

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Orígens UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2018 / 2021

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year): Celebration of the VII Open Seminar of the Spanish Geoparks Forum.



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 13 staffs including 7 geoscientists

Number of visitors: 277.252 visitors.

Number of Geopark events: 47 total events. 28 events held by management body and 19 by cooperative organization.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: about 120 school classes

Number of Geopark press releases: more than 30 press release

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- Organization of the VII Open conference and annual meetings of the Spanish Geoparks Forum celebrated 2-4th November with the topic “Conservation and innovation in Geoparks”.
- New contract of a full-time permanent administrative as staff of the Geopark.
- New contract of a full-time cultural researcher to participate in the project “A natural open museum in the Pyrenees: virtual reality experience for dissemination and conservation of the geological and cultural heritage (VIGEOCULT)”, PLEC2021-00793, Spanish and European funding MCIN/AEI/10.13039/501100011033 and NextGenerationEU/ PRTR.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation at the virtual meeting to welcome the 8 new UGGp. April.
- Participation at the 45th EGN Conference held in Hondsrug (Netherlands).
- Participation at the 16th European Geoparks Conference in Sesia Val Grande UGGp (Italy) with the presentation of 2 articles presented orally.
- Participation at the EGN Working Group of Education and Sustainable Development Goals, Geo-hazards, Tourism.
- Participation with one article for the EGN magazine: “Chain of Values, a campaign to support local commerce, Orígens UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain”.
- Virtual meeting with the Geoparc Zaquenzipa project (Colombia) to exchange good experiences.
- Collaboration with international common projects: photos for Karawanken-Karavanke UGGp
- Active participation in several meetings of the Spanish Geoparks Forum, different working groups and virtual meetings of the Comité Nacional Español de Geoparques, including the VII Open conference of the Spanish Geoparks Forum held in Orígens UGGp and FITUR.

Management and Financial Status

- The management body is an Association formed by 19 municipalities and 2 county councils.
- We obtain funding throughout Association memberships (with an increase of 4%), the Catalan Government, the Lleida regional Government (with an increase of 35%) and from European projects.

Geoconservation

- Implementation of a new online viewer with geosites and planning datasets to help on the decision-making strategies by municipalities and county planners.
- Development of the Geopark’s biodiversity inventory focussed on threatened species that includes mapping of habitats, and presents a series of recommendations.
- Inventory of local varieties of vegetables in the central area of the Geoparc, contributing to an inventory of the whole Geopark. This year 136 local varieties have been recovered and now we have 39 varieties in the [catalogue](#).
- Cataloguing and inventory of elements of cultural interest: 400 tangible sites and 100 intangible items.
- Collaboration with agents of official security forces.
- Collaboration with the “Godfather a Rock” program managed by the Spanish Geological Survey (IGME) to engage public participation in the geosites monitoring and conservation. So far, there are 42 participants registered in the program that godfather 26 geosites.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Brand name and logo for Geopark’s cycling destination and creations of new cycling routes.
- First steps in the preparation of the dissemination aspect of the VIGEOCULT project: Conception, design and programming of the virtual reality (VR) engine for the dissemination of the virtual models generated within the VIGEOCULT project; and lifting tasks on the engine of a virtual scenario based on digital models of the terrain.
- Creation of 3 gastronomic videos with the local chef Sergi de Meià to promote local products and boost direct and online sales.
- Implementation of a new tourism online viewer to promote and showcase the Geoparc heritage sites, interpretation centres, activities and local businesses offering guided tours.
- New interpretive panels.
- Cooperation with the on-line reservation system for accommodation, activities, restaurants and events at Geopark, Pallars Click, run by Pirineu Emoció (stakeholder).

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

- New educational products for 3 to 8 years old children related to the Cretaceous were developed together with Conca Dellà Museum, Dinosfera and Montsec de Meià interpretation centres to be offered to schools.

Strategic partnership

- Started a new partnership campaign to include new enterprises. It finishes in early 2023.

Promotional activities

- Promotion of the Geopark through adds on metropolitan railways of the Barcelona region.
- Social Networks Followers: 2,702 (FB), 2,153 (TW) and 3,145 (IG), 63 (Youtube), 256 (Geopark's e-newsletter)
- Local publications, monthly article in local magazine, 20 e-newsletter with activities.

4. CONTACTS

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