

# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:**

**TUSCAN MINING PARK UGG, ITALY, EUROPEAN GEOPARKS NETWORK**

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2010/2022**



*Location sign near Gerfalco (Montieri)*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 7 employees of which 1 geoscientist, 1 mining archaeologist, 1 biodiversity expert, 1 expert in environmental sustainability and participatory processes (+ 4 geoscientists from the University of Siena, + 7 managers of the Gateways to the Park managed by the Geopark's municipalities)

**Number of visitors:** 83.248 (number of visitors who have visited museums, visitor centers and Gateways to the park); who took part in the excursions organized by the park and the events of music, theater and tasting of typical products).

**Number of Geopark events:** 80 (The events - festivals, guided tours, music, performing arts, tastings, conferences – are all organized in collaboration with the Municipalities and the operators of the Gateways to the Park).

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 47

**Number of Geopark press release:** 40

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2023

January / December Project 'Gateways of the Park' - All the gateways of the Park were opened offering museum services, educational workshops, cultural events, exhibitions and guided excursions.

18 January - Closing event of the Technoqualisalus project closely linked to GEOFood and the presentation of a basket of high quality, high health value food products. On this occasion, 20 videos of all the farms that participated in the project were presented.

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLB3G7GrpHwX4rIQCCG091Yv4j7GdhZuxr>

22 April Earth Day - The Geopark was awarded the 'Parco Inclusivo' National Prize for its activities on accessible tourism promoted by the UniVerde Foundation and the Italian Geographic Society and FIABA onlus.

25 September XIX Giornata del Contemporaneo, Gateway to the Park in Gerfalco The theme is 'Ecology, Sustainability and Awareness' and the project 'Naked Plants. Reversing the human vision to understand the system we live in', by photographer and architect Gianluca Balocco.

November The Marine World Aquarium in Valpiana (Massa Marittima) was welcomed among the Gateways to the Park

3 December - Creation of the Urban Route with panels and podcasts of the Mining Village of Niccioleta (Massa Marittima). During the 1930s, this village was built next to the mine; a typical example of Rationalism, a style widespread in the fascist era with the characteristics of a workers' settlement of the time, where the houses of the miners, workers and management were located close to the production facilities and divided into zones according to social class.

### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

Enhancement of the GEOfood project and participation in international seminars

Participation in the 47th Coordination Committee Meeting of the European Geoparks Network in Hateg UNESCO Global Geopark

Participation in the 10th International Conference on the UNESCO Global Geopark Morocco M'Goun – Marrakech

### **Management and Financial Status**

The Park has an independent budget. The Park financial sources are mainly from Ministry of Environment. Annual Budget is approved by the Management Committee. The Gateways to the Park are managed by municipalities and they are funded by the Park.

### **Geoconservation**

16-18 May - Participation in the Europarc Federation Meeting in Bled, Slovenia in the Triglav National Park on visitor monitoring and the impact of tourism on the environment.

25 May - European Parks Day. Inauguration of the educational trail at the Cornate and Fosini Reserve Visitor Centre, Gateway to the Park.

27 June - Conclusion of the project to digitise the Corrado Bianchi photographic archive. A very important documentation on 20th century mining activities in the area.

<https://www.archiviocorradobianchi.it/home.php>

July/August - Le notti della Natura Festival. Four meetings with experts to talk about biodiversity, the relationship between nature and science, and knowledge of the animal and plant worlds; three night excursions to discover as many valuable natural sites in the Geopark.

<https://parcocollinemetallifere.it/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/locandina-2023-bassa-def.pdf>

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

Agreement with the Natural Science Museum of Grosseto for activities related to the biodiversity of the Geopark and Citizen Science

Aggiornamento del Piano della Green Economy del Geoparco

Avvio del Progetto Erasmus Plus GEOSITE (Werstern Norway University of Applied Sciences;, Sunnhordland UNESCO Global Geopark, Comharchumann Dhuiche Sheoigheach Teo, Buzau Land UNESCO Global Geopark; Tuscan Mining UNESCO Global Geopark, University of Stavanger)

### **Strategic partnership**

Collaboration agreement with the Municipality of Follonica for the realisation of research activities in the context of the FLAG (Fisheries and Blue Economy) - Costa degli Etruschi Project.

Agreement with the Department of Historical Sciences and Cultural Heritage of the University of Siena for the activation of a research grant for the cognitive investigation and survey of ancient mining activities in the geopark area.

### **Promotional activities**

January - Participation in the programme Linea Verde on Rai Uno (the most important national television channel)

<https://www.raiplay.it/video/2023/03/Linea-Verde---Maremma-tra-storia-e-innovazione---26032023-ae7309b-0b3c-4c69-b2fb-8eb23aaa08a6.html>

August - September Festival delle Viole - Concerts dedicated to Baroque music, as well as a viola

da gamba course and a conference in the splendid historical and natural setting of the Colline Metallifere National Park. 13th edition of the Festival delle Viole di Gerfalco, 'Musica antica in luoghi antichi' (Ancient music in ancient places) with the artistic direction of Alessandro Pierini supported by the Geopark.

11-13 October - Participation in the Rimini TTG Travel Experience international trade fair for the promotion of world tourism. The president and director were invited to speak in the panel on UNESCO heritage within the pavilion of the Region of Tuscany.

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