

GGN – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2022

1. IDENTITY

National Fora/Committee: name, country, website, e-mail

The Finnish National Geoparks Committee, Finland, vesa.krokki@humanpolis.fi / mikko.kiuttu@humanpolis.fi (substitute for Vesa Krökki)

Year of inscription: 2013

2. MEMBERS

Chair: name, Geopark or organisation, e-mail

- Mr. Vesa Krökki, Rokua UGGp, Coordinator of the Finnish Geoparks Committee, vesa.krokki@humanpolis.fi
- Mikko Kiuttu, Rokua UGGp, substitute for Mr. Vesa Krökki

Members: name, Geopark or organisation, e-mail

- Ms. Ilona Latsa, Ministry of Environment, ilonalatsa@gov.fi
- Mr. Jari Nenonen, The Geological Survey of Finland, jari.nenonen@gtk.fi
- Ms. Virpi Aittokoski, Business Finland, Visit Finland, virpi.aittokoski@businessfinland.fi
- Mr. Matti Tapaninen Metsähallitus, Parks & Wildlife Finland, matti.tapaninen@metsa.fi
- Ms. Päivi Tikka, The Finnish Committee for Unesco (observer member), paivi.tikka@aka.fi
- Ms. Heli Rautanen, Saimaa UGGp (until 4th May, 2022), heli.rautanen@saimaageopark.fi
- Mr. Mikko Ikävalko, Saimaa UGGp (from 19th September, 2022)
- Ms. Terttu Hermansson, Lauhanvuori-Hämeen kangas UGGp, terttu.hermansson@lhgeopark.fi
- Ms. Kati Komulainen, Salpausselkä UGGp (from 13th April, 2022)
- Mr. Vesa Krökki, Rokua UGGp, Coordinator of the Finnish Geoparks Committee, vesa.krokki@humanpolis.fi (absent from 19th January, 2022)
- Mr. Mikko Kiuttu, Rokua UGGp, substitute for Mr. Vesa Krökki (from 20th January)

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: name, representative, e-mail, website, year of application submission

Impact Crater Lake Geopark, Mrs. Annie Yli-Leppälä, Executive director, Annie.Yli-Leppala@lappajarvi.fi, 2022

Territories that you are advising: name, representative, e-mail, website, how many years are being advised

No active candidates in the begin of the year 2023.

4. ACTIVITIES

The Finnish Geopark committee met for a Teams meeting on 13th May, an email meeting on 5th September and for the Teams meeting on 11th November. In the spring meeting, the main focus was on the preparation of the joint tourism project of the Finnish Geoparks. At the autumn meetings, the main topic of discussion was the Impact Crater Lake Geopark's application for UNESCO to become a Global Geopark: commenting on it and advice on the application process, as well as reviewing the application to be able to support the applying. In addition, the committee supported Salpausselkä UGGp's application for organizing the EGN 2024 conference, and discussed the national reports to UNESCO.