

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Apuan Alps UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy, (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2011 /2019



“History written on marble”: inauguration of the “Lapidarium Apuanum” in Equi Terme

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 21 staffs including 3 geoscientists

Number of visitors: the 2021 data count a total of 20229 visitors considering the number of individuals visiting the tourist caves and our museums or visitor centres (entrances to the geoparks without tickets are so numerous that it is impossible to determine exact number).

Number of Geopark events: 12 events held by Apuan Alps UGGp management body and 32 events held by partners

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: : the total number school classes is 20, for a total of about 300 students (decrease due to the pandemic)

Number of Geopark press release: 47 press releases

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Grants for maintenance and signs along the Apuan trails
- Opening of the educational exhibition “Rumble & Tremble”: the 1920 earthquake between Garfagnana and Lunigiana: the historical photoi
- “Protected” water in glass bottles; project to supply glass bottles to restaurants and accommodation facilities awarded with the quality certification for their eco-compatible practice within the ECST (European Charter of Tourism Sustainable)
- Publication of the XVI-XVII issue of Acta apuana, scientific journal of the Geopark

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation at the EGN and GGN on line meetings with paper presentation
- EGN newsletter 20; “Apuan Alps UNESCO Global Geopark (Italy): “protected” water in glass bottles!”
- GGN newsletter 2021/3, “Apuan Alps UNESCO Global Geopark (Italy): Two thousand years of history written on marble”
- Participation in EGN Geohazards Working group
- Revalidation missions undertaken by Geopark representative

Management and Financial Status

- The management structure is made up of several offices and services for a total of 21 people (increase of one position) and the operating budget for 2021 totals € 1,720.000
- New financial status leads to an easier management of the dynamics of spending with costs and assets optimization

Geoconservation

- Inauguration of a genetic conservation area at the Geopark Farm in Bosa di Careggine

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Renovation and inauguration of the Carchio-Folgorito section along the Gothic Line
- Grants to support sustainable tourism in the pandemic summer (daily summer camps for children, guided tours)

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

- The Geopark for school. Grants for promoting environmental education
- IDDRR 2021: presentation of the book “The 1920 earthquake: visions and memories of the destroyed areas in Garfagnana and Lunigiana”
- IDDRR 2021: educational meeting about planning of hiking excursion and mountain medicine

- Publication of the online “memory archive” collecting images, documents and events related to the 25th anniversary of the flood in Versilia and Garfagnana

Strategic partnership

- Agreement between the Geopark and the Tuscan Speleological Federation for the protection of karst cavities
- Agreement between the Geopark and the National alpine and cave rescue service for the dissemination of knowledge and safety in the Geopark use

Promotional activities

- 2021 Calendar dedicated to the 1920 Earthquake in Lunigiana and Garfagnana
- Wild food foraging at Bosa Geopark Farm during the EGN week
- Annual Festival in Capanne di Careggine with awards ceremony for “Apuan Alps Star Awards” and “Km zero Menù”
- “Walking in the Parks”: a workshop on tourism activities in Tuscany during the pandemic time
- “Stories, traditions, nature and (much) more” on “Il provinciale” programme with Federico Quaranta, broadcasting on national television

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