

GGN – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2022

1. IDENTITY

National Fora/Committee: National forum on Global Geoparks in Slovenia, Slovenia, suzana.fajmut@podzemljepece.com; info@geopark-idrija.si

Year of inscription: 2015

2. MEMBERS

Chair: Mag. Suzana Fajmut Štrucl, Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark, suzana.fajmut@podzemljepece.com

Members: Slovenian National Commission for UNESCO, Geological Survey of Slovenia, Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation (IRSNC), Institute for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Slovenia (IPCHS), National Representative of the International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), National Committee of the International Geosciences and Geoparks Programme (IGGP), Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark and Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: Currently there is no active application in Slovenia.

Territories that you are advising: aspiring crossborder Geopark Kras/Carso (SLO-ITA)

4. ACTIVITIES

- Representatives of both slovenian UNESCO Global Geoparks participated at:
 - 45th meeting of the EGN coordination committee meeting in De Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark from 26th to 30th April 2022;
 - 46th meeting of the EGN coordination committee meeting and the 16th Conference of European Geoparks in Sesia Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark from 26th to 30th September 2022, where representatives of both slovenian UNESCO Global Geoparks actively participated with the presentation of five different contributions.
- Representatives of the aspiring Geopark Kras/Carso also attended the 16th Conference of European Geoparks.
- Mag. Suzana Fajmut Štrucl attended the National Coordinators' meeting where she

presented the activities of the National forum on Global Geoparks in Slovenia.

- As a result of the successful revalidation process in 2021, both slovenian UNESCO Global Geoparks received a GGN and EGN membership certificate for the period 2022-2025.

- In 2022 cooperation with other (aspiring) geoparks took place:

- Mag. Suzana Fajmut Štrucl attended a conference organised by the Mak Geopark in the area of Northern Macedonia (Demir-Kapija);

- in November 2022, a delegation from Georgia visited the cross-border Karavanke/Karawanken UNESCO Global Geopark;

- in December 2022, a delegation from Biokovo-Imotski lakes Geopark (Croatia) visited Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark.

- The activities of both UNESCO Global Geoparks, EGNs and GGNs were presented in articles (*Idrijski razgledi*, *Nature Conservation*, etc.), at conferences (Slovenian Geological Congress) and various lectures (for students of bilingual areas, Slovenian Association of Geographers, etc.).
- In October 2022, representatives of both slovenian UNESCO Global Geoparks implemented a study tour to the aspiring Geopark Kras/Carso.