

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

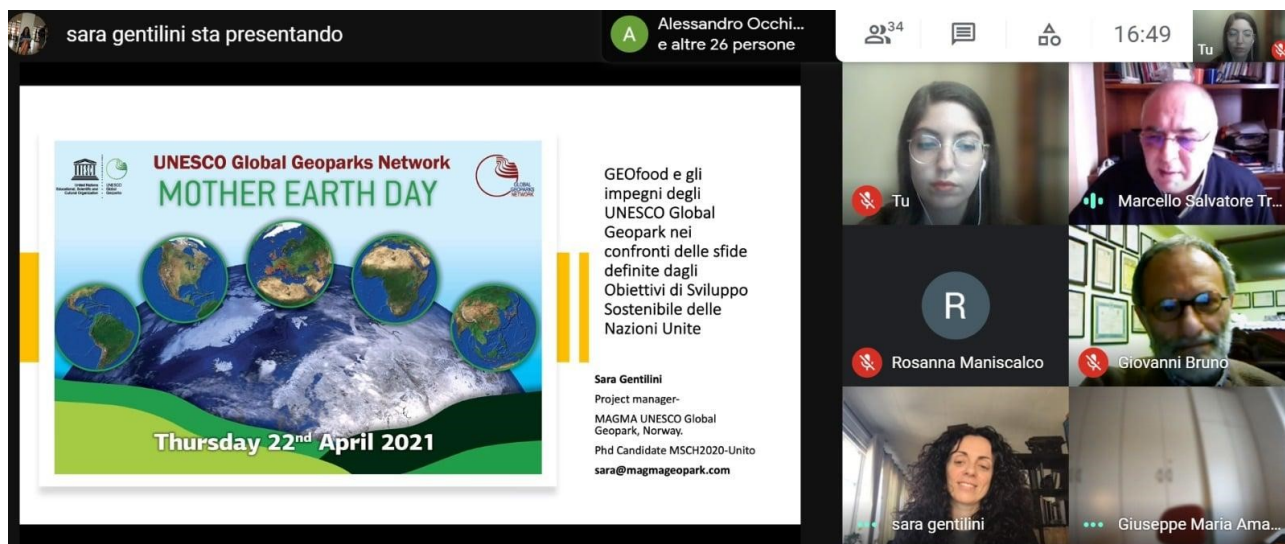
Geopark name, country, regional Network:

Rocca di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2008 / 2021

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

22nd April 2021 - a celebration of mother earth day - preparation of the poster for the event; the following speakers have been invited: Sara Gentilini, Giuseppe Maria Amato, Ph. d. Rosanna Maniscalco and ph. d. Giovanni Bruno. an online event on google meet.



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 6 internal staff including 2 geoscientist. The company relies on the collaboration of the partners' staff through the "Steering Committee" and the Geopark staff.

Number of visitors:

From April to September the Pergusa Visitor Center received about 2,500 visitors. Likewise in the short summer opening it was possible to make use of the sites with free admission

Number of Geopark events:

date	Place	type
12/02/21	world wetlands day	WEB Conference
28/02/21	Fundrò e la valle dei Mulini	trekking
07/03/21	Montagna di marzo e lago Olivo	trekking
10/03/21	Pergusa	trekking and tasting
16/03/21	Gresti	trekking
11/04/21	Capodarso	trekking
22/04/21	Earth day	didactical activity
16/05/21	Rossomanno	trekking
19/05/21	On line event	food and territory - webinar organised by RdCUGG guests: Sara Gentilini, Davide Marino e Lino Gentile
28/05/21	On line event	Rocca di Cerere Geopark Living lab
10/06/22	Palermo: Forum National Reserve	Conference, , with partner Legambiente
18/06/21	Floristella	trekking e concert
02/07/21	Parco Minerario Floristella	Training course, 6° stage with AIGAE, Environmental Hiking Guides
05/07/21	Serieri	Trekking
24/08/21	Enna e Villarosa	Clean the world
11-13/9/21		REVALIDATION MISSION,

15/09/21	Pergusa	didactical activity
27/09/21	Pergusa e Cozzo Matrice	biketrekking
03/10/21	Floristella	biketrekking
06/10/21	WEB	International geodiversity Day
17/10/21	Floristella	Motorcycle rally
07/11/21	Pergusa	Salvalarte sulla collina del mito, with partner Legambiente
12/11/21	Geopark	broadcast of Federico Quaranta's documentary on Rocca di Cerere Geopark. "Il Provinciale"
14/11/21	Ferrovia Dittaino Assoro	didactical activity
28/11/21	Enna	Festival of the Tree
05/12/21	realmese, Malpasso, Canalotto	Biketrekking and didactical activity
12/12/21	Palermo: Parchi Nazionali in Sicilia.	Conference, , with partner Legambiente
18-23/12/21	Enna	Intangible heritage: Intangible heritage: Live workshops of traditional craft activities

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

Unfortunately the lockdown has interrupted all activities and they were suspended in all schools due to the legislative measures of emergency.

Number of Geopark press release:

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3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

➤ Placeholder text

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Contribution towards GGN -Networking and participation

➤ realisation of GeoFOOD brochure in Italian language

➤ we attended at the follows meeting:

26th January 2021- 3rd EGN Digital Forum

13th April 2021- 4TH EGN DIGITAL FORUM

7th-20th June 2021 Digital Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability

12th and 16th December 2021- The 9th International DIGITAL Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, Jeju Island UNESCO Global Geopark

8th, 15th and 22nd April 2021 The UNESCO Regional Office for Science and Culture in Europe, based in Venice, organised a series of webinars entitled "Talking about... PAndemia and Resilience", which will aim to exchange good practices among the stakeholders of Biosphere Reserves and World Geoparks in Italy.

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Management and Financial Status

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Geoconservation

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Following the first phase of drafting the Development and Management Plan of the Rocca di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark and the area of the municipalities involved in the Geopark, the definitive drafting phase of the same plan was launched which saw a multidisciplinary team of the university at work of Catania who worked closely with the Geopark Staff. The Plan, drawn up according to the precise indications of UNESCO regarding the management plans, intends to represent a contribution to the knowledge, enhancement and safety of the heritage of the "Rocca di Cerere" Geopark through

perspectives, as interdisciplinary as possible, which highlight, from an on the one hand, the potential in terms of sustainable socio-economic development, and on the other, behaviours that can characterize the individual - community - environment relationship in terms of precaution, safety and conservation.

Furthermore, after the period of strict lockdown, the process of decreeing by the Sicilian Autonomous Regional Authority of the most important geo-sites in the Geopark area will be resuming.

Two meetings to present the study to the community will be organized during the geopark's week

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

➤ 3 September 2021: presentation of consortia of companies promoted in the geo-tourism and GEOfood and GEOMarket sectors official public start

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

➤ 29 January 2021 - For a long-term vision in LEADER rural areas: By organising this online event, the "Rocca di Cerere Geopark intended to contribute to the European Commission's "Long Term Vision for Rural Areas" initiative to gather the ideas, insights and proposals of the social, economic and institutional players in our area. The occasion represented an important opportunity to develop a series of considerations that, starting from the strengths and weaknesses of the territory of reference, allow to elaborate contributions and ideas on a long-term development vision to be transmitted to the European Commission and that can represent the basis for promoting sustainable growth of rural areas. An online event on google meet.

Strategic partnership

➤ Elaboration of the new project in partnership strategy with the Regional Archaeological Park (manager of Villa Romana UNESCO WHL)competent for the Geopark territory for the activation of programs aimed at opening to the public and the creation of a single ge-itinerary for the minor archaeological sites of the area.

➤ Rocca di Cerere Geopark Living Lab, the partnership between Quadruple Helix subjects, i.e. representatives of the world of Research, Business, Public Administration and Citizens/End Users.

Promotional activities

On the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Geopark, a social-oriented campaign was created with photos of the main geo-sites imagined as a set for a "social model", a young girl from the Geopark discovering the geological heritage and landscapes of the Geopark. The campaign was very successful on the most popular social media.

On the occasion of the presentation of the business networks GEOturismo, GEOfood, and GEOMarket, we took part in the press conference and the RAI news report.

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