1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Sitia UNESCO Global Geopark, CREECE European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2019

Exhibition opening: "Memories of Gaia - UNESCO Global Geoparks of Greece - Cyprus"

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 4 staffs including 1 geoscientist

Number of visitors: 2000

Number of Geopark events: 9 events held by management body and 6 with cooperative organization

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: In 2019, 2 secondary and 6 primary schools participated in educational programs of Sitia Geopark

Number of Geopark press release: More than 25 press releases were published and published announcements about the events of the Geopark, the educational actions, etc.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- The construction and operation of the new information center at SUGG through the Interreg Greece-Cyprus 2014-2020 «GEOTOURISM IN INSULAR GEOPARKS»
- Exhibition "Memories of Gaia - UNESCO Global Geoparks of Greece - Cyprus" held at Sitia Geopark from July 15 to August 3, 2019
- The evaluation of the Sitia UNESCO Global Geopark from 17 to 22 July, 2019

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

The Sitia Geopark is participating with representatives to all EGN Coordination Committee Meetings:

- 43rd Coordination Committee meeting Swabian Alp UNESCO Global Geopark, Aalen 25th – 29th March 2019
- 44th Coordination Committee Meeting Sierra Norte de Sevilla UNESCO Global Geopark 24th September 2019
- 15th Conference EUROPEAN GEOPARKS 23th – 27th September 2019
- Participation in the 2nd International Conference of UNESCO Global Geoparks Greece - Cyprus

Management and Financial Status

- The Management and financial Status it was in line with the year’s budget without any problem
**Geoconservation**
- New placards interpreting information signs of the geo sites have been installed and preserving the older ones
- Recording and mapping of new geological points of interest geotrails

**Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**
- Organization of the 3nd UNESCO World Championship Sitia Geopark Trail September 13, October 2019
- Workshop for Geotourism in SUGG for tourism professionals and the unemployed 17-18-19 January 2020
- Participation in the Greek Alternative Tourism Workshop, which included B2B meetings of Polish alternative tourism agencies with corresponding agencies from Greece. Warsaw October 29 2020
- Mountain tourism workshop in the context of the International Mountain Day celebration December 11th 2019
- Photography exhibition "NATURA 2000: Life for All" July 15 to August 3, 2019

**New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction**
- We collaborate on the National Thematic Network of the Center for Environmental Education (ANO) of Anogeia entitled: Unravelling Earth's Memory through Geo-diversity, Geoparks and Anthropogenic Activities "
- Educational activities and training program in collaboration with primary and secondary schools

**Strategic partnership**
- Cooperation with Sitia Archaeological Museum, Natural History Museum of Crete, Historical and Religious Museum of Monastery Toplou
- University of Crete, University of Patras, Greek Mediterranean University
- Local outdoor travel agencies, Regional Travel office

**Promotional activities**
- Participation in the ITB BERLIN 2019
- Promotional at web site www.alternativegreece.gr and the sixteenth annual edition with the title "Greece, the ideal destination 2019"
- 10 publications in Greek and international media and online social networking.
- Hosting journalists who write about alternative tourism

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