

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Las Loras UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 05-2017 / 10-2021

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 3 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s),

Number of visitors: Petroleum Museum 4.400. Cave of French 15.967. General tourism, no numbers but, because the pandemic, as happened in 2020, a lot of tourism in our villages and natural areas, much more than other years.

Number of Geopark events: EGN week (fieldtrips, exhibitions, activities, videos, photos, lectures). Educational program with the new Geopark notebook. Geoloday. Assistance to researchers on the territory Master and thesis students (Documentation, correction of works). Meetings with the working groups (Online). 3 Volunteering outdoor activities recovering places of interest. Second research grants and other research activities (biology and geography). 3 talks in the Webinars about Geoparks of the National Fora. First year of the Test Field of organic potatoes seeds. Agroecological training courses (3). 3 local products markets (with talks about sustainable and healthy food, workshop on local consumption). Diffusion of 10 videos of Local products. Training courses for local tourism companies. Naturcyl national Fair of Ecotourism. Revalidations of the CETS. Geopark Revalidation process. New panel and signs in new routes and collaborating centers and entities. Cooperative organization: research agreement Salamanca University -Palencia and Burgos Council. Geopark exhibition in the capital of the province. Online talks for other entities (11). Support and dissemination of cultural and sporting initiatives and projects- bike races, archaeological and cultural activities.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: school year 2020-2021, 27 centers some of them with not only one class (2 or 3)

Number of Geopark press release: 64 paper and online platforms (and many others through articles related to the territory where the Geopark is mentioned), 4 TV programs. 391 posts in Facebook and 468 in Instagram.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Organize the Revalidation process with the with the involvement, support and work of all sectors of the population, working groups and local and regional administrations.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- One article for the EGN newsletter, one video for the Film festival. Member of working group on Tourism and on Education. EGN Week and GGN and EGN meetings and Digital forums attendance. IGCP 730 (Hydrogeology) and 726 (Geofood). Agreement with Geofood brand.
- Vice coordination of the National Fora. Participation in the activities and projects of the National Fora (Webinars, meetings, Open days, etc.). Talk in the Training Course for staff

Geotur Erasmus +Project. Helping new national and international candidacies

Management and Financial Status

- Executive Committee: 2021 action plan and strategic 20-25 plan, also the meetings of 3 working groups. Two collaboration agreement with the two-provincial government (99.866€). Collaboration agreement with other foundations (49.325€). Other investments of local and regional administrations: council of Burgos and Palencia in their municipalities. Natural Protected Areas-Regional government (forestry work and signaling maintenance), Potatoes test field (9.700), Gullon research grant (4.000), local development groups (2.000), research agreement Salamanca University (3.000+3.000, form Palencia and Burgos councils).

Geoconservation

- Geoconservation: declaration of the Ayoluengo oil field as an Asset of Cultural Interest, for the conservation of geological and industrial heritage. Public use Plan of the Natural Monument of Las Tuerces (ruiniform karstic landscape). Works in the Tuffa building of Barriolucio for its conservation and protection. Paleontological work: cataloguing fossils and collecting dinosaur bones for their protection.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- We belong to the National and Regional Ecotourism Club to develop sustainable tourism products. Also, to the European Chard of Sustainable tourism. Developing the Geotourism product, guides geo-routes, on foot, car, bus and BTT. Working with local travel agencies, signposting routes, Geosites and roads.

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

- Development of the new educational program for primary, secondary and Bach. More than 20 educational centers participating. On Sustainable development: 3 training courses on agroecology, and one Organic potatoes test field 85 years Proyecto for research and training)

Strategic partnership

- Collaboration agreements with foundations and associations, local and regional, for developing environmental and participation projects and also projects for the protection of the cultural heritage. Collaboration agreements with local tourism companies for their promotion. Collaboration agreement with Gullon biscuit company for an annual research grant.

Promotional activities

- Geopark Exhibition in the capital of the province and Naturcyl national Fair of Ecotourism. Participation online in ITB 2021

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