

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:**

Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, Cyprus, European Geoparks Network

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2015 / 2019



*Erasmus Program -Agros Youth centre, June 2021*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 8 members including 3 geoscientists

- 1) Petros Hadjicostas, Director of Troodos Development Company (TDC)-Management body of Troodos Geopark
- 2) Evi Kazamia, Communication & EU project officer of TDC & Coordinator of Troodos Geopark activities
- 3) Constantina Theofylactou, Geologist & officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre
- 4) Michalis Christodoulou, Civil Engineer of TDC & officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre
- 5) Raphaelia Panayiotou, Logistics supervisor of TDC
- 6) Elena Georgallidou, secretary of TDC & officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre
- 7) Dr. Efthymios Tsiolakis, Geoscientist of Troodos Geopark from the Cyprus Geological Survey Department
- 8) Dr. Vasilis Symeou, Geoscientist of Troodos Geopark from the Cyprus Geological Survey Department

**Number of visitors:** During 2021 we had 1630 visitors in Troodos Geopark Visitor Center.

**Number of Geopark events: 5**

1. *“Discovering the museum kit of the Troodos Geopark”*, *Geo-education at Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre* with various activities for children and guided tours for adults, organized by Troodos Development Company-management body of Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, May 2021
2. First summer event “Small Explorers of Troodos Geopark” Geo-education at Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre with various activities for children and guided tours for adults, organized by Troodos Development Company-management body of Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, July 2021
3. Second summer event “Small Explorers of Troodos Geopark” Geo-education at Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre with various activities for children and guided tours for adults, organized by Troodos Development Company-management body of Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, August 2021
4. “Come to learn Troodos Geopark” at Xarkis Festival, Lympia Village, Educational Programs, in collaboration with Xarkis Festival, October 2021
5. “Experimental geology Laboratory” at Siakoleio Training Centre of Clinical Medicine, in collaboration with AEI Film Festival, 11-13 November 2021, in the framework of the 4<sup>th</sup> Cyprus Archaeological, Ethnographic and Historical Film Festival

1. **Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs:** 17 School & University classes

**Number of Geopark press release:**

**3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

**2. Major achievements in 2021**

- The new educational tools for the Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre

**Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- Participation at the 2nd GGN DIGITAL FORUM Tuesday 23rd & Wednesday 24th February 2021
- Participation of the Troodos UNESCO World Geopark in the Workshop “The Role of Visitors Centers at Names Locations of UNESCO” in Ercolano, Italy, September 2021
- Contribution with an article to the 19<sup>th</sup> EGN newsletter issue with the title “A NEW GEO EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, Promotion of Geopark products through new electronic platforms geo-tourism and geo-educational exercises”, cultural and sporting events as well as pioneering exhibitions and conferences are some examples of the activities that will take place within the year as part of the program.
- Contribution with an article to the 19<sup>th</sup> EGN magazine with the title “The Geoconservation Project along the Maroullena Riverbed: A great example of

- progress during a time of crisis”
- Participation at the DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks 12-16 December 2021
- Presenting at DIGITAL 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks 12-16 December 2021 with title at “The Geoconservation Project along the Maroullena Riverbed is the Result of an Ideal Collaboration between the Geopark Team, Local Community and Government Departments”
- 1st Global Geoparks Film Festival, 1st UNESCO Global Geoparks Youth Forum, December 2021

### Management and Financial Status

N <sub>o</sub>	Name	Employment	Function	Skill	% time	Gender
1	Petros Hatzikostas	permanent	Director of TDC and TUGG	Agro-economics	50%	M
2	Dr. Efthymios Tsiolakis	permanent	Geoscientist of the TUGG and Senior Geological Officer - at Cyprus Geological Survey Department	Geology	100%	M
3	Dr. Vasilis Symeou	permanent	Geoscientist of the TUGG and Geological Officer – at Cyprus Geological Survey Department	Geology	100%	M
4	Evi Kazamia	permanent	Communication Officer of TUGG	Education-EU projects	100%	F
5	Michalis Christodoulou	Permanent	Civil Engineer of TDC & officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre	Civil Engineer	100%	M
6	Constantina Theofylactou	permanent	Geologist of TUGGp Visitor Centre	Geology	100%	F
7	Raphaelia Panagiotou	permanent	Logistics supervisor of TDC	Secretarial and accounting	50%	F
8	Elena Georgallidi	Permanent	Secretary of the TDC	Secretarial and accounting	50%	F

### Geoconservation

- Construction of a new environmentally friendly metal framed bridge, at Geosite 3 (Maroullena river bed) with a wooden floor and railings, supported on two concrete bases on either side of the river bank that are clad with local rocks.

### Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Troodos Development Company (TDC) is implementing a project INTERREG GREECE-CYPRUS “*GEOTOURISM IN INSULAR GEOPARKS*” with acronym GEO-IN in collaboration with the Forestry Department in Cyprus and other Greek Insular Geoparks such as Lesvos,

Sitia, Psiloritis. The activities of TDC within the framework of this project are focused on geotourism activities and workshops such as local gastronomy, hospitality, ecological and environmental tourism and local restaurants. The project also focused on promoting and creating infrastructures for cycling tourism in Troodos Geopark and more educational material for Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre such as children's books, 4D table games, stereoscopes, tool kit and more promotional videos for the area.

### **New education programs on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction**

- "Discover the Museum of the Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre"
- *"Educating and Painting the Troodos Ophiolite rocks"*.
- *"Learning about the Troodos Geopark"*.
- *"Reaching the peak of Olympus"*.

### **Strategic partnership**

- "Geotourism in insular Geoparks" (acronym GEO-IN).
- 'Star observation & natural environment - Alternative product of the development & promotion of Geoparks in the East Mediterranean' (acronym GEO-STARS).

### **Promotional activities**

- Participation in the radio program with Saskia Constantinou who is a Producer/ Presenter at CBC Classic Broadcasting with title "The Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark", November 2021.
- Publishing the 2021 Troodos Geopark Agenda-Diary (for selling)
- Production and sale of various products, traditional products from local companies of the Troodos Geopark area
- Publication of the new geotouristic map of Troodos Geopark area
- Signed a tender agreement with local film producers to create a documentary on the "History of Copper in Cyprus", which will be completed in 2024
- Field trip at the Troodos UGG for the needs of the 3<sup>rd</sup> EAGE Eastern Mediterranean Workshop 1-3 December 2021

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