1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Styrian Eisenwurzen UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2004 / 2019

Celebration event in October 2021: Three new primary schools are now Geopark partner schools

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2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 4 staffs including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: Visitors of the 3 major sites: Wasserloch gorge: 25,000 – GeoVillage Gams: 12,000 - Spring Water Museum Wildalpen: 2,500

Number of Geopark events: 40

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 6

Number of Geopark press release: 37

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- All primary and secondary schools are partner schools in the Geopark
- More budget from the region Styria and the responsible ministry

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation at all digital EGN and GGN meetings (spring and autumn)
- Participation in two IGCP projects: GeoFood Research and Present and future Geology – the global scale evidence of the Anthropocene
Management and Financial Status

- The Nature- and Geopark is financed through contributions of the communities, the province of Styria, international projects and its own income

Geoconservation

- Finalized: Introduction of new information panels and planning of the improvement of the existing GeoTrail in the GeoVillage Gams
- Introduction of new information panels at the Gallenstein castle in the municipality of Sankt Gallen for awareness rising
- Finalization: New Geopark library in the GeoVillage Gams to restore literature about the Geopark and Geology

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- New bookable offers established: Fieldtrips about biodiversity, climate change and geology

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

- New funding program started: KLAR! Climate Change Adaptation Model Reigons for Austria. The Pilot Program is funded by the Austrian Climate and Energy Fund and offers a process-oriented approach for municipalities to raise awareness for climate change adaptation and implement concrete actions on regional level

Strategic partnership

- Frequent exchange with other Austrian UGGp, digital exchange with UNESCO Austria – small support funding from the ministry of education established
- New frequent scientific exchange and work with new partner Universities in the city of Graz, working on the application of two research project (application deadline 2022)

Promotional activities

- 3 radio shows on a regional radio
- 160 Social media postings on facebook and Instagram
- Second Geopark forum (digitally and anlog) in autumn – topic: Hydrology, Geology and sustainable tourism

4. CONTACTS

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