

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Styrian Eisenwurzen UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2004 / 2019



Celebration event in June 2022: 20 years Geopark Styrian Eisenwurzen in the GeoVillage Gams

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2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 6 staffs including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: Visitors of the 3 major sites: Wasserloch gorge: 25.000 – GeoVillage Gams: 10.000 - Spring Water Museum Wildalpen: 4500

Number of Geopark events: 50

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 20

Number of Geopark press release: 45

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- 20 years Geopark Styrian Eisenwurzen – events throughout the year
- Start of two projects: Erasmus educational project and scientific research project on mountain hazards

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation at all EGN meetings (spring and autumn)
- Participation in two IGCP projects: GeoFood Research and Present and future Geology –

the global scale evidence of the Anthropocene

Management and Financial Status

- The Nature- and Geopark is financed through contributions of the communities, the province of Styria, international projects and its own income

Geoconservation

- Research project with University of Graz and Salzburg and other Geoparks in Austria, movement.at
- Introduction of new information panels in the GeoVillage Gams, Wasserloch gorge and Sankt Gallen

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- New information panels on biking, visitor management resources for biking
- Development of new geological and touristic maps

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

- New funding program started: KLAR! Climate Change Adaptation Model Regions for Austria
The Pilot Program is funded by the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund and offers a process-oriented approach for municipalities to raise awareness for climate change adaptation and implement concrete actions on regional level

Strategic partnership

- Frequent exchange with other Austrian UGGp, digital exchange with UNESCO Austria
- Erasmus project (European Union funded educational program) with Geopark Partners Odsherred UGGp, Magma UGGp and Idrija UGGp
- Application of an European Union Interreg funded project with Eastern European Geoparks

Promotional activities

- New website Eisenwurzen.com

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