

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

## 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



**Ulmener Maar was chosen as one of the First 100 IUGS geological heritage sites:**

Youngest volcano in Central Europe, situated in Vulkaneifel, the volcanic region where the model of formation of maars by phreatomagmatic eruptions was established.

## 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:** 16

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 13 (and 2 staff trainings)

**Number of Geopark press releases:** 24

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2022

- Recognition as one of the *first 100 IUGS geological heritage sites*
- Waterfall Dreimühlen was acknowledged as "National Geotope" on the occasion of the International Geodiversity Day
- Breaking ground for the Ulmener Maar Tunnel, which is to connect Ulmen Maar and Jungferweiher
- 30 people are now official "Nature and Geopark Guides Vulkaneifel"

### Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

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

- contribution to the EGN meetings in De Hondsrug and Sesia Val Grande
- revalidation mission to Rokua UGGp, Finland (Julia Franzen), Novohrad-Nógrád UGGp, Hungary (Andreas Schüller)
- ESD for 2030: Implementation of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in Educational Programs of German Geoparks (cooperation between German UGGp)

### **Management and Financial Status**

- Financial status secured by unlimited contracts with partners and stakeholders

### **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 program of events
- new map showing hiking trails

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

- new program on mineral water
- 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

## **4. CONTACTS**

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