

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

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

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2006 / 2021**



*Students at Mølen. Geoconservation program*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** Seven staff members including three geologists and two persons dedicated to marine litter project.

**Number of visitors:** Entrance to all Geopark localities is 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 thousand visitors every year. Geopark information and visibility give added value to these sites.

Additionally, we organize several guided tours open for all, number of registered participants in 2022: 550

**Number of Geopark events:** 20

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 700 students have participated in the new education program “Geologist and scientist for a day”, and 470 students have participated in other programs.

**Number of Geopark press release:** 3

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2022

- Marine litter project - 35 tons of marine litter collected.

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

- General manager is GGN treasurer and was EGN coordinator until April 2022.
- Participation in the EGN CC meeting in Hondsrug (2 delegates), and EGN CC meeting and the EGN conference in Sesia Val Grande, Italy (3 participants)
- Three missions, one in Denmark and two in Japan.
- General manager was one of the advisors for the first UNESCO/GGN Grants for Africa, in Baringo, Kenya, May 2022.

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## **Management and Financial Status**

- Gea Norvegica Geopark is an inter-municipal company. The Geopark is owned by seven municipalities and one county. The Geopark is financed by the owners, according to a legal agreement and have additional funding from projects and support from the national government (year by year). 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 and the Norwegian Environment Agency).

## **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

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

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

- Our main education programs” Geologist and scientist for a day” and Marine litter program have been improved and will continue for at least two more years.

## **Strategic partnership**

- Partnerships with local enterprises and hotels. University of Oslo, Natural history Museum. Friluftsrådet, University of South-Eastern Norway, Telemark museum, Århus Farm, DuVerden science centre and Jomfruland National Park.

## **Promotional activities**

- Guided tours, general leaflets, website, Facebook and Instagram

## **4. CONTACTS**

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