

# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** UNESCO Global Geopark Harz . Braunschweiger Land . Ostfalen, Germany, European Geoparks Network

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2004/2005 / 2017



Awarding ceremony for three Geopark extracurricular places of learning for Sustainable Development by Federal State Minister Tonne in Koenigslutter

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 10 person staff including 1 geoscientist

**Number of visitors:** e.g. about 1 Mio. people visiting Brocken Mountain and 80.000 at Geopark Infocenter and State Museum of Braunschweig

**Number of Geopark events:** About 30 by management body and 220 by cooperative organizations

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** About 80

**Number of Geopark press release:** about 150

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2019

- Three Geopark places were certified as extracurricular places of learning regarding

Education for Sustainable Development (Koenigslutter, Salder, Braunschweig)

- In the context of the 15th EGN-Conference in Sevilla in September 2019, a partnership agreement with UNESCO Global Geopark Odsherred was initiated.

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

- Visit of a delegation of the Satun UGG, Thailand
- Participation in EGN Meeting/Conference in Swabian Alb and Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG

#### **Management and Financial Status**

- One person additional staff
- Commitment to Lower Saxony Federal State subsidies of € 750,000 for the next 5 years.

#### **Geoconservation**

- Clearance of the Geopoints Klusfelsen (Klusfelsen cliff), Gletschertöpfe (glacier potholes), Steinbruch Buchholz (former quarry), Steinbruch Bornberg (former quarry)

#### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- Workshops for representatives of tourist information centres
- Renovation of the fossil exhibition in the Goslar Museum

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

- Geoguides training with special consideration of the SDG's

#### **Strategic partnership**

- World Heritage City of Quedlinburg new voting member (Regionalverband Harz)
- 3 new supporting members (RVH), 3 new members (TVBLO)

#### **Promotional activities**

- 15 new Geopark steles in municipalities
- More than 25 new information panels
- Reprinting of several landmark leaflets in German and English
- Calendar of events 2019 with 250 events

## **4. CONTACTS**

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