

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2020

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** BASQUE COAST UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2010 / 2018

Basque Coast Geopark celebrates its 10th anniversary with a “Festival of maritime heritage: Hiru Anai boat, a century of live history”.



## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 6 staffs including 1 geoscientist(s)

**Number of visitors:** evolution of the visitors in the official Guided Tours Program

2013		2014		2015		2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%	TOTAL	%
4.099		6.573	60%	9.901	50%	14.076	42%	18.072	28%	19.168	6%	18.301	-5%	12.555	-31%

**Number of Geopark events:**

- Research and dissemination: 17 initiatives
- Promotion activities: 14 activities
- European Geoparks week 2018: 3 on line events

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:**

2.000 students in 2020 in Algorri Educational Center (56% less than previous year)

**Number of Geopark press release:**

- 2 e-newsletter
- 32 news on the web site
- 19 press releases
- 27 radio interviews
- 9 television interviews

### **3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

#### **Major achievements in 2020**

- “Festival of maritime heritage: Hiru Anai boat, a century of live history”, was organized along the three weekends of October in the three municipalities of the Geopark to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- UNESCO Global Geoparks in the “World after”: a multiple Goals Action Plan proposal for future discusión and implementation. Episodes (2020)
- Contributions to EGN Newsletter, GGN Newsletter and EGN Magazine
- Participation in ‘Cuarentena con Geociencias’ held by Colombian University
- Geoheritage, Geoconservation and Geoparks, on line course by Interreg Project
- Geoparks and Geoheritage. International cooperation. Participación America´s Geoheritage. US National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and medicine.

#### **Management and Financial Status**

One of the partners reduced its money contribution due to the COVID crisis, the rest of the funders maintain their commitment to the Geopark

#### **Geoconservation**

Unification of the private collection of fossil ammonites and storage in a municipal premises for its conservation and research.

#### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- Along with Ecotourism Club of Spain we did different promotion activities after the lock down.

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

- New educational program about “karstic valleys” address to students of 11 years old made with an innovative methodology of “troubles solution”.

#### **Strategic partnership**

Renewal of the agreement with the Basque Government due to a change of legislature for one more year

#### **Promotional activities**

- On line promotional activities and publicity on media for summer time
- Fitur 2020, EGN Stand

### **4. CONTACTS**

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