

# GGN – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2021

## 1. IDENTITY

### National Fora/Committee:

Name: Netherlands Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks,

Country: the Netherlands,

Website: <https://www.unesco.nl/nl/nederlands-forum-unesco-global-geoparks>

Email: GGN-institutional member [g.roelfs@dehondsrug.nl](mailto:g.roelfs@dehondsrug.nl)

**Year of inscription:** We started in 2014

## 2. MEMBERS

**Chair:** Independent chair: Harry van Zon, [geopark@harryvanzon.nl](mailto:geopark@harryvanzon.nl)

### Members:

Hondsrug UGG

Gretha Roelfs; Forum-representative in  
EGN/GGN

Netherlands National UNESCO Committee

Jon Verriet, secretary [jverriet@unesco.nl](mailto:jverriet@unesco.nl)

TNO/Geological Survey Netherlands

Michiel van der Meulen

NBTC Holland Marketing

Angélique Vermeulen

Netherlands Cultural Heritage Agency

Henk Alkema

Royal Netherlands Geological Mining

Jan Stafleu

Association

Independent expert

Hugo Bouter (expertise: physical geography)

Independent expert

Hans Renes (expertise: social geography,  
landscape history)

Independent expert

Chair Harry van Zon, (expertise: public  
administration and physical geography)

### **Observers**

Flemish UNESCO Committee

Robert Missotten

LHP-HWRP committee

Emilie Broek

### 3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

**Active application in your country:** none

**Territories that you are advising:**

- Schelde Delta, a cross-border initiative with Belgium.
  - Representatives: Walter Jonkers, [w.jonkers@zeeland.nl](mailto:w.jonkers@zeeland.nl) ;  
Gitte de Vries, [gitte.devries@provincieantwerpen.be](mailto:gitte.devries@provincieantwerpen.be)
  - Website: <https://www.scheldedelta.eu/>
  - Being advised since 2016
- Gooi en Vecht – Heuvelrug (before 2 separate initiatives)
  - Representative: Marc Hofstra, [geoparkhgv@gmail.com](mailto:geoparkhgv@gmail.com)
  - Website: <https://www.geopark-heuvelrug.nl/>
  - Being advised since 2016
- Peelhorst-Maasvallei
  - Representative: Marion van den Akker, [marion.vandenakker@gemert-bakel.nl](mailto:marion.vandenakker@gemert-bakel.nl)
  - Website: <https://peelhorstenmaasvallei.nl/>
  - Being advised since 2017
- Krijtland
  - Representatives: Jos Broers, [JosBroers@eijsden-margraten.nl](mailto:JosBroers@eijsden-margraten.nl)  
Julie Starren-Stevens, [JulieStarren@eijsden-margraten.nl](mailto:JulieStarren@eijsden-margraten.nl)
  - Website: not yet
  - Being advised since 2019

Schelde Delta might apply this year, although their progression is delayed because of the Covid-pandemic.

#### 4. ACTIVITIES

All the mentioned activities have been digital meetings, due to the Covid-19 measurements

- 25-01-2021: Forum-meeting
  - On the agenda:
    - Progression of geoparkinitiatives
    - Reflection on the consultations
    - Progress Hondsrug UGG
    - National Parks-policy
    - Green energy and spatial quality in geoparks
    - Organisational affairs, progress report
    - Nomination of a representative to the Youth Forum
- 23-03-2021: Virtual Field-Mission to Schelde Delta, in preparation of their application.
- 20-05-2021: Feedback on self-evaluation Schelde Delta
- 06-10-2021: Feedback on application-dossier Schelde Delta
- 14/17-10-2021: 2 Forum-members attend parts of the Hondsrug revalidation as observer
- 06-12-2021: Forum members attend the online partner-meeting Schelde Delta
- Ongoing: Different contacts (email, telephone) with initiatives and actors
- Ongoing: observing developments in National Parks-policy