1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, Slovenia-Austria, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2013 / 2017 (Green card)


2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 05 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: Information center World of geology (4000), Information center “Podzemlje Pece” - Tourist mine and museum (20000), Obir Carst Caves - Geosite (25000), Petzen/Peca (120000), Guided hiking tours (4500)

Number of Geopark events: 70

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 80

Number of Geopark press release: 50

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Establishment of the EGTC Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken (27.11.2019)

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation of the Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken representatives at the 43rd EGN CC
Meeting (March 2019, Germany), at the 44th EGN CC Meeting (September 2019, Spain) and active participation at the 15th European Geopark Conference (September 2019, Spain); participation of the Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken representatives at national Geopark forum meetings (SLO and AT); contributions for the EGN Newspaper; cooperation in the frame of the Alpe-Adria Geoparks Network; participation of the Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken in common projects (INTERREG Danube GeoTour, H2020 Ruritage)

Management and Financial Status
- Management: Working group (Arbeitsgemeinschaft), established by 14 municipalities (5 from SLO and 9 from AT) and 2 associated partners; since 27th of November 2019 Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken is registered as EGTC (European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation); Financial status: multi-source financing, stable financial status.

Geoconservation
- Informing and awareness of local people and visitors about the importance of the geoconservation on guided tours, in infocentres, hiking in brochures, articles ...

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)
- On-going INTERREG projects of the Geopark Karavanke/Karawanken (EUfutuR, NaKult, Danube, NatureGame) and H2020 project (Ruritage) are dealing with the sustainable development of the Geopark Karavanke area.

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction
- 1-day training in emergency management for Geopark guides
- 2-weeks training in the geo-interpretation for Geopark guides

Strategic partnership
- Podzemlje Pece, d.o.o., Obir Tropfsteinhöhlen, RRA Koroška, IRSNC - Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation - Regional unit Maribor, Association "Društvo Kulturni dom Pliberk/Bleiburg, Petzen-Bergbahnen GmbH, "Tourismus Region Klopeiner See - Südkärnten", Naturfreunde Österreich Ortsgruppe Petzen, F.S. Immobilienverwaltungs GmbH ...

Promotional activities
- Several presentations at various national and international tourism fairs (Natour Alpe Adria - Ljubljana; ITB Berlin; Freizeit Messe Klagenfurt), lectures, presentations and exhibitions at different local, regional and national events (festivals, international days, ...), several promotions on TV, Radio, in newspapers, ...

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