

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Gea Norvegica UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway, EGN 2006 / 2017



Photo: "Marin litter project - Students collecting waste"

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: Five staff members including three geologists

Number of Visitors: Entrance to all Geopark localities are free of charge and not countable at the moment. Participants on organised tours open for all (900)

Number of Geopark events: 40 guided tours and 15 outdoor and indoor events

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 10 school classes

Number of Geopark press releases: 15

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019.

- Exhibition on REE elements and green industry in collaboration with DuVerden science centre at their facilities and further development of the Geoparks visitors centre, including collective exhibitions with Telemark Museum.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Participation in the EGN AC and CC meeting in Swabian Alp, and EGN AC and CC meeting and the EGN conference in Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGGP, Spain.
- Lectures at Intensive courses in Lesvos and Beijing
- Participating in final meeting of the Danube Geotour projectInvited speaker in Russian conference, Yangan Tau aspiring geopark

- Manager is coordinator in EGN, treasurer in GGN and member of UNESCO Global Geoparks Council. GGN ExB (mainly on Skype) and meetings with other Global Geoparks and Geopark projects.
- UGG Council meeting and conference in Indonesia
- Two revalidation missions: Lanzarote, Spain and Bohol, Philippines

Management and Financial status

- Gea Norvegica Geopark is an inter-municipal company. The Geopark is owned by seven municipalities and two counties. The Geopark is financed by the owners, according to a legal agreement and we have additional funding from projects. The Geopark have three full time positions, and one part-time position, one additional full time in 2019.

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.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

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

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

- Marine littering project – hundreds of students has learned about, collected and registered marine waste along our coast.
- Exhibitions, lectures and pub talks on geohazards on local and regional point of view and other environmental issues at DuVerden science centre, Folque Pub, Bølgen cultural centre and Elvspeilet cultural scene.

Strategic Partnership

- Partnerships with local enterprises and hotels. Norwegian University of Life Sciences, University of Oslo, Natural history Museum. Friluftsrådet, University of South East Norway, Telemark museum, Århus Farm and DuVerden science centre, Jomfruland national park.

Promotional activities

- Program for guided tours, general leaflets, website, Newsletter Facebook and Instagram.

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