

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Hațeg Country UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2005 / 2018

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



Reviving local crafts at the new “School of Dinosaurs and Crafts” with the local Women Association and the Geopark Youth Volunteers, workshop on wool dyeing with plants during the Dinosaur Festival, July 2019

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 7 staffs including 5 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: 21189 visits to the Geopark’s interpretation points

Number of Geopark events: 50 national and international events

Number of school classes realise Geopark educational programmes: 12

Number of Geopark press release: 21 and 400 media apparitions

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Finalising the Danube GeoTour international project. Defining and creating new geoproducts, defining and opening three DinoStops. Renewal of the Geopark’s visual identity.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation to the 43th EGN meeting, Swabian Alb UGG, Germany, 26 - 30 March 2019. During the meeting Hateg UGGp organised the exhibition “Stone made objects”, created by the Intangible Heritage Working Group.
- Participation to the 15th EGN conference, Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, Spain, 23 - 27 September 2019. Hateg UGG organised one of the mini-workshops on education.
- Study visit to the Djerdap aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark, Serbia, December 2019

Management and Financial Status

- The management structure and financial status are stable and assured by University of Bucharest and local partners (local administrations and other stakeholders)

Geoconservation

- Organising the fieldtrip of the Geology and Geophysics department, University of Bucharest and the Geopark Conferences

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Developing a community centre called “The School for Dinosaurs and Crafts” in Sanpetru

village, in partnership with local organisations. A place for exhibitions and demonstrations of local crafts.

- Organisation of an interactive travelling exhibition “Story of Earth”, together with the Pedagogy Museum Brasov.
- Opening a temporary LEGO exhibition dedicated to dragons and dinosaurs, together with the Brickenburg Association.
- Developing a new network of geoheritage and cultural heritage interpretation points through land art. A total of 6 land art installations in Densus community.
- Participation as partner to the opening of a new thematic trail “Music of Nature” in Pestera village, together with local organisations.

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

- Participation in the European Virtual Seminar (on-line course) with a case study dedicated to Geoconservation / Hateg Country UGGp
- Educational program Discover the Hateg Treasures - dedicated to Geo-Explorers Network Clubs (8 school in Hateg Country)

Strategic partnership

- Partnership agreement with Buzau County Council to support Buzau Land Aspiring Geopark
- Partnership agreement with Kogayon Association to support a new geopark initiative in Romania (Oltenia de Sub Munte Aspiring Geopark)

Promotional activities

- Participation to the ITB Berlin, inside the Interreg project Danube GeoTour, March 2019
- Participation to three national tourism fairs, Bucharest, February and October 2019
- Participation in an international conference in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova in order to develop a partnership to support a geopark initiative

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