GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Massif des Bauges UNESCO Global Geopark,

France, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2011 / 2019

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



New heritage panels on peripheral motorways



New reception area shared with the Grand Chambéry Tourist Office

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 28 staffs including 2 geoscientists

Number of visitors: no global counting

<u>Geopark's</u> cultural heritage house (3857), Geopark's natural heritage house (last season) (2500), House of the Parc, Welcome Center (new reception center)(1702)

<u>Geopartners</u>: Bell's Museum (12481), Lac d'Annecy Ecomuseum (5847), Gruffy Natural History Museum (?), Wine and Vineyard Museum (2580), Faverges Archeological Museum (960), Faverges Dungeon (4643), Combe de Savoie Ecomuseum (5362)

Others: Lac d'Annecy cruises (?), Faverges Butterfly Museum (?), Maison du Pays du Laudon (?), Fort de Tamié (56000).

Number of Geopark events: 74 events planned including 16 organized by the structure, some of them finally canceled due to pandemic.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

Annual educational Geopark's programme: 88 primary schools' classes, 56 secondary schools' classes, 2 schools' magazines (L'échos des écoles).

Number of Geopark press release:

More than 351 press articles and TV interviews; 9335 Facebook followers, fakebook posts 270.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Opening of a new reception area at the "Maison du Parc" with our referent conurbation:
 Grand Chambéry
- Opening to the public of the "gorges du Sierroz"
- Conferences about water resource, mineral resources
- Geology and climbing day, (fort de la batterie de Marthod) (geology national days)
- Cooperation with Guinea and Lebanon
- Return of our director Jean Luc Desbois.
- Validation of the new "Espace Valléen" program: financial aid program for ski resorts and the
 "Massif des Bauges" territory to support the ecological transition of tourism.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- EGN DIGITAL FORUM april 13th 2021.
- EGN DIGITAL FORUM 1st and 2nd of September 2021, Papuk Geopark Croatia)
- GGN international conference Jeju (south Korea) December 14-16 th with communication
- Expertise and support mission in Dahar (Tunisia) for the development of Geoparks in Africa
- Twinning process with MGoun Geoparc: two active cooperation actions founded by French ministry of Foreign affairs and Ministry of superior Education, Research and Innovation (PHC).
- Leye-Fengshan cooperation agreement
- Guidance about geopark at the benefit of Laos, Vietnam, Colombia, Lebanon(Tetraktis association)
- Monitoring of the Altaï, aspiring Geopark (federation of Russia)

Management and Financial Status

- Legal statute of local community's association (65 municipalities, 2 counties, 1
 Region)
- 2021 budget: 2,1 M€ Budget. Geopark's members contributions (statutes budget, half) and many different resources (European programmes, State, Region, ...)
 obtained for specific projects (half)
- Finalization of the 15 years strategic plan, diagnosis study, biodiversity geodiversity strategy, concertation with elected people.

Geoconservation

 Geosites: Re-opening of the Gorges du sierroz Site, important geosite at the door of the Geopark

Installation of new toposcopes: Fort de batterie, Nivolet-Sire viewpoint: *Verel Pragondran, new toposcopes*

Other heritages

Restoration of the raised stone wall of Arclusaz

Exhibition "Oh! la Ferme" temporary exhibition about rural and agricultural architecture Creation of a musical tale "le monde reel" by Yann Gaël Poncet

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Study "tourism and climate change" by Maryame Iranpour as part of an internship funded by the park / Geopark
- Pursuit of "escapes" for the discovery of geopatrimonies through soft mobility (échappées en Bauges) Small escape in Bauges (1 day) and escape around the Massif des Bauges (5 days), mixing bicycle and heritage discovery

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

- Mountain pasture mediation cooperation Program (with Charteuse parc et basque aspiring parc)
- Starry sky cooperation
- Finalization of the Artaclim Interreg programme "adaptation and resilience facing climate
- Pursuit of Tepos program (positive energy territory)

Strategic partnership

- Geopartners working group for common promotion
- Semnoz masterplan with Grand Annecy conurbation with Artaclim conference closure

Promotional activities

- Geopark's touristic map
- Geo-Park program: Activity program from May to October
- Science Festival
- International day for disaster risk reduction 13 october
- EGN Week

4. CONTACTS

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