

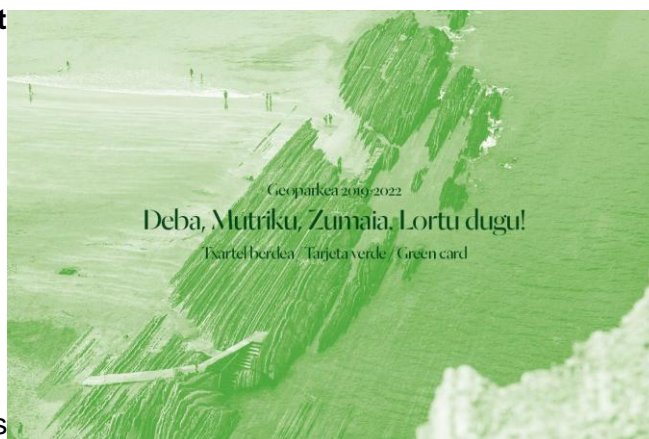
GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

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

Green card: We got it!



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

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

including

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

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

Number of Geopark events:

- Research and dissemination: 42 initiatives
- Promotion activities: 14 activities
- European Geoparks week 2018: 16 events

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

11.153 students in 2018 in Algorri Educational Center

Number of Geopark press release:

- 3 e-newsletter
- 29 news on the web site
- 18 press releases
- 18 radio interviews
- 14 television interviews

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Official GREEN CARD

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Interreg Atlantic Geoparks project with other 11 partners
- Evaluation missions in Zhangye aspiring Geopark in China, Cliffs of Fundy in Canada and Rio Coco in Nicaragua. Revalidation mission in North West Highlands in Scotland.
- Participation in both annual meetings of both representatives in Swabian Alb in Germany and Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, and active participation in EGN Conference in Sevilla with the opening communication called "Geoparks, memory of the Earth, future for the people" and two more about dissemination and Fora common activities.
- Advisory missions to: Cabo Ortegal Geopark Project, Volcanes de Calatrava Geopark Project, Armorique Aspiring Geopark and English Riviera UGG.
- Fora common activities: Spanish Geoparks Open Day, 2019 Year activities summary, etc.

Management and Financial Status

- Fixed income sources, no variations from last year. Except from the new incomes from Interreg European project to face the salary costs.

Geoconservation

- View point and interpretation panel of numb. 63 Geosite from Basque Country Geosites Inventory "pinnacle karst"

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Digital format for the 6 Georoutes of the Geopark, available on the web site www.geoparkea.com. Any interested can download the pdf and walk the georoutes following the information from the smart phone.

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

- New educational program about “Fossils” address to students of 6-7 years old made with an innovative methodology of “troubles solution”.

Strategic partnership

- Agreement with Spanish Ecotourism Club supported by Turespaña (Spanish Government)

Promotional activities

- EGN promotion stand in FITUR, Promotion in Basque Fest Festival in Bilbao
- Leaflets of guided tours program, Geoparks week,
- Publicity in radio, magazines and newspapers
- Promotional offers to families to join guided tours

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