

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** UNESCO Global Geopark Harz . Braunschweiger Land . Ostfalen, Germany, European Geoparks Network

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2004 / 2021

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

Award ceremony for the receipt of the Golden Nail (GSSP Turonian-Coniacian-boundary) in the Salzgitter Salder quarry.

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 12 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s)

**Number of visitors:** approx. 1.06 Mio. Visitors in the Harz Mountains, 600.000 visitors on the Brocken Mountain, approx. + 120.000 visitors

**Number of Geopark events:** Clarify the events held by management body and cooperative organization

Management body: 130

Cooperative organization: 250

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 51

**Number of Geopark press release:** approx. 280

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2023

- Award “golden nail” at Salder Quarry, boundary Turonian – Coniacian
- National Award on ESD

### Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Contribution to Magazine and Newsletter
- Participation in the 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in the Moroccan UGGp M’Goun

### Management and Financial Status

- Annual funding of the Geopark by the Federal State of Lower Saxony was extended
- Annual funding of the Geopark within the scope of Nature Park funding by the Federal State of Saxony Anhalt
- Funding of the Federal State of Thuringia

- Fees from members

### **Geoconservation**

- Maintenance of Geotopes

### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- Renewal and securing of stairs on a popular hiking trail for visitor guidance
- Participation in the initiative “Schattenspender” (shade provider) by the German Environment Agency: construction of resting places providing shade
- Maintenance of geopath and geopoints with regard to sustainable visitor guidance

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

- Development of an ESD concept concerning food chains
- Completion of project “Implementation of ESD in educational programs at German geoparks” with the creation of an ESD matrix
- School project “Our Water”
- Excursion with schools on coal mining, fossils, understanding of time
- Program for adult “climate drilling” and “Guided climate hike”

### **Strategic partnership**

- 2 new private supportive members
- 2 new member municipalities
- 2 new cooperative members

### **Promotional activities**

- 18 new Geopark steles
- 2 new Information points
- 2 Sustainability Days, focused on food/sustainable nutrition and geotope and biotope protection
- Guided tours
- Presence on fairs
- Calendar of events
- Reprint of flyers out of stock
- New Geopark-flags at two important sites
- Events on the National Day of Geotopes

- Spreading of the new UGGp logo
- Renewal of information panels
- Renewal of the website (southern part)
- Event: "Geopark Day"

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