

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Sobrarbe-Pirineos UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2006 / 2023

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



New signposting including all the UNESCO figures represented in our territory (Global Geopark, World Heritage, Biosphere Reserve and Intangible Heritage).

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 14 staffs including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: 17353 visitors in the Interpretation center of the Geopark.

Number of Geopark events: 18 events held by management body and 6 in cooperative organization.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 30, with 709 pupils involved.

Number of Geopark press release: 15.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2023

- Sobrarbe-Pirineos is one of the few territories in the world that is not only UNESCO Global Geopark, but has also a Biosphere Reserve, two World Heritage sites and four activities recognized as representative intangible heritage for the Humanity. To highlight this unusual fact, and under the motto “Sobrarbe, a 4 UNESCO crowns territory” a common image has been driven and launched by Sobrarbe-Pirineos UGGp in a wide variety of media and sites, like the eleven tourist offices within the Geopark.
- Sobrarbe obtained funding from the Ministry for Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge to reactivate the Sobrarbe museum network during 2023 and 2024.
- A collaboration agreement has been signed between the Government of Aragon and the Sobrarbe County for the execution of the Tourism Sustainability Plan in destination during 2024, 2025 and 2026 of the corresponding Territorial Plan for Tourism Sustainability in destination in Aragon, financed by funds from the European Union-Next Generation EU. This plan includes several interesting actions related to the Geopark.
- Three cross-border collaboration projects were approved with POCTEFA funds, in which Sobrarbe is a partner, which will develop different actions related to the Geopark during 2024, 2025 and 2026.
- The Geopark participates as partner in the project “Experiencias de Ecoturismo” for the years 2023 and 2024.
- The Geopark participates as partner in the project “Sustainability and digitalization in the Spanish Ecotourism Experiences network” as we are members of the Spanish Ecotourism Club during 2023 and 2024, supported by the Industry and Tourism Ministry of Spain.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in EGN CC meetings and Spanish Forum.
- Participation in FITUR together with Spanish geoparks.
- Networking with other European megalithic geoparks (Famenne-Ardenne and Causses du Quercy)
- Sister agreement with Taining UGGp (China)
- Close collaboration with Wonghushan aspiring Geopark (China) (already accepted as UGGp)

Management and Financial Status

- Similar budget than previous years.

Geoconservation

- Candidature of Monte Perdido massif to the 2nd 100 IUGS Geosites.
- Participation in the Geoconservation Day event organized by the Spanish Geological Society.
- Renewal of the Geopark's Geoconservation Management Plan.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Geological autumn and Geological High Mountain trekking.

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

- Development of a Project Based Learning activity with Primary Schools of the Geopark about geology and landscape.

Strategic partnership

- Sister agreement with Taining UGGp (China)

Promotional activities

- Active presence in FITUR. Edition and distribution of several leaflets, participation in different touristic fairs.
- Promotion of agricultural and livestock producers of the Geopark in different fairs.
- Exhibitions in different locations: Geological Landscapes of Pirineos-Monte Perdido; El Pirineo sin Briet, 100 años de cambios en el paisaje.
- Videos and videopodcasts about ecotourism experiences.
- Visibility of the four UNESCO crowns in the tourism offices of the territory.

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