

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

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



Society of Economic Geologist- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 12 members including 6 geoscientists

- 1) Christodoulos Hadjigeorgiou, Director of the Cyprus Geological Survey Department
- 2) Petros Hadjicostas, Director of Troodos Development Company (TDC)-Management body of Troodos Geopark
- 3) Dr. Efthymios Tsiolakis, Geoscientist of Troodos Geopark from the Cyprus Geological Survey Department
- 4) Dr. Vasilis Symeou, Geological Officer from the Cyprus Geological Survey Department
- 5) Constantina Theofylactou, Geologist & officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre
- 6) Evi Kazamia, Communication & EU project officer of TDC & Coordinator of Troodos Geopark activities
- 7) Dr. Sylvana Pilidou, Geological Officer from the Cyprus Geological Survey Department
- 8) Ioulia G.-Gavrilovich, Geological Officer from the Cyprus Geological Survey Department
- 9) Maria Angeliki Printezi, officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre
- 10) Elena Georgallidou, secretary of TDC & officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre
- 11) Raphaelia Panayiotou, Logistics supervisor of TDC

12) Michalis Christodoulou, Civil Engineer of TDC & officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre

Number of visitors: During 2022 we had 3,860 visitors at Troodos UNESCO Geopark Visitor Center.

Number of Geopark events:

1. First Troodos Geopark trail Race, Nicosia Marathon in collaboration with Troodos Development Company-management body of Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark February 2022.
2. Planned visits to celebrate World Water Day - Participation of school groups in educational programs at the Visitor Center, March 2022
3. Planned visits to celebrate World Mother Earth Day - Participation of school groups in educational programs at the Visitor Center, April 2022
4. Free visits and activities on 18 May 2022 to celebrate World Museum Day, May 2022
5. *"Discovering the museum kit of the Troodos Geopark"*, *Geo-education at Troodos UNESCO 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 2022
6. *"Traveling through Geological Time"* Identify fossil specimens, June 2022
7. First summer event "Educational programs and Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark" at Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre with various of activities for children and guided tours for adults, organized by Troodos Development Company-management body of Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, July & August 2022
8. "Geology and Children" at University of Cyprus, in collaboration with AEI Film Festival, November 2022
9. Elli of Christmas (Story - construction for children 4-12 years old), December 2022.
10. Sakis o Kerasakis (Story - Construction for children 4-12 years old), December 2022.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs: 17 School & 8 University classes

Number of Geopark press release:

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- The new educational tools for the Troodos UNESCO Geopark Visitor Centre

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Contribution with an article to the 21st EGN newsletter entitled - Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark 2022, "UNESCO Global Geoparks: Peace and understanding between the nations by networking, cooperation and partnership – examples from Europe", April 2022
- Contribution with an article to the 22th EGN newsletter entitled - Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark 2022, "Learning from the past, creating the present and serving for the future: How the UNESCO Global Geoparks in Europe integrate the Global Agenda 2030 into their holistic approach", August 2022
- Contribution with an article to the 20th EGN magazine with the title 'The Kalopanagiotis Village is a strong geotouristic destination for physical and emotional empowerment following the Covid-19 pandemic'
- Contribution with an article to the GGN Geoparks and Ocean publication entitled "Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark is the most convincing evidence for the pre-existence of an ancient ocean within the Mediterranean Sea"
- Contribution towards the publication of the UNESCO Global Geopark book, by sending photos, November 2022.
- Participation at the 46th EGN Spring Meeting at De Hondsrug UGGp (Netherlands), 26-30 April 2022
- Participation at the 16th EGN Conference at Sesia Val Grande UGGp (Italy) with a presentation entitled "The Kalopanagiotis Sulfur Springs is a strong Geotouristic attraction", 26-30 September 2022
- Participation of the UNESCO World Geopark Troodos in the Workshop "The Role of Visitors Centers at Names Locations of UNESCO " in Buzau, Romania, November 2022

Management and Financial Status

Με σχόλια [VS1]: Δες τον πίνακα με τον Πέτρο.

Nº	Name	Employment	Function	Skill	% time	Gender
1	Christodoulos Hadjigeorgiou	permanent	Director of GSD	Geology - Management	10%	M
2	Petros Hatzikostas	permanent	Director of TDC and TUGG	Agro-economics, MBA, Education	50%	M
3	Dr. Efthymios Tsiolakis	permanent	Geoscientist of the TUGG and Senior Geological Officer - GSD	Geology/Micropalaeontology	100%	M
4	Dr. Vasilis Symeou	permanent	Geological Officer - GSD	Structural Geology	80%	M
5	Konstantina Theofilaxtou	permanent	Geologist of TUGGp Visitor Centre	Geology, Education	100%	F
6	Evi Kazamia	permanent	TUGGp Visitor Centre staff	MA Arts & Culture Management, Education-EU projects	70%	F
7	Dr. Sylvana Pilidou	Permanent	Geological Officer -Geopark Team of GSD	Seismology	10%	F
8	Ioulia G.-Gavrilovich	Permanent	Geological Officer -Geopark Team of GSD	Geology/Geoconservation of Mining Heritage	10%	F
9	Maria Angeliki Pritenzi	permanent	TUGGp Visitor Centre staff	Sports education and activity coordinator	100%	F
10	Elena Georgallidou	Permanent	Secretary of the TDC	Secretarial	30%	F
11	Rafailia Panagiotou	Permanent	Accounting of the TDC	Accounting	30%	F
12	Michalis Christodoulou	Permanent	Civil Engineer TDC	Civil Engineering	40%	M

Geoconservation

- Construction of a new environmentally friendly view point, at the top of the river slope, opposite Geosite 3 (Maroulena river bed) that can be reached via a number of wooden steps with railings

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Troodos Development Company (TDC) is implementing a project INTERREG GREECE-CYPRUS “*Star observation & natural environment - Alternative product of the development & promotion of Geoparks in the East Mediterranean*’ (acronym GEO-STARS).

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

- ‘Star observation & natural environment - Alternative product of the development & promotion of Geoparks in the East Mediterranean’ (acronym GEO-STARS).

Promotional activities

- Participation in the TV program “EMEIS KAI O KOSMOS MAS (WE AND OUR WORLD)” with Mr Loukas Hamatsos who is a Presenter at CRTA (Cyprus Radio Television Authority), presenting the small gorges along the Maroullena River within the Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, January 2022.
- Participation in the TV program “Spiti sti Fysi (The House in Nature)” with Michalis Hadjigeorgiou who is a Presenter at CRTA (Cyprus Radio Television Authority) with the title "The Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark", November 2022.
- Publishing the 2022 Troodos Geopark Agenda-Diary (for selling)
- Production and sale of various products, traditional products from local companies of the Troodos Geopark area
- Re printed the promotional booklet on the geosites within the Troodos Geopark area entitled “Oceanic Stories”
- Field trip at the Troodos UGGp for the needs of the 12th International Hydrogeological Conference that took place in March 2022.

- Participation in thematic Festivals of the Region with a stand and promotion of activities of the Geopark: Rose Festival, Apple Festival, Festival of Olives and Aromas, Festival of Traditional Sweets, May – September 2022
- Participation at Children’s Festival “ Let’s Learn about the Troodos Geopark, August 2022.
- Field trip at the Troodos UGG with the students of the University of Kiel (March 2022), Imperial College (May 2022), University of Leoben (September 2022) and University Vrije Amsterdam (October 2022).
- Participated at the 3rd meeting of the Erasmus+ Programme entitled “Geology for the Visually Impaired and the Disabled – (G4ViD)” with presentations about the Troodos UGGp and its Visitor Centre and a guided field trip at the Troodos UGGp, October 2022.
- “3rd Cyprus Archaeological, Ethnographic and Historical Film Festival”, Promotional event in the vicinity of the Troodos Geopark, guided tour from the Geoscientists of the Troodos UGGp in order to promote the geological and cultural heritage, organized in collaboration with the Troodos Development Company-management body of Troodos UNESCO Global Geopark, November 2022

4. CONTACTS

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