

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional

Network: Causses du Quercy
UNESCO Global Geopark (France,
European Geoparks Network)

**Year of inscription / Year of the
last revalidation:** 2017 / -



Inauguration of the starry sky observation site in Reilhac

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 24
staffs including 3 geoscientists

Number of visitors: total for major
geosites in 2021 = 152 511

Number of Geopark events: Géoparks Week with 8 events organised.
16 events by Géopark

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 30 school classes (757 participants (Nature in book-Nature live/ Dancing nature, dancing my nature, I'm eco-mobil/ Geocourses)).

Number of Geopark press release: 27

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Creation of a digital video animation to discover the underground river Ouyse
- Development of the Calvignac geosite
- Development of the starry sky observation site in Reilhac
- Design and production of the exhibition “Bestiaire des phosphatières” (missing animals found in phosphates caves)

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in the 3rd and 4th digital forums EGN
- Participation in the 5th EGN digital forum Papuk Special Edition
- Participation in the digital forum GGN- 9th International Geoparks Conference in Jeju
- Participation in the 1st GGN film festival
- Participation in the general assembly of French Géoparks network
- Reception of experts for the renewal of the Geopark label

Management and Financial Status

- Budget 2021 : 2 300 000 €

Geoconservation

- New tracings on the Causse de St Chels: vulnerability study of the Landenouse catchment
- Intrakarst observatory : modelling of the hydrological system of the Ouyse
- Excavation of the dolmen of Pech Laglaire 1
- Results of the terrestrial mammal black belt study
- Optimisation of public and private night-time lighting: Operation night Day
- Design and production of the exhibition “underground microfauna”

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Préparation of the second phase of requalification on the Cloup d’Aural geosite with a project for a house for the geological natural reserve
- Design study of geopark furniture for visitor sites
- Design study of sculpture representing lost animals (missing animals found in phosphates caves) in a dozen villages of the Geopark.

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

- 2 educationnal programmes : Underground waters of the Causse de Saint Chels, paleontologists’seeds.
- Training about photovoltaic solar energy : why ? For who ? How ?
- Training sessions for partners (Geoparc) and elected representatives (National nature reserve of geological interest)
- Design, production of the exhibition “geological nature reserve” and scientific animation
- Organisation of the 3rd karst Meeting

Strategic partnership

- Chamber of Trades and Crafts; National education; Architectural, urban planning and environmental consultancy, etc
- UGG Sobrabre (Spain) : educational project between 2 schools
- Archéosite des Fieux (geosite) : development of reception and exhibition buildings
- Pech-Merle cave (show cave and geosite)

Promotional activities

- Discover booklet “the night”
- Discover booklet “Bats”
- Geopark discovery guide

4. CONTACTS

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