals can know more about the Estrela Geopark and its heritage;
- iv) Educational programs that encompassed hundreds of students and teachers, using the territory of Estrela as an outdoor laboratory.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Famenne Ardenne UNESCO Global Geopark, Belgium

Dates of EGN Week:May 18th- June 2nd 2024

Contact person/e-mail:Serge DELABY / serge.delaby@geoparkfamenneardenne.be

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): stone sculpture

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 8
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 0
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 5000 flyer/75 posters/6 tarpaulins
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 1000
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The Geopark has partnered with the municipality of Durbuy to host the 9th International Symposium on Monumental Stone Sculpture, featuring 12 international artists. Access was free, in the open air, allowing visitors to discover the work of the sculptors and the evolution of their works over the two weeks of the symposium. The Geopark had a stand on the theme of discovering the rocks that make up the Geopark Famenne Ardenne territory, their history, their uses and how to recognize them. A visit to a active limestone quarry was also on offer. The collaboration with the municipality helped to raise the profile of the event, which will be repeated in two years' time.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark, Wales, UK

Dates of EGN Week: 20 May – 2 June

Contact person/e-mail: Alan Bowring/alan.bowring@beacons-npa.gov.uk

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: 35
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

1: introduction to geological evolution of this landscape for visitors to world-renowned Hay Literature Festival. 2: illustrated talk on the exploitation of the mineral riches of the Geopark and wider National Park to an audience primarily of academics associated with all 15 of the national parks within the UK in anticipation of the publication of a book later this year.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Gea Norvegica UNESCO Global Geopark

Dates of EGN week:31st May to 16th June

Contact person/e-mail:kristin.rangnes@geanor.no

Special motto of geoparks week: **“Get to know your Geopark”**

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during geoparks week24
- number of press releases announcing geoparks week events:5
- number of printed copies for program flyer/brochure/posters:about 150 leaflets
- number of printed articles on EGN week activities:.....0
- total number of visitors/participants:.....1 000 (including students)

2. Highlight most successful activities of your Geoparks Week 2024:

The focus during the EGN-week is to spread knowledge about our Geopark and UNESCO Global Geoparks in Europe and other parts of the world to local people and students. We want to enhance the understanding of the value of nature and value of this UNESCO site designation.

Free guided tours for local people and tourist were even more popular this year and attended by a lot of visitors.

The guided boat trip “Nature- and and culture histories of our coastline with special emphasis on the geological history” was so popular that we had to set up a new boat trip in August.

Educational program for schools in the Geopark, class from several schools attended this one-day experiences of the EGN-week. The theme was UNESCO Global Geoparks, and we extended our regular program for schools “geologist and scientist for a day”, and had even more schools attending than usual this extended week.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:GeoMôn UNESCO Global Geopark, UK

Dates of EGN Week: May-June 2024

Contact person/e-mail:Professor Colin Jago/ info@geomon.co.uk

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 0
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: 300+
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

GeoMôn was involved in 3 events to commemorate EGN Week 2024 (due to the demands of the tide, 2 of the events had to be held just outside of the official dates). These events were:

- 2 conventional field trips to iconic coastal sites on the Isle of Anglesey. These were led by Dr Rob Crossley, each trip attracting a group of 30 enthusiasts.
- 1 joint beach event with the Royal National Lifeboat Association (RNLI). This was held at Lligwy Bay, a popular tourist centre, to commemorate and celebrate the activities of the RNLI. This attracted several hundred members of the public.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Granada UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week: 17-26 mayo

Contact person/e-mail: Myriam Prieto Labra

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....20
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:.....2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:.....0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:0
- total number of visitors/participants: 1800
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 100

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

During the European geoparks week, two of the most relevant activities developed have been the following:

- The preview of a film shot in Gorafe, one of the most unique municipalities of the Granada Geopark, putting in value one of the most relevant heritage, Cave-houses.
- Day of coexistence of the award-winning students in the school competition on the andalusian geoparks. The day of coexistence was developed, at the Trópolis ethnographic interpretation center, for a group of primary students. guided tour to las Sismitas, a place of geological interest, for secondary students. lunch and visit to the acequia del toril, place of geological interest of the Geoparque of Granada.



European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Grevena-Kozani UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece

Dates of EGN Week: 18/05-02/06, 2024

Contact person/e-mail:Panagiotis Ptochoulis, pptochoulis@anko.gr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 5
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: 200+
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

1. Culture and UNESCO Global Geoparks

On 26 May 2024 the Ephorate of Antiquities of Grevena teamed up with Geopark Grevena-Kozani to show the public the inseparable bonds between geology and culture, and how both organizations strive to preserve and highlight our heritage.

As part of the "Green Cultural Routes" of the Ministry of Culture and EGN Week, the group toured archaeological sites and geosites in the Municipality of Deskati, spanning 1 billion years of Earth history. More than 40 people attended, including local officials.

2. 1st Gathering of Trekking Associations

On 1-2 June 2024 the Village and Trekkers' Club of Elati hosted trekking clubs from around West Macedonia and northern Greece for a two-day event including a geopark presentation, museum tour and hikes around Mt. Vounassa. The president of the village presented the geopark with a seedling grown from an acorn of the oldest oak tree in Europe, located nearby.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: UNESCO Global Geopark Harz . Braunschweiger Land . Ostfalen, Germany

Dates of EGN Week: 18/05 – 02/06 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Esther Czymoch, geopark@harzregion.de

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): 20 years GGN

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 22
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 13
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 6.200
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 10
- total number of visitors/participants: 620
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The highlight of EGN Week was our Geopark Day on June 1 to mark the GGN anniversary. We organized this at several locations. We inaugurated a new geopoint on the topic of the Ice Age and offered a varied program with lots of hands-on activities for the whole family on the day. Another geopoint on the topic of lignite mining was also inaugurated. We were also represented with an information stand at the anniversary festival of the World Heritage City of Quedlinburg including a microscope station. Various guided were offered at several geopoints.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Haute-Provence UNESCO Global Geopark, France

Dates of EGN Week: From the 18th of May to the 1st of June

Contact person/e-mail: Marie-Jo SONCINI / mj.soncini@provencealpesagglo.fr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 4
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: ?
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: 233
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Among different activities, the Haute-Provence UNESCO Global Geopark organized the “through time visit” of a small village called Vaumeilh. Strolling through the narrow streets with stone houses, searching for castle remnants, took us into a long way back to Middle Ages. As soon as the top hill ancient tower was reached, landscape reading allowed us to continue our journey back to the last glacial intrusion, and even further back to the Jurassic Ocean responsible for the sedimentary rocks all around us. Finally, the direct encounter with each kind of stones brought a firm grasp of the geological history. Inhabitants as well as visitors now have a different feeling when seeing pebbles or marls in the landscape! Biodiversity was also in the spotlight with enthusiastic guides who provided plenty of little secrets through the Butterflies Garden of the Musée Promenade (Geopark Visitor Center) during both week ends.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Holy Cross Mountains UNESCO Global Geopark, Poland

Dates of EGN Week: 17.05 – 02.06.2024

Contact person/e-mail: Michał Poros / michal.poros@geopark.pl

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): -

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 7
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 5
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 10
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 800
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 25

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

May 17 (Friday) - Geotourism event for local schools organized in cooperation with local authorities and the European Centre for Geological Education.

May 18 (Saturday) – International Museum Day in the Geoeducation Centre

May 20 (Monday) - Preparation Session of the 1st Geopark Teachers Forum of the EGN – collaboration within the EGN Education Working Group for the preparation and execution of an online meeting

May 21 (Tuesday) – Geology Enthusiasts Club: geoeducation workshops for families with children.

May 22 (Wednesday) – Lecture on the concept of the UNESCO Global Geopark for students of the Center for Environmental and Sustainable Development Studies at the University of Warsaw.

May 23 (Thursday) - Opening of the photo-geological exhibition "Miedzianka – the Mountain of Treasures."

May 24 (Friday) – Inauguration of the popular science meeting series "GEO-TALK: Meetings with Earth Sciences" – lecture by Dr. Aleksander Majchrzyk on "Coral Reefs – What the Past Tells Us About the Future."

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark, Slovenia

Dates of EGN Week: 12/5/2024 – 1/6/2024

Contact person/e-mail: katarina.kenda@geopark-idrija.si

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Active in nature

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 14
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:/
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:..... 10
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:..... 20
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 10000
- total number of visitors/participants: 400
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

In 2024 there were 4 events cancelled and 2 postponed because of the bad weather. However, there were few very successful events carried out. The most successful this year was the "Meeting of three generations in Mejca" in co-organisation with the Idrija retirement home. Together with volunteers we walked around 50 retired. The kids from kinder garden Idrija joined us this year and prepared a small singing programme for retired, which accepted this with joy and thankfulness. All together 200 people participated in this event.

Another successful event was also the Hiking and outdoor concert by Žiga Lakner in Šturmajce homestead, which was special, because it was accompanied by an outdoor concert in front of the homestead, together with the local delicacies and wine tasting. Approximately 50 people joined this hiking adventure.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Dates of EGN Week:22.5.-2.6.2024

Contact person/e-mail:Maria Ahvenniemi/ maria.ahvenniemi@jppp.fi

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 4
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 75
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

During the EGN Week Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi UGGp organized a one-day guided tour to our geosites. Our museum of regional tradition, Väinöntalo had its seasonal opening in cooperation with geopark and a biking challenge/campaign to collect geoparks most southern geosites was launched also in cooperation with local skiing association and the City of Alajärvi.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Karawanken/Karavanke UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria/Slovenia

Dates of EGN Week: 18-5-2024/22-6-2024

Contact person/e-mail: Mag. Gerald Hartmann/gerald.hartmann@geopark-karawanken.at

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): GEOfestival 2024 "So colourful and diverse is Geopark Karawanken/Karavanke!"

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 30
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 1300
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Three most visited events during Geopark Karawanken-Karavanke EGN Week were "Drava-Drava Run": crossborder half marathon, PeaceWalk and Educational workshops "Open the suitcase and explore the world of minerals" and "UNESCO Geopark - Green Classroom". First two events were attended by participants of different age groups from both sides of the border. First event took place in Municipality of Lavamünd (AT) and Dravograd (SI), on 25.05.2024 and approx. 300 participants attended the "Drava-Drava Run": crossborder half marathon. The PeaceWalk took place on 22.6.2024 with approx. 90 participants from both sides of the border. Educational workshop was implemented on 29.5.2024 in Geopark information centre in Mežica (SI). Nearly 30 children together with parents took part in the activities.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Katla UNESCO Global Geopark, Iceland

Dates of EGN Week:22.04.2024-29.04.2024

Contact person/e-mail: johannes@katlageopark.is

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 14
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 8
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 347
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 275

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The EGN Week went very well this year at Katla, and the highlight is most likely the reveal of the new Víkurfjara beach project signs at Icewear in Vík. The project is a joint research project between the Geopark and the elementary school in Vík, where students measure the beach in front of the town. The signs inform visitors about the project itself, the aims of the measurements by the students, the methodology, why we are measuring the beach and photos of the students working on the project. The signs have increased the attention that the project gets.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Kefalonia-Ithaca UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece

Dates of EGN Week: 15 May until 26 of June 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Michael Xanthakis/m.xanthakis@necca.gov.gr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 10
- number of *online* activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: social media announcements
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 418
- total number of participants of the *online* events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Agios Thomas Geosite

The event took place at the Agios Thomas Geosite which is a very rich fossiliferous place. The purpose of the action was to help children understand the significance of fossils and how fossils can connect different geoparks around the world. Fossils provide invaluable insights into Earth's history, including the evolution of life forms and changes in environmental conditions over geological time. Additionally, they leading to new discoveries and a deeper understanding of Earth's history. Therefore, through fossils we can recognize common elements among different geoparks even if they are miles apart.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Kula - Salihli UNESCO Global Geopark, Turkey

Dates of EGN Week: 18 May to 4 June

Contact person/e-mail: Yigit Karakuzu/yigitkarakuzu@gmail.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 6
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 580
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Together with the teachers and students of Kula Geopark Secondary School, they organized a trip with their bicycles in Kula Divlit Volcanic Park, one of the most remarkable geosites of the geopark. During the trip, the students were informed about the geopark and volcanism to make the trips more efficient. 32 bicycle students participated in the cycling activity.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Land of Extinct Volcanoes UNESCO Global Geopark, Poland

Dates of EGN Week:17–23 July 2024

Contact person/e-mail:geopark@kaczawskie.pl

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): **“United in Diversity”**

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:150
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:0
- total number of visitors/participants:.....153
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This year, EGN Week 2024 featured 3 events, in different locations, in different forms, but relating to the same subject - geology, history and biodiversity in the Land of Extinct Volcanoes Geopark. The events showed how the diversity in the Geopark intersects to create one whole.

“The Geological and historical tour around Wielisławka Mountain” took place on 17 June 2024 - Wielisław Organ at the foot of the Wielisławka hill above the Kaczawa River is one of the most famous geological sites in the region, visited since the late 18th century and protected as a natural monument. In the excavation of the former quarry, rhyolites, silica-rich volcanic rocks from the Permian period, are exposed. They are regularly cracked, resembling a large inverted fan. During the tour, participants learnt about the geological curiosities of the geostation, found out about the mining history of the site, learnt about the legends associated with it and discovered the unique biodiversity together with a unique guide.

A lecture entitled **“Geology, history and trees”** took place on 19 June 2024, during which an arborist and dendrologist talked about how the biodiversity in the geopark is powerful thanks to our complex geological past. He also talked about the fact that, as humans, we have contributed to this, over the years gardens, parks and avenues have been created. Each era was governed by its own laws, had different fashions, ideas, visions. There is no shortage of monuments in our area, of course, and therefore no shortage of tree-related curiosities.

On 23 June 2024, a **concert** was held within the historic walls of **the 14th century church of St. Luke the Evangelist in Ruja**. Before the concert, participants were able to take part in a

guided tour of the church. Among the things to admire were the wooden altar from 1710, the Gothic font and the organ prospectus in Baroque style.

The "InTune" ensemble is made up of Aleksandra Radwańska (Baroque violin) and Urszula Jasiecka-Bury (harpsichord/organ), who, by playing their concert, allowed the inhabitants of the Geopark to discover this magnificent place, located on the edge of the Geopark.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Lanzarote and Chinijo Islands UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week:27/05/2024-30/06/2024

Contact person/e-mail:María Elena Mateo Mederos/geoparque@cabildodelanzarote.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 9
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 0
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 300
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The events held during the European Geoparks Week were planned for the enjoyment of several special target groups. On the one hand, activities were held for primary school students through talks and workshops and on the other hand, a special event was held with secondary school students from the Geopark included in the GeoCommunity of Schools through an exchange trip with the neighbouring Geopark of El Hierro. On the other hand, and aimed at the general population, it is worth highlighting the workshops held to highlight the SDGs in the sports environment and finally awareness-raising workshops and good practices in musical activities.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Las Loras UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week: May 18th-26th

Contact person/e-mail: Karmah Salman/geoloras@gmail.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 9
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 4
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 30
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 2
- total number of visitors/participants: 470
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

As in other years, talks, field trips and workshops were held, but this year documentaries were also screened (Women of wind, land and cattle – Women Livestock farmers in network) and a party with activities in Terradillos was supported to preserve its cultural heritage. But there was also a special event, the first "Cretaceous Meetings" with 160 children from 5th and 6th grades from the Geopark schools where they presented their work on the Geopark to their classmates and then enjoyed an afternoon of activities with workshops on fossils, crafts, caving, rappelling, environmental activities, etc. An enriching experience of exchange with the collaboration of teachers, parents and local associations. Where they were able to taste local and organic products during lunch and above all enjoy the unique environment of the Cueva del agua geosite (Cave of Water) in Basconcillos del Tozo.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Lauhanvuori–Hämeenkanigas UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Dates of EGN Week:22.5.-4.6.2024

Contact person/e-mail: Terttu Hermansson / terttu.hermansson@lhgeopark.fi

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 6
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: digital brochures only
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 143
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 73

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

On Sunday, May 26th, the inauguration of Alkkianvuori Health Forest, European Geopark Week, and the 20th anniversary of the Global Geoparks Network were celebrated with over 50 participants.

After the introductions of the Geopark, the Geopark networks, and the area's geological, natural, touristic and well-being features, we set off to explore the features of Alkkianvuori Health Forest and the local birdlife. During the couple of hours of excursions, we admired the diversity of Alkkianvuori as a natural and geological site and listened to the typical birds of the area.

Alkkianvuori attracted interest, and among the participants were residents who had lived in the area all their lives but were visiting Alkkianvuori for the first time. They were distributed the hiking and cycling guides and brochures of the Geopark. Many of them promised to return to Alkkianvuori with their own guests.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Lavreotiki UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece

Dates of EGN Week: 1, 3, 4 June

Contact person/e-mail:Moraiti Evgenia/ eugeniamoraiti@gmail.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 13
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: 150
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The most successful activity of the EGN Week 2024 was the visit of 50 undergraduate students from the Faculty of Geology & Geoenvironment (National & Kapodistrian University of Athens) at the most prominent geosites of the Lavreotiki Geopark in the context of the “Geochemistry” course. They had the opportunity to experience in first-hand the influence of the geochemical conditions of the Lavreotiki Geopark in the local geological setting as well as the historical path of the area since the antiquity.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Luberon UNESCO Global Geopark, France

Dates of EGN Week: 4 – 14/06/2024

Contact person/e-mail: Stéphane LEGAL/stephane.legal@parcduluberon.fr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 4
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:
- total number of visitors/participants: 150
- total number of participants of the **online** events:

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Discovery of the Aptian marls of La Tuilière, a geosite of the Luberon Geopark, with family activities, guided walks, and fun challenges, allowing exploration of past (marine fossils) and present biodiversity with detailed explanations from specialists.

On Saturday, 8 June, La Terre en tête offered a playful and educational immersion for the whole family. Participants were able to explore the site, engage in interactive activities, and understand the importance of this natural heritage.

On Wednesday, 12 June, the *Société des naturalistes du Pays d'Apt* organised a naturalist discovery, highlighting the scientific and ecological significance of the Aptian marls of La Tuilière, classified as a Sensitive Natural Area. These activities not only brought together families and nature enthusiasts around an enriching experience but also enhanced awareness of the conservation of this unique site.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Madonie UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Dates of EGN Week: 18th May to 2th June 2024

Contact person/e-mail:Dir UO3 dr. Peppuccio Bonomo - bonomo@parcodellemadonie.it

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 33
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 18
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 23
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 6
- total number of visitors/participants: 2050
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

- Caltavuturo "A journey into memories, among popular songs, games, ancient arts, history, nature and solidarity" with the AUSER association;
- Scillato "town of water and mills" - Guided tour of the Travertino cave and the mills;
- Petralia Sottana - Piano Battaglia "Night-time astronomical observations of the planet Saturn and Jupiter";
- Polizzi Generosa "Biagio Conte Nature Trail Excursion";
- Raffo Mine Geosite: visit to the Sottosale Museum of Contemporary Art - Forum on Geoparks, Tourism and Territory and video projection on the Madonie in the presence of the mayors and councilors of the Madonie Geopark;
- Madonite Schools "The naturalist meets the schools" on the theme of ecological transition;
- Abies nebrodensis trail excursion and visit to the Abies museum;
- San Mauro Castelverde "Uli-vagando" Visit to an ancient oil mill, the Ethno-anthropological and Friendship between peoples Museum, Meeting with a sommelier tasting olive oil.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Maestrazgo Cultural Park UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week:29th may/ 9th june

Contact person/e-mail:Ángel Hernández / info@geoparquemaestrazgo.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Geology, Nature & Culture “*Geoparqueando*”

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 11
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 10
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 50
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 50
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 800
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 20

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The Maestrazgo Geopark celebrated the XIX Edition of its European Geoparks Week (EGN Week 2024), with a wide variety of activities aimed at all audiences.

With field trips, workshops, conferences, exhibitions, competitions and various events including sports activities (like the XI edition of the Geopark Maestrazgo) the program included 14 activities held in various locations of the Geopark. On this occasion, the XIV Edition of the Drawing Contest “*What is a Geopark for you?*” was held, with the participation of 250 children from different schools of the territory. The Geopark headquarters hosted the awards ceremony of this contest, which has more than 1,000 € in prizes, and which has already received more than 3,000 drawings in its entire trajectory.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Maiella UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Dates of EGN Week: 18th May - 2nd June

Contact person/e-mail: Maria Peroni maria.peroni@parcomaiella.it; Violetta De Luca violetta.deluca@parcomaiella.it

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

Not just rocks...

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 3 (Short description below)

1. **Presentation to the public of the "Nuovo Cammino sulla Linea Gustav"**, a geotrail that retraces the route of the "Gustav Line" (German defensive system created at the end of 1943 to counter the advance of the allied forces) and **rock workshops for children** within the initiative "Art Bike & Run + Wine", regional event open to all dedicated to sport, art and food (18th May). Through this new path, born in collaboration with the Local Action Groups Costa dei Trabocchi and Maiella Verde, it is possible to understand how the geomorphology of the territory, the vegetation and climate in these places influenced the development of military operations during some battles of the Second World War.
2. **Activities with 2 classes of a primary school** to discover the river environment and its vegetation (23rd May). The activity took place both in class (introduction on the geopark and the theme) and outdoors along the Orta River. The children also played with natural elements found on site.
3. **"Maiella madre", an experiential walk in the Botanical Garden "Daniela Brescia"** dedicated to the richness and the particularities of the Maiella's flora (especially the officinal one), with a focus on the links between plants and geology (26th May). The participants of the activity, organized in collaboration with FAI (Italian Environmental Fund), have learned not only about plants but also about rocks and fossils and have discovered legends and curiosities related to them.

- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 2 (Facebook posts)

- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 0

- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0

- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0

- total number of visitors/participants: about 100-150 visitors/participants

- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Among the activities organized during EGN Week, the one that aroused most interest was perhaps the workshop attended by many children who with their families participated in the large event organized by the Abruzzo Region on the coast. It was an opportunity to present the Maiella Geopark but above all make them know with all senses various types of rocks.

It is also worth mentioning the initiative with seminars, excursions, activities with schools and much more organized in collaboration with two Geopark's municipalities to tell the virtuous experiences of biodiversity protection that contribute to the revival of the economy in the inland areas (17th-19th May). Activities carried out in the framework of the event "Palena... il paese delle orchidee".

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Massif des Bauges UNESCO Global Geopark, FRANCE

Dates of EGN Week: may 18th – June 28th

Contact person/e-mail: Christophe Lansigu / c.lansigu@parcdesbauges.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 8
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 17
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 5000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 3
- total number of visitors/participants: 600
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Another successful edition of the Renc'arts du Massif des Bauges (third edition), with a very good turnout.

The third edition also for the Geology and Climbing Day, organized by two geopartners, with a host of new activities, and this year a visit from a Moroccan delegation from the M'Goun Geopark.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Mëllerdall UNESCO Global Geopark, Luxembourg

Dates of EGN Week: May 19-26

Contact person/e-mail: ...Christiane Francisco (christiane.francisco@naturpark-mellerdall.lu),
Birgit Kausch (birgit.kausch@naturpark-mellerdall.lu)

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): the EGN Week did not have a specific motto / slogan, it was promoted under “Mëllerdall Days” and included different types of physical events related to our geological, cultural and intangible heritage

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 10
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 200 Posters, 100 Flyers
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 7
- total number of visitors/participants: 650
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 84

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The EGN week began with a family rally, where the Mëllerdall UGGp, in collaboration with other stakeholders, set up stands about nature-related themes. The event targeted families with children and attracted over 300 people. The closing event was a picnic featuring regional products at Larochette Castle, a main regional attraction. For the first time, locals and visitors could discover the region's unique products in an exceptional setting. Free guided tours of the castle were offered and an artist made portraits of the visitors. As it was our first time organizing this event, we had a maximum capacity of 100 people. However, a survey showed that the event was greatly appreciated, with participants wanting it to be a consistent part of EGN week. The 2024 EGN week also included a collaboration with our region's only cinema, one of the oldest in the country. It screened a movie about our UNESCO-classified Hopping Procession and another about the dangers of green algae. Other events included a bike tour connecting geosites and guided hikes, open to locals and tourists. The online activity was a quiz about our Geopark which was available in 4 languages and programmed by a group of computer science students. Participants were able to win great experiences in the Mëllerdall UNESCO Global Geopark.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark :..... Meteora - Pyli Geopark, Greece

Dates of EGN Week: 29/5/2024 until 5/6/2024

Contact person/e-mail :..... Nikolaos Pitsoulis / pitsoulis@bee.gr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): -

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 4
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 4
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 2
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 850
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

During the European Geoparks Week 2024, four events were held in our Geopark area. The most impressive of these was the event titled "Meteora Sound and Light," featuring illuminated balloons and musical performances against the stunning backdrop of the Meteora landscape. This unique event aimed to promote the landscapes of the Meteora – Pyli Geopark and received an enthusiastic response from both locals and tourists. However, the most moving event was the revival of old traditional activities. The older generation passed on to the children the culture, traditions, spirit of cooperation, social interaction, morals, and values of the Geopark area through play. The aim was to convey the message that culture is a fundamental element of our people's identity, transmitted from generation to generation through the experiences of the "significant others" in their lives. The students played traditional games from their grandparents' era with the elders and enjoyed themselves wholeheartedly. Then, everyone danced together in a large circle, performing traditional dances from our region.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Molina Alto Tajo UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week:from may the 8 to June the 12

Contact person/e-mail:Jose A. Martínez/ geoparquemolinaaltotajo@gmail.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 10
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: -
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 15 in social media
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: -
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: -
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 500
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... -

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Day of fraternization between the primary education centers of the Geopark visiting the municipality of Saelices de la Sal and its Geotourism heritage

All the primary education centers of the Geopark have participated in a day of visiting Saelices de la Sal, a municipality belonging to the Geopark. It began with some wellcoming words from the mayor of the municipality and then a visit to the salt works of this town, where an ecotourism company and Geopark collaborator, carried out educational activities and workshops for the students.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Monts d'Ardèche Global Geopark, France

Dates of EGN Week: 18 May/ 2 June 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Nicolas Klee / nklee@parc-monts-ardeche.fr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Mountains, water and humans

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....4
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:4
- number of printed copies for programme ~~flyer~~/brochure/posters: 15000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 178
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

To mark the 70th anniversary of the commissioning of the Montpezat hydroelectric complex, the Geopark and EDF hydro Loire-Ardèche are offering an immersion in the industrial engineering of the Monts d'Ardèche. The idea was to explore how humans have crossed, developed and used the mountain the mountain, its water and its slopes. A anniversary programme with 4 visits of industrial sites traditionnaly close to the public to mark 10 years of the Monts d'Ardèche UGGP and the 20th anniversary of the GGN network.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Mourne Gullion Strangford UNESCO Global Geopark, Northern Ireland

Dates of EGN Events : 16 May to 1 June 2024 (25, 26,27, June 2024)

Contact person/e-mail: Darren.Rice@nmnandd.org

Special motto of EGN Week Buzzing Bash in honour of World Bee Day

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 3 events
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: N/A
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week : Press release as per link below
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters 10,000 Geopark Flyers printed, 50 posters and Social Media
- number of printed articles on EGN Week Activities3 local papers
- total number of visitors/participants: 150 participants across the 3 events
- total number of participants of the **online** events N/A

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Programme : Free to all, target group families with children aged 4 to 11, 3 events held in Kilbroney Forest Park 25 May 30 folk attended , Slieve Gullion Forest Park 26 May 40 folk attended, and Castlewellan Forest Park 27 May 80 folk attended. Photo attached.

Publicity

Buzzing Beauties - Come hang out with us this May to throw a buzzing bash in honour of World Bee Day and the kick-off of summer! Dive into buzzing games and arts and crafts as we unravel the secrets of our beloved bees and get savvy at spotting local flowers!

Press Release

<https://tinyurl.com/4y2zc9yk> Chair Newry Mourne & Down District Council commented on the events and took part in the photo shoot

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal

Dates of EGN Week: 26th July-4th August

Contact person/e-mail: geral@naturtejo.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): “One Health, one Planet” - Celebrating Naturtejo’s 20 years

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 8
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 25
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 20000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 47
- total number of visitors/participants:..... >50000
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 86200

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The XXIV Feira Raiana takes place in Idanha-a-Nova, bringing together national and international participants to celebrate sustainability, culture, and diversity. Over the course of 10 days, the entire Fair was based on environmentally friendly practices, with a strong focus on sustainability. Idanha is a territory with three UNESCO designations – Creative City of Music, Geopark and Biosphere Reserve – and awarded as the Best Bio-Region in Europe in 2023, by the European Union. It is in this context that the 2nd World Congress of Bio-Regions took place, which included participants from all over the world, with emphasis on Asia and Europe. However, representatives from the 5 continents of the Network of 1300 Bio-Regions (Global Alliance Organic District) were present, involving entities from the agro-biological sector. The Agrifood Summit Powered by SFT-EDIH, an event that promotes the sharing of knowledge and the promotion of synergies in the agri-food sector for a more innovative and sustainable food chain, aimed at all agriculture enthusiasts and food. The Fair featured the Celebration of the Centenary of Biodynamic Agriculture, which was started by Rudolf Steiner, in 1924, in Germany. The Doan Meeting – Drylands Organic Agriculture Network took place, an international event that brings together experts, farmers, and political decision-makers dedicated to the development and promotion of organic agriculture in arid and semi-arid lands. Opening the Fair, the seminar of the Local ODS Municipal Platform - Sustainable Development Goals also took place.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:North Pennines UNESCO Global Geopark, UK

Dates of EGN Week: 24/05/2024 – 09/06/2024

Contact person/e-mail: Naomi Foster / naomi@northpennines.org.uk

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): North Pennines NatureFest

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 24
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: N/A
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: unknown
- total number of visitors/participants: 900
- total number of participants of the **online** events: N/A

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This year was the first North Pennines NatureFest, coinciding with EGN Week. There were 24 events, hosted by the North Pennines National Landscape and Geopark Team, and partners such as RSPB, Natural England and South Tynedale Railway. Events included activities for families, guided walks, talks, arts workshops and volunteering tasks. All of these were themed around local nature, including peatlands, geology, animals, trees and meadows. A particularly notable event was a film screening of 'Six Inches of Soil', followed by a discussion. Six Inches of Soil follows the inspiring story of British farmers standing up against the industrial food system and transforming the way they produce food – to heal the soil, benefit our health and provide for local communities. This was hosted in a village hall in an evening and attracted around 50 people.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:North West Highlands UNESCO Global Geopark, United Kingdom

Dates of EGN Week: 1st – 8th June 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Fiona Saywell manager@nwhgeopark.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 22
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Our brand new Geotour for 2024 was along the North Coast June, and was full to the brim! Following on from previous years successful Geotours that guide guests through an overview of the geology and landscape of the whole Geopark, a specialised tour focussing on the north coast was developed and promoted. We worked in partnership with one of our local business Ambassadors, Bjorn Hardarson, to lead the tour along with our Geologist, Pete Harrison.

Of course our weather can be challenging and during the week it often felt like summer had disappeared! However the scenery was dramatic, the company excellent and the geology amazing. We are planning to offer this Geotour again next year, not least because our efforts to get to Cape Wrath, the most north westerly point of our Geopark, and only accessible by ferry, were thwarted by the unseasonal weather.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Novohrad–Nógrád UNESCO Global Geopark, Slovakia and Hungary
Dates of the geoparks week: May 18 - June 2, 2024
Contact person:Imre Szarvas, office@nnggeopark.eu

Special motto of EGN Week: Celebrating heritage without borders

1. EGN Week information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:20
- number of *online* activities/events during EGN Week:2
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:5
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:12
(Advertised on social media platforms and websites of nogradgeopark.eu,
osmaradvanyok.hu and bnpi.hu)
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:5
- total number of visitors/participants:approximately 90 thousand
- total number of participants of the online events:26

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Between May 18 and June 2 the EGN Week program cavalcade of the transnational Novohrad–Nógrád Geopark (within it the Pentecost) provided plenty of interesting events. Several stakeholders joined to the celebrations, like the Bükk National Park Directorate beside the geopark headquarters. For example at the paleontological center of the Geopark, at Ipolytarnóc Fossils 4 857 visitors attended the EGN Week programs. Just on the Volcano Day (June 1) 446 people visited the Site.

An educational competition between Slovak and Hungarian schoolchildren was held at Baglyaskő geosite and Geopark Visitor Center on May 28.

Beside the crossborder events the international cooperation was also extensive during the EGN Week.

It included the Visegrad Group Geoparks' (Czech, Slovak, Polish and Hungarian) second meeting between May 13-15 in the Czech Republic and the online meeting of the transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks' WG, which took place on May 30.

More details concerning the EGN Week programs are available in the following links:

<https://www.nogradgeopark.eu/en/program-reszletek/european-geoparks-week-in-the-paloc-geopark;>

<https://www.osmaradvanyok.hu/en/hir/the-european-geoparks-week-and-the-year-of-the-global-geoparks;>

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Odsherred UNESCO Global Geopark, Denmark

Dates of EGN Week:July 9th

Contact person/e-mail:jakob@geoparkodsherred.dk

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: n/a
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: n/a
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 2
- total number of visitors/participants: 65
- total number of participants of the **online** events: n/a

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

A late-night event with literature and Bronze Age cuisine at the site of the finding place of the Sun Chariot. Visitors had the pleasure of one of Denmark's most famous authors in a one-on-one talk with the foremost expert on the Bronze Age in Denmark. The menu consisted of mussels cooked over open fire, brined white cheese and bread on the side, together with local beer – local, as they would have had it 3500 years ago.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria

Dates of EGN Week: 18th May, to June, 2nd 2024

Contact person/e-mail:Mr. Horst Ibetsberger; oaaa@sbg.at

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): -----

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 8
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 3
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 200
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 6
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 500
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The highlight of the Geopark week 2024 was the official opening of the ore trail around the miners' home in Mühlbach am Hochkönig, which took place on 8 June 2024. Erhard Plosky, Chairman of the Mühlbach am Hochkönig Mining Association, and Gert Furtmüller, Chairman of the Ore of the Alps Association, presented the new geosites to visitors. There were also guided tours of the Johannastollen gallery, screenings of film rarities and a scavenger hunt for the young guests. The event was accompanied by music from the Mühlbacher Hoizmusi and the Heubodenmusi.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Orígens UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week:27th May to 9th June

Contact person/e-mail:Xavier Mir / xmir@geoparcorigens.cat

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): The Earth Memory

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 14
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 5
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 20
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 3
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 396
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This edition of the European Geoparks week has been named The Earth Memory and has been particularly dedicated to Geology. Activities have been carried out for all audiences, from a presentation on the formation of the double discordance of Collegats by Professor Josep Anton Muñoz from University of Barcelona to a story for children to discover prehistory with the lady of the mountains, or through an urban geology outdoors presentation relating the building materials in a medieval village with the geological context around. One of the highlights of the EGN week was a fieldtrip on the Isona tufa mounds with over 70 participants followed up by a posthumous tribute to the figure of Doctor Rogelio Linares, a reference geomorphologist in the study of these landforms. Furthermore, we had guided visits in museums and the presentation of a new fossil collection, and fieldtrips organized to emblematic Geopark sites.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia

Dates of EGN Week: 20th May to 3rd June 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Goran Pavic, papukgeopark@gmail.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 8
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 10
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 300
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 4
- total number of visitors/participants: 570
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 25

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

We would like to highlight the successful visit of the Vis Archipelago UGGp, during which children from the island of Vis performed a play for their peers at a local school. Through the play, they showcased the traditions of the island of Vis. The teachers and children from the geopark also had the opportunity to explore all the interesting features and beauties of our geopark. Among other things, they visited the House of the Pannonian Sea in Velika, the Geo-info Centre in Voćin, and the Park Forest Jankovac. During the visit, future collaboration was agreed upon, not only between the two geoparks but also between the local schools, with a return visit by schoolchildren planned for next year to the Vis Archipelago Geopark.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Platåbergens UNESCO Global Geopark, Sweden

Dates of EGN Week: May 18th – June 2nd

Contact person/e-mail: anna.bergengren@grastorp.se

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): –

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 4
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 0
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: approx. 100
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

On May 22nd, Platåbergens Geopark arranged a “Walking lecture” at the sub-Cambrian peneplain, at Nordkroken, just east of Mt Halleberg. Nordkroken is not just a great place to swim in Lake Vänern. There are also very distinctive, perfectly flat areas of exposed rock here – in contrast with the steep rock walls nearby.

These flat rock surfaces were formed more than half a billion years ago. The bedrock had previously been weathered and eroded to create the flat landscape that we see now. This flat surface is called the sub-Cambrian peneplain and can be seen especially clearly here at Nordkroken.

To make the arrangement more sustainable, we had adjusted the time of the event to correspond with the local bus schedule, making sure that everyone who had the opportunity could participate by taking public transport. The event had 27 participants.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Pollino UNESCO Global Geopark Italy

Dates of EGN Week: 27 May to 31 May 2024

Contact person/e-mail: luigi.bloise@parconazionalepollino.it;
egidio.calabrese@parconazionalepollino.it

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 5
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 50
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:
- total number of visitors/participants: 50
- total number of participants of the **online** events:

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Psiloritis UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece

Dates of EGN Week:01/05/2024- 31/07/2024

Contact person/e-mail: Dr. Maria Kolendrianou/ info@psiloritisgeopark.gr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 10 events + 7 school visits

- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0

- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:~ 30 (press releases & social media posts, on behalf of the UGGp and immediate partners collaborating with UGGp for the events)

- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: cannot estimate because many activities were performed as part of larger scale events (i.e. Municipality festivals, cultural festivals)

- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0

- total number of visitors/participants:..... ~700+ 200 students

- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Successful EGN- week events in Psiloritis UGGp were the “Kids Day” at the Information Center of the Geopark (with activities for younger kids), a geotourism seminar for local professionals (in collaboration with the local Development Agency), organization of activities with local students of Anogia and staff of environmental Agencies of Crete at one of the Geopark’s geosites (Stefana sinkholes) on World Environment Day and a vulture reintroduction event at Vrontisi Monastery of Zaros village (with the Natural History Museum of Crete, the local cultural association and the local Elementary school). Other events included participation in larger scale events and festivals performed within the territory or in the main cities near its borders, like the participation in the “Fascination of Plants Day” (invited to perform our individual activity on Geopark flora by the Hellenic Mediterranean University), participation in Amari Green Festival, Yakinthia Festival etc with our own activities (photo exhibition, geopark info point and activities on local geoheritage) and events related to the practice of dry- stone walling (lectures and field visits, with Rodakas and Androidus Project Tank SCEs (geopark’s partners).

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark, Iceland

Dates of EGN Week: 27/5-1/6

Contact person/e-mail: Daníel Einarsson/daniel@reykjanesgeopark.is

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 3
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: n/a
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 50

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

We shared news regarding publication of Reykjanes Book 2nd edition and launched pre-orders. Highly anticipated since the first edition sold out very fast. Also, in the midst of the EGN week an eruption began on Reykjanes.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Ries UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Dates of EGN Week: May 5 – June 6 2024

Contact person/e-mail: heike.burkhardt@geopark-ries.de / cornelia.baeuml@geopark-ries.de

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 14
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 9
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: unknown
- total number of visitors/participants: market visitors unknown; about 150 on guided tours
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 50 Likes (social media)

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Geopark Ries tour guides celebrated several momentous anniversaries at popular regional markets during EGN Week 2024: the 15th anniversary of their certification as Geopark Ries tour guides and 20th anniversary of the UNESCO Global Geopark Network.

The Fuchsia Market in Wemding 25-26 May and Rose Market in Nördlingen 15 June attracted nature fans and families to the historic town centers. The GenussKulturMarkt hosted by the KulturLand Ries Museum on 5 May as well as the Asparagus Festival 26 May hosted by the “Geopark Ries culinary”-partner Spargelhof Murr attracted all ages with their motto of “Regionality and Sustainability”—so appropriate for an UNESCO Global Geopark. Tour guides staffed the Geopark Ries booths, providing promotions and information—including about the impact rock Suevite, “rock of the year 2024”—as well as games and activities that invite the whole family to actively engage with the fascinating geology of the Ries Crater. Attendance at the markets was estimated in the thousands.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Rocca di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Dates of EGN Week: from the 12th to the 24th May 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Salvatore Troia, direttore@roccadicerere.eu, info@roccadicerere.eu

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....6
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:.....—
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:.....2 press releases and 5 posts on social medias
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: —
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:.....1
- total number of visitors/participants:.....300
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....—

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The Kite Festival, held on multiple dates across various geopark towns, was a significant event promoting togetherness and multiculturalism. It provided a wonderful opportunity for children from diverse backgrounds to come together, play, and enjoy the experience of flying beautiful and colourful kites. This festival not only brought joy and excitement to the young participants but also fostered a sense of unity and inclusion among the community.

The closing event at the Floristella-Grottacalda Mining Park was particularly notable. It symbolized the culmination of a series of joyful and inclusive activities, highlighting the importance of community cohesion and cultural diversity in the ongoing growth and development of the geopark.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Rokua UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Dates of EGN Week:27.5.-9.6.

Contact person/e-mail:Mikko Kiuttu / mikko.kiuttu@humanpolis.fi

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 4
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 1
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 90
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 15

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2023:

During the EGN week, two field trip to school groups were organised. Altogether 70 students and teachers participated. The students were from primary school in the other field trip and from secondary school in the other. The main topics were geology, ecology and cultural heritage of Rokua Geopark and the specific sites.

One event was part of a series of environmental art workshops, that continued through spring and summer. That workshop was targeted for local people, especially to members of local village association to come and share stories of the landscape and to pick up sources of inspiration for the art work.

Also, an event for municipalities and entrepreneurs regarding updating of tourism development plan was organised during the EGN week.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Saimaa UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Dates of EGN Week:21.5.-1.6.2024

Contact person/e-mail:Veera Hakkarainen / Veera.hakkarainen@saimaageopark.fi

Mikko Ikävalko / Mikko.ikavalko@saimaageopark.fi

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 5
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 50
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 500
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Nature day at the Joutseno school - sixth graders got to know nature, with tasks including water exploration, identifying animal tracks.

Target group: sixth graders at a local school

STEP - college climate day – The event featured climate-related demonstration points, talks on topical energy issues, a textile exchange point and a collection point for discarded textiles

Target group: sixth graders at Ruokolahti school

Sarviniemi's opening event – The event included nature awareness and the use of the sensory world at different points.

Target group: Children and families

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Salpausselkä UNESCO Global Geopark, Finland

Dates of EGN Week: 20 May – 9 June

Contact person/e-mail: . Executive manager Kati Komulainen / kati.komulainen@lahtiregion.fi

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): -

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 26
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 2
- total number of visitors/participants: about 1500
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This year we organised a seminar celebrating the intangible cultural heritage of our region, the tradition of sahti making, which represents the oldest beer style in the world and remains a living heritage throughout our geopark area. The seminar was organised in collaboration with the Päijät-Häme Regional Council and the Lahti City Museum / Regional Museum of Päijät-Häme. The seminar was very successful with some 70 participants, excellent presentations and lively conversation.

Another especially successful event was a string concert open to public at an old industrial cultural heritage site by the Lake Päijänne.

During the City of Lahti Environmental Village event in the main city of the Geopark, the three Geopark Kindergartens of the city received the city's annual environmental award, recognizing their valuable work developing and promoting the education for sustainability.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Schelde Delta UNESCO Global Geopark, Belgium – The Netherlands

Dates of EGN Week: 18 May tot 5 June

Contact person/e-mail:Walter Jonkers / w.jonkers@zeeland.nl

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Geoweeks in the Geopark

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 14
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 8
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 7500
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 1350
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.... broadcasts regional television (400.000)

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

In Geopark Schelde Delta, because of its size, publicizing activities is mainly done through social media from within the Geopark itself and through the partners.

Special was the attention of the regional television for the activities with wide coverage into the living room.

A special activity was the knowledge meeting held by a group of residents who are actively working bottom-up on a coastal defense idea through building with nature, involving government, knowledge institutes and a university. The Geopark facilitates this initiative and also contributes coastal process and geomorphological knowledge.

Our traveling Geopark exhibition with side events during for schoolchildren and adults was also a great success.

Geopark entry points/museums organized field excursions and tours for schoolchildren. Themes included geology, archaeology, landscape, sustainable groundwater use, flood protection and climate change.

The weeks ended with a partner meeting with (info)market around the theme of regional and sustainable food in the Geopark.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Shetland UNESCO Global Geopark, Scotland

Dates of EGN Week: 6th -12th May 2024

Contact person/e-mail:Mhari McLeman/ mhari.mcleman@shetlandamenity.org

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Geopark Junior Ranger Programme Launch

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: Five full days of activities for 15 students

- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: n/a – we used EGN week for a targeted in person programme

- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1 post event press release and we included the initiative in the launch of our new Geopark website - [Geopark Shetland | Shetland.org](https://www.shetland.org) SEE tab [Education | Shetland.org](https://www.shetland.org)

- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: n/a

- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities : n/a

- total number of visitors/participants: 15 students (Junior Rangers) and 15 other partner participant representatives during EGN week. (there were additional participants at a supplementary week with another school during June)

- total number of participants of the **online** events: n/a

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

We used EGN week to successfully launch Shetland Geopark Junior Ranger Programme with our first participating school.

Collaborating with multiple partners and helping to instil a sense of pride in Shetland's nature and our landscape, fifteen pupils (age 14) spent 5 days out of school:

- undertaking geology tours,
- participating in biosecurity and conservation activities on Noss Nature Reserve
- learning about the importance of Peatland restoration to help address the climate emergency and participating in the planting of sphagnum moss
- gaining knowledge on native tree species and planting them AND
- being educated on the conservation of historic landmarks such as Clickimin Broch & embracing conversations with visiting tourists on how to respect & care for our heritage.

This partnership pilot project and launch has been hugely successful with both professionals and schools showing exceptional dedication in advancing the initiative. It will be even bigger in 2025!

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Sierra Morena de Sevilla UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week:April 1th – 14th

Contact person/e-mail: Gonzalo Fernández de Castro Martínez / gferna21@tragsa.es

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): none

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 12
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 8
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 20
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 257
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 70

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

During the 2024 European Geopark Week, 12 activities were organized, focusing on three main areas: (1) the dissemination of the geological heritage of the Sierra Morena de Sevilla Natural Park – UNESCO Global Geopark (PNSMS) across all educational levels, (2) teacher training in geo-education, and (3) the promotion of scientific activities by universities within our territory.

To achieve these objectives, the following activities were carried out:

- Workshop for teachers in the PNSMS in collaboration with the Secondary Education Teacher Training Center (1 theoretical session and 2 practical sessions on geotrails)
- 2 field trips with students from the University of Seville and the University of Cádiz
- A Geopark outreach lecture at the Faculty of Tourism of the University of Seville
- 2 workshops about “rock and mineral of the PNSMS – Geopark” in schools
- Distribution of GEOKITs in PNSMS in schools.

European Geoparks Week 2023

Report

Name of Geopark: Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week:from 13th April to 28th April

Contact person/e-mail: Antonio García (Manager) and Amaia Rodriguez (Scientific Advisor):
geoparquesierrassubbeticas@juntadeandalucia.es

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 17
- number of *online* activities/events during EGN Week: 2
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 5
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 8
- total number of visitors/participants: 557
- total number of participants of the *online* events: 1998

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

On the one hand, it is worth highlighting the catalogue of educational resources and activities, which has been published during the EGN Week, with the aim of compiling in one document the different educational materials that we have been designing in recent years. The catalogue has been disseminated on official social networks and via email to professionals in formal and non-formal education so that they can make use of the materials and resources included in this catalogue. On social networks has been very well received with almost 1400 views.

On the other hand, the director of the Governing Board of the Geopark, Julián García, has had a great success in his conference on the "Toponymy of Subbética, Sierras Subbéticas in 5000 names", with 43 attendees and 698 views on the live transmission on social networks. People of different ages were interested in knowing the many traditional names given to the places around them, enriching themselves with this intangible cultural heritage.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Sitia UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece

Dates of EGN Week: 5, 21,22 June & 9, 10 July 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Evangelos Perakis / perakisv@sitia.gr

Special motto of EGN Week : Participation and collaboration in the 3rd Children's Festival in Sitia

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 5
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 5
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 250
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 5
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 700
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

World Environment Day 2024.

The event was held in collaboration with the UNESCO Global Geopark of Sitia, with the teachers and students of the 'B class of the 4th primary schools of Sitia.

The action aimed to raise students' awareness of environmental protection issues, of natural phenomena and the role played by climate change as well as human intervention in nature. Also, information on the biodiversity can be found at the mouth of the Pantelis River.

Through the educational games of the Geopark, related to climate change and with the cooperation of the teachers, the students were informed, participated and certainly returned to their classrooms full of images and thoughts from a habitat that is so close to us, but we know little about him. For a habitat that climate change and human intervention have left their negative imprint on the landscape.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Sobrarbe-Pirineos UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain

Dates of EGN Week: May 20th-June 2nd

Contact person/e-mail: Ánchel Belmonte/ ajbelmonte@educa.aragon.es

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): -

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 11
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 7
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 50
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 4
- total number of visitors/participants: 277
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

We have celebrated the inclusion of the transhumance in the representative list of intangible heritage by UNESCO. As it is an essential activity to explain the making of the cultural landscape of the Geopark, and still alive, we have focussed not only in the activity itself but also we have visited a group of young shepherds to know directly how they work.

The Geopark has been awarded with the declaration of Speleological Interest Site by the Spanish Society for Speleology and Karst Sciences. It is the first time that this award is given in Spain and recognizes not only the first class endokarstic heritage that Sobrarbe-Pirineos holds but also the intense work made by the Geopark in order to protect it, to support speleologists and researchers and to make it accessible to the general public through dissemination and education activities during the 18 years of the existence of the Geopark.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Styrian Eisenwurzen UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria

Dates of EGN Week:24.5.-9.6.

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 4
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 2
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 60
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

This year the Styrian Eisenwurzen UNESCO Global Geopark had the possibility to host a meeting about landslides and rockfall themes within the frame of the current funded project www.movemont.at. It took two days with participants of Austrian UGGp and two universities. It included an excursion to the biggest rockfall in the Eastern Alps.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Sunnhordland UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway

Dates of EGN Week: 27 of May till 2 of June

Contact person/e-mail: Brynjar Stautland: brynjar@geoparksunnhordland.no

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....2
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:.....0
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:.....10
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:1
- total number of visitors/participants:200
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

In 1024 the pagan laws of Norway was replaced by the Christian law system. Both the actual happening in 1024 and the 1000-year anniversary happened inside Sunnhordland Geopark. As part of the diverse anniversary for this event of values, Sunnhordland Geopark participated with two arrangements; "*How to value Nature*"? and "*I am building myself a boat*". The first arrangement was a panel debate in relation to the Montreal agreement and a contemporary news issue in Norway on the rapid reduction of nature. In the panel we had some of the best known Norwegian professionals in law/human rights, biology, statistics, geology/mining and environmentalism. One of Norway's best known actors introduced the debate. Our geologist was moderator for the event.

The second arrangement was in collaboration with the regional museum (geopark partner), where children were invited to participate in building a model of a traditional wooden boat (faering) from this area, learning the names of each piece and also practice on riveting. The panel debate had an audience of appr. 100, the boat project about the same number of kids with hands-on boat building during one day.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Swabian Alb UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Dates of EGN Week: 16. 5. – 28. 05

Contact person/e-mail: Iris Bohnacker, bohnacker@geopark-alb.de

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....more than 30
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 12
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 8
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 4
- total number of visitors/participants:..... participants not possible to determine
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... 353

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

For the first time, the EGN Weeks started on 15 May with a Geopark day to connect all our different networks and provide a platform for dialogues (with 50 participants completely booked out). A workshop was offered on the topic of 'How do I integrate specific SDGs into my daily work?'. The Geopark also provided information about annual events such as EGN-weeks and the importance of the international annual days. Exciting activities took place at our information centres. Examples include several museum events, a Kneipp day and a guided barefoot walk at the Panoramatherme Beuren, several guided tours e.g. to the Swabian Alb only moor on Biodiversity Day and an action day centred around historic mills. The event concluded with a public lecture by the Geopark on the subject of 'Climate in fast motion', which described the specific effects of climate change on the Swabian Alb.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark

Dates of EGN Week: May 15 – June 30

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....20

- Geoguides course at Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark. (22 participants)
- “Recycling Day” - Games and educational films (pre-school students from schools in the territory. (100 participants)
- Workshop “Rocks and Minerals of the Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark” (7th grade students from the territory's schools). (75 participants)
- Trás-os-Montes Biennial of Contemporary Art - Linha D'Água. (open to the community).
- Zen Tour: “Healing Circle - Meeting your inner child”. (open to the community) (5 participants)
- Educational program on the “Day of the Bees”, carried out with the collaboration of our partner “Mel Vilarinho” (3rd grade students from schools in the territory). (80 participants)
- Participation in the Science Days in Foz Côa. (100 participants)
- Birthwatching at Geopark Terras de Cavaleiros. (25 participants)
- Campaign to collect and recover used cooking oil, carried out in collaboration with our partner Resíduos do Nordeste. (100 participants)
- Field trips “Maciço de Morais”. (11th graders from schools in the territory) (30 participants)
- Celebration of the International Day of Play (students from the Senior University). (25 participants)
- Interpreted Walk in the Village of Limãos (open to the community) (10 participants)
- Interpreted Walk “On the Cherry Trail”, in the village of Bornes (open to the community) (32 participants)
- Educational Program “Geodiversity at Monte de Morais” (pre-school students from schools in the territory) (97 participants)
- Environmental Exhibition (open to the community)

- Environmental walk (open to the community). (300 participants)
- Final Conference - “Climate Action in Portuguese Geoparks”, held in partnership with all Portuguese geoparks (open to the community). (70 participants)
- II Portuguese Geoparks Photography Contest, held in partnership with all the Portuguese geoparks

- number of online activities/events during EGN Week:	0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:	12
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:	30
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:	22
- total number of visitors/participants:.....	1066
- total number of participants of the online events:.....	0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

EGN Week once again aimed to involve the local community in general and young people in particular.

The activities carried out were aimed at promoting to the general public the importance of natural heritage for the community in general and for all those who visit us.

The environmental march was, once again, the activity that had the greatest impact, as it involved hundreds of participants in a common goal: to raise awareness of the importance of preserving the environment

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:TERRA.vita UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Dates of EGN Week: 18 May – 2 June 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Tobias Fischer, tobias.fischer@lkos.de

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....31
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 9
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 7,500
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 9
- total number of visitors/participants:.....more than 450
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....n/a

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The EarthAgeCenter of Borgholzhausen, conducted by Borgholzhausen homeland association, celebrated its 20-years-anniversary. During this event, the 20-years-anniversary of the GGN was celebrated at the same time. The center includes a fossil exhibition of Borgholzhausen's most important finds. TERRA.vita panels give information on the Earth's history. Furthermore, a GeoGarden outdoor area is connecting the museum and a local café producing their own ginger bread. The GeoGarden displays the rock diversity of Borgholzhausen and was remodeled by TERRA.vita for the anniversary. For the event, several partners presented natural goods and food in the GeoGarden. TERRA.vita and partners gave geological expert talks and the association organized guided tours, a film session and special events for children.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Trollfjell UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway

Dates of EGN Week: 8.05 – 02.06.2024

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 3
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 0
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 0
- total number of visitors/participants: 150
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Trollfjell UNESCO Global Geopark celebrated the EGN week with three activities aimed at different target groups. In collaboration with the Norwegian Trekking Association, we offered a free kayak course for local youths in Brønnøy. The course gave the participants a certificate that opens for discovering our great geological phenomena “the strandflat” from sea level. In Vevelstad, we invited the locals on a guided tour along the historical Vistnes-trail, led by our geologist and an historian from Helgeland Museum. Finally, there was the grand opening of the Norwegian Scenic Route’s new facilitation by the international tourism attraction mount Torghatten, including our very own geological exhibition. The exhibition tells the fascinating geological story about how mount Torghatten was shaped – with a hole piercing straight through it!

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark – Cyprus

Dates of EGN Week: 5.08.2024 - 12.08.2024

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Perseids meteor shower in the heart of Troodos Geopark

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 5
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 10
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 3
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 30
- total number of visitors/participants: 800
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

One of the highlights of EGN Week at Troodos Geopark was our special event: the Perseids meteor shower viewing, held in the heart of the park at the Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre, located in the historic Asbestos Abandoned Mine area. This extraordinary celestial event attracted hundreds of visitors, all eager to witness the breath-taking meteor shower under the starry skies of the Troodos mountains. It was a unique opportunity for people from all corners of Cyprus to gather, not just for stargazing, but to connect with others who share a passion for the beauty of nature and the night sky.

Throughout the week of August 5-12, 2024, we also welcomed numerous students from various summer schools to the Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre. These young visitors had the chance to enjoy guided tours that unveiled the park's fascinating geological heritage. Their curiosity and enthusiasm were infectious, and it was a joy to see so many eager minds discovering the wonders of this remarkable mountain region.

In addition, we hosted special presentations and activities for children and adults at summer camps in the Troodos area. Our team organized engaging educational activities that introduced participants to the rich natural and geological wonders of the Geopark. It was heart-warming to see both children and adults captivated by the experience, eager to learn, and deeply appreciative of the beauty and richness that Troodos Geopark has to offer.

This week of events truly showcased the power of nature to inspire, educate, and bring people together.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Tuscan Mining Park UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy

Dates of EGN Week: 1, 2, 7, 20 June 2024

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Memory, Places, Time

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 5
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 1.000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 10
- total number of visitors/participants: 600
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

EGN Week has become a much-awaited event for spectators and visitors. The Places of Time Festival had no less than four dates. Each event is characterised by the presence of an artist or performer, or an author or a journalist of national level who walks together with the public along a geopark route with a guided tour of the places, at the end a tasting of typical products and a concert. An opportunity to get to know the environmental and cultural aspects of the places, and to attend artistic performances and music. A sustainable event, without the use of amplification or lights, for no more than 200 people per event.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Muskauer Faltenbogen/Łuk Mużakowa UNESCO Global Geopark,
Germany/Poland

Dates of EGN Week: 12 May – 15 June

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any): none

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 10
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 29
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 220
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 20
- total number of visitors/participants: 3669
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

Geo'nConcert was this year highlight of the Muskau Arch EGN Week. It was also the closing event of this year's EGN Week. The event was attended by Geopark residents and tourists visiting the area. During the event, they were able to listen to live music, take a ride on the narrow-gauge railway and visit exhibitions dedicated to the Geopark. There were also attractions for children and something to eat and drink. The whole event took place at the Former Brickworks, a narrow-gauge railway now used for tourism, in the past it was used to transport clay to the brickworks, the site is surrounded by post-mining reservoirs characteristic of the Geopark and the visitors were able to visit the Geopark exhibition on the geology and industrial past of the region. This event combined the pleasant with the useful in a special way. With good music raising awareness of the region's heritage.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Vikos-Aoos UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece

Dates of EGN Week: June 1-5, 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Haritakis Papaioannou, h.papaioannou@epirus.gr

Special motto of EGN Week (if any): Earth, water and rock: Geological stories in the Vikos-Aoos UNESCO Global Geopark

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 5
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 100
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 3
- total number of visitors/participants: 200
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

The European Geoparks Week 2024 featured a main event, a seminar with invited speakers who are expert geologists specializing in tectonics, minerals, and rocks, delivering talks related to the Vikos-Aoos Geopark. Secondary activities included visits to selected geosites with low visitor traffic, where the public was provided with information and interpretation of their features, such as the thermal mineral spring of Neles and the Konitsa fault. Finally, throughout the Geoparks Week, a photography exhibition showcasing the minerals and rocks of the Geopark titled: "The rocks of the Vikos-Aoos Geopark under the microscope: Aspects of their microcosm" was open and accessible to the public. The events were organized in collaboration with the Municipality of Konitsa and with the contribution of the Department of Geology of AUTH and EAGME - Epirus Regional Unit.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Villuercas-Ibores-Jara UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain.

Dates of EGN Week:24th May-2nd June.

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Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:..... 32
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 5
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/**posters**: 40
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 10*
- total number of visitors/participants:..... 1600
- total number of participants of the **online** events:..... -

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

- Celebration of the Geoconvivencia (celebration day of the educative project). <https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/geoconvivencia>.
- Opening day of the EGN Week. Including the commemoration of the last Green Card and the staging of “Geopaca Folk” (a recreation of the Villar del Pedroso Carnival of Souls and its traditional dances). <https://fb.watch/tD44-HdRU9/>
- 14 hiking routes to different points and itineraries during the week. With the collaboration of the Interpretation Centres, the municipalities and the Scientific Committee.

* Online press articles and TV programmes.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark:Vis Archipelago UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia

Dates of EGN Week:24.-31.5.2024

Contact person/e-mail:Lana Schmidt/ lana.schmidt@geopark-vis.com

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week:.....2
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week:0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events:2
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters:15
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities:0
- total number of visitors/participants:.....51
- total number of participants of the **online** events:.....0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

During EGN week in 2024., Vis Archipelago UNESCO Global Geopark has organized two events targeted to children. During 5 days of photo-workshop children learned how to produce quality photos taking pictures of their Geopark. At the end, there was a photo exhibition.

During one day excursion, Geopark organized trip for kindergarten children. They have visited Biševo island, Blue Cave and Visitor Centre. Through organized workshops for them (2), they learned about the origin of our Geopark and the importance of preserving its biodiversity.

European Geoparks Week 2024

Report

Name of Geopark: Vulkaneifel UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany

Dates of EGN Week: 16th May to 2nd of June 2024

Contact person/e-mail: Sabine Kummer / sabine.kummer@vulkaneifel.de

Special motto of EGN Week (if any):

1. Please give the following information:

- number of activities/events during EGN Week: 47+ 3
- number of **online** activities/events during EGN Week: 0
- number of press releases announcing EGN Week events: 1
- number of printed copies for programme flyer/brochure/posters: 15 000
- number of printed articles on EGN Week activities: 1
- total number of visitors/participants: 408
- total number of participants of the **online** events: 0

2. Highlight most successful activities of your EGN Week 2024:

In May, our guest guides attended three training sessions on the wild orchids of the Vulkaneifel - 32 different rare species of wild orchids grow in the Vulkaneifel, mainly on calcareous soils. Our guides are educated multipliers who offer over 600 guided tours every year.