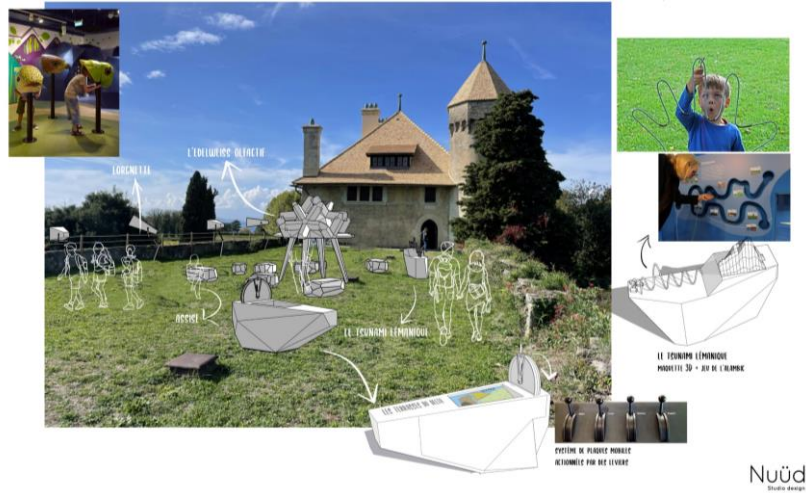


GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Chablais UNESCO Global Geopark, France, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2012 / 2021



“Approval to Create 3 New Chablais UGGp Discovery Spaces”

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 3 staff including 1 geoscientist.

Number of visitors: Total visitor numbers are difficult to estimate as most of the geopark is free to access. Example geosite: 50 000 visitors per year at the Geopark partner, the Gorges du Pont du Diable geosite.

Number of Geopark events: 30 Geopark events; 17 Geopark partner events.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: about 250 different classes participated in educational activities. Pupils were aged from 3 years to 18 years old.

Number of Geopark press release: 6. Regular newspaper, TV and radio interviews; 2 new promotional videos; Facebook and Instagram posts.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2023

- Conception of the 3 Geopark discovery centers to be installed at major visitor sites;
- Publication of a geotourism guide to the Chablais UGGp, written by members of the scientific advisory committee and published by the French Geological Survey (BRGM).

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- 2 representatives present for the 2023 GGN Conference organized by M'goun UGGp, 2 Geopark representatives present at all EGN meetings, coordinator of EGN 2023, participation in the EGN WG (book on natural hazards), catalyst for the panel discussion on developing local partnerships in UGGp's for the 7th international summer university of the UNESCO Chair on Geoparks, contributions to the EGN magazine and EGN newsletter.

- Organisation of Geopark guide training exchange in the Beaujolais UGGp.

Management and Financial Status

- Management and financial status continues to be strong and stable.

Geoconservation

- Important advance in geoconservation: With Geopark support, the La Baume municipality has formally asked for the highest level of protection for the “Cold Scree Slope” geosite.
- The three groups of municipalities will include pictograms to promote geoconservation on the information panels at equipped geosites as the sites are renewed in the coming years.
- Local geoheritage inventory of the geopark municipalities, methodology and 2 trial sites.

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

- New educational tools to explore the links between geodiversity and biodiversity.
- Educational activities to complete the senior school geopark tool kit to promote understanding of geoheritage, sustainable development and natural hazards.
- Training for professional users of the Dranse River (fishermen, rafting companies, walkers).
- Training of university students from HEPIA, Geneva and Lausanne University, Switzerland.

Strategic partnership

- New partner logo and toolkit. 1 day partner seminar in November (accommodation, visitor sites, local businesses, local farmers, sports groups and local charities).
- Regular training sessions for geopark guides.
- Signature of a 5-year partnership agreement with Savoy University, France.
- Continued collaboration with Turin University, Italy (geosystem services of Lake Montriond and Lake Vallon geosites); continued collaboration with Lausanne University, Switzerland.
- Integration into the national ORCHMP research program, a geo-bio-climo-socio observatory at the Bise geosite.

Promotional activities

- Theme 2023: Geodiversity - Biodiversity
 - Spring sustainable development festival “Printemps des coquelicots”
 - EGN week 27/05-11/06 >1000 participants, 14 events
 - National science festival, 10 events
- Summer events at 8 Chablais UGGp geosites, “Les Mardis du Géoparc”
- Action against invasive plants in the Brevon River Valley
- Continued collaboration with the 10 destination management organisations to promote the Chablais UGGp (21 information points).

4. CONTACTS

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