

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Vulkaneifel UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2000 EGN / 2004 GGN /2015 UNESCO UGGp / last revalidation 2019



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2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 6 staffs including 4 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: no official data available yet

Number of Geopark events: 8 (all dealing with ESD)

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 6 (and 2 staff trainings)

Number of Geopark press release: 10

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Vulkaneifel Geopark conducted two new field guide courses, 43 guides are the new ambassadors of Vulkaneifel UNESCO Global Geopark
- new staff member for ESD (Sabine Kummer)
- new road signs pointing out Vulkaneifel UGGp were installed in spring 2021
- research drilling in PUIvermaar tephra wall, Prof. H.-U. Schmincke, research institute GEOMAR Kiel

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- contributing with articles to European Geoparks Magazine, EGN newsletter and UGGp Newsletters

- contributing to the digital EGN meetings (Dr. Andreas Schüller member of AC of EGN)
- evaluation mission to Katla UGGp, Iceland (Julia Franzen)
- Strategic concept for the medium-term media preparation of geopark-specific topics by the UGGp's in Germany with reference to socially relevant key topics from the Global Agenda 2030 in cooperation with the German Forum of UNESCO Global Geoparks. Funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs / German Commission for UNESCO

Management and Financial Status

- Financial status secured by unlimited contracts with partners

Geoconservation

- Maintenance of various geotopes and biotopes

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- The mysterious 13 – twelve maars and a crater lake” – series of guided walks
- “experience stories” – series of guided walks focusing on regional history, myths and landscape
- release of programme of events
- barrier-free way around Schalkenmehrener Maar
- new map showing geological, natural and cultural highlights

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

- programmes on volcanism, stones, aquatic ecology and life in a meadow in primary schools and Kindergartens

Strategic partnership

- Zero emission nature Protected Areas, EU-Life IP project
- “Tourism for All”, touristical infrastructure for disabled people

Promotional activities

- Displays in regional magazines, TV Contributions for various TV stations

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