

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Courel Mountains UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2019/ ----



First Xeopícaros Meeting at the Campodola-Leixazos geological viewpoint (meeting of the Geopark schoolchildren)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 4

Number of visitors: 5.500 visitants at Geological Museum

Number of Geopark events: Clarify the events held by management body and cooperative organization

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: placeholder text

Number of Geopark press release: 50 news in the written press, 341 tweets, 513 posts on facebook

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Appointment as UNESCO World Geopark
- Celebration of the first meeting of Xeopícaros
- Participate in the European geoparks week
- Start work for planning and design of the new master plan of the Geopark
- Installation of signs on the main roads to enter the territory using the UGGp logo

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Assistance to 15th European Geoparks Conference in Natural Park Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG and presentation of the Route of Paleozoic Villages through Courel Mountains
- Assistance to 44th EGN Coordination Committee Meeting in Sevilla
- Article in European Geoparks Network, issue 17
- Participation in the annual meeting of the spanish geoparks forum
- Talk about the start up of the Montaña do Courel Geopark and participation in a round table with those responsible for the Cabo Ortegal Geopark project (Galicia-Spain)

Management and Financial Status

- There is a coordinator, a museum director, a tourism technician and a geologist.
- 250,000 € have been earmarked for the development of the activities carried out in 2019, among others the expansion of the geology museum (future reception center for geopark visitors), the start of works for the Roman gold mining museum and the geo-camping

Geoconservation

- Prepare a new inventory of places of geological interest (LIG) as a tool to support the management of the Geopark, and following the guidelines of the Global Network of Geoparks
- Research on “Glacial evolution of the Courel mountains UGG from the application of the cosmogenic isotope dating method

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- First canyoning meeting in the Courel Mountains,
- Organization of four outings to get to know the geopark: Campodola-Leixazos recumbent fold route, Small river valley route, Covallón archaeological route and literary-geological route
- Organization of six conferences, about the Geopark, the Paleozoic, the mining complex of Covallón, and about living with Bears in the Geopark

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

- First Xeopícaros meeting at the Campodola-Leixazos geological viewpoint
- Visit to the geopark with the teachers of the geopark educational centers
- Organization of tastings of local products under the name "the flavors of our rocks"

Strategic partnership

Promotional activities

- Conference on the “integration of hydraulic structures in the UNESCO World Mountains Mountains Courel project, at the V International Congress of Archeology in Gijón (April)
- Conference on the geopark in congress of the Mining Chamber of Galicia (June, Santiago de Compostela-Spain)
- Poster presentation “integration of multidisciplinary data through a gis as a documentary base of the Courel Mountains UGG” at the XIII International Meeting of the Geological Heritage Commission of the Geological Society of Spain (June, Tenerife-Spain).
- Conference: Linking the geological, mining and cultural heritage: construction rocks in the Courel Mountains UNESCO Global Geopark (NW of Spain) at the XVIII International Congress on Geological and Mining Heritage and the XII Scientific Session of the Spanish society for the defense of the geological and mining heritage (September, Ponferrada-León, Spain)

4. CONTACTS

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