

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Geopark Ore of the Alps, Austria, EGN

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2014 / 2018



Nadine Greenhalgh, Bupe Mwambingu (both Basecamp Research) and Horst Ibetsberger (Ore of the Alps UGG).

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 5 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: 10.000

Number of Geopark events: 5 by management body

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 0

Number of Geopark press release: 4 (inclusive Austrian Broadcast, ORF)

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

All the most important events “10 years Geopark Ore of the Alps” and “10 years Geopark cooperation” together with the “Austrian Geopark For a” have to be postponed two times and finally cancelled. A new attempt will be made in the year 2022. Approval of the funding project (LEADER) “Foot path through the Earth (Ore) history” with first implementation steps.

Contribution towards GGN - networking and participation

Participation of Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist) and Markus Häupl (Geopark

Manager) at the EGN/GGN Digital Forums and EGN/GGN conferences (Papuk, Jeju)
Preparing the article written by Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist): “Exploring Nature's Hidden Biodiversity in the Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark.” for the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 19.

Management and financial status

The management structure of the Geopark is the same as reported in the revalidation document 2018. The financial status of the association “Ore of the Alps” was examined and approved by the INTERREG funding agency, as well as through the treasurer audit.

Geoconservation

GeoDays Bischofshofen: Nature risks & climate change; Lectures, discussions; cancelled

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

Meeting in Erfurt / Germany with the representatives of the UGG Inselsberg /3 Gleichen in Erfurt/Thuringia, regarding to initialize a project about special targets of the SDG's.

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction: Biodiversity investigations of the soils in the Geopark area together with the British research team “Basecamp Research”. The results will be discussed with schools, including excursions ... all events cancelled this year.

Strategic partnership

Cooperation agreements were made with the University of Salzburg (Department of Geography and Geology).

Promotional activities

Several publications in the magazines of the Austrian Alpine Club

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