

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Gea Norvegica UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway, regional Network: EGN

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2006 / 2017



School classes participating in the “Clean beaches in Gea Norvegica” project. This is a combination of education on environmental issues and practical work.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: Five staff members including three geologists, directly employed

Number of visitors: Entrance to all Geopark localities are free of charge and open all year around. Hence the visitors are not directly countable. Several geopark sites are in popular tourist destinations and have several 1000 visitors every year and geopark information and visibility give added value to these sites.

Participants on organised tours open for all: Due to covid-19 the open tours were partly cancelled, but despite this we managed to have different activities for about 600 persons

Number of Geopark events: 15 face to face events

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 20 classes, several of

them over several days meaning about 1000 “heads”.

Number of Geopark press release: 3

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- Huge success with new program “Scientist for a day” (Schools) and project “Marine littering – cleaning beaches”. Also new series of leaflets for all municipalities. Achieved for the first time national financial support (100 000 Euro for each Norwegian UGGp).

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Since General manager is GGN treasurer and EGN coordinator the contact with the network is substantial. No physical meeting happened in 2020 but delegates were present at all EGN and GGN digital forum meetings.

Management and Financial Status

- Gea Norvegica Geopark is an inter-municipal company. The Geopark is owned by seven municipalities and one county (Changes from earlier reports are because of national changes, The two former counties have merged since January 2020. The Geopark is financed by the owners, according to a legal agreement and we have additional funding from projects and support from the national government. The Geopark have four full time positions, and one part-time position.

Geoconservation

- According to Norwegian law and local regulations, the Geopark panels are equipped with intervention about how to behave and we cooperate with relevant authorities. Municipalities are maintaining their geosites. All natural heritage conservation is done in agreement with the relevant body (The County Governor).

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Participation with local tourism enterprises and small scale partners. Focus on knowledge based tourism

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

- Items are included in the geopark educational programs and focus differs in which level we are taking part of the education.

Strategic partnership

- Partnerships with local enterprises and hotels. Norwegian University of Life Sciences, University of Oslo, Natural history Museum. Friluftsrådet, University of South East Norway, Telemark museum, Århus Farm and DuVerden science centre, Jomfruland national park.

Promotional activities

- Digital guided tours, general leaflets, website, Newsletter Facebook and Instagram.

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