

# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2021

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** El Hierro UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, (European Geoparks Network)

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

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)



*Geoloday 2021.*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staff:** Director, Manager and Geologist.

**Number of visitors:** 3.514 people visited the Interpretation Center of the El Hierro Geopark.

**Number of Geopark events 5:** Open Fotosub, Geoloday, European Week of Geoparks, AGEO Meetings, "Turn off the light in their firs flight".

Due to COVID 19 a lot of events were cancelled, such us sportive events in which Geopark always collaborate.

**Number of school classes sharing Geopark educational programs:**

We couldn't do any activities with students due to COVID 19. We tried to do them online, but it wasn't possible because they were hardly arriving to have online classes (not every house has internet and not every student has a PC, laptop or tablet at home) and also teachers needed all the time to do their best with the classes online so they didn't manage to give us some time to do online activities with the students. As last year they didn't have too many face to face classes due to the pandemic situation, teacher are not on the way of extra curricular activities this year.

**Number of Geopark press releases:** 3.

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

**Major achievements in 2021**

- AGEO Meetings
- Young Ambassadors of Geoparks Project with Comarca Molina-Alto Tajo Geopark

- Geoloday. “When the lava flows arrive to the sea”
- EGGn Week: El Hierro Geopark started ENG Week with an exposition, showing the first panel of the “Vulcans on the move” project collaborating with Las Palmas de Gran Canaria University.

We followed up with an “open doors” free visit day at the Geological Interpretation Center of El Pinar and El Hierro Geopark Center.

We celebrated Vulcan Day besides Lanzarote Geopark, with an online event that included presentations about the geological heritage of each Geopark, as well as the economic development and impact for both regions.

Finally, we ended all our activities with the release of the video “Visiting the places of geological interest in El Hierro Geopark”. It also included a conference about the inventory of these sites by our scientific coordinator and Petrology and Geochemistry Prof. in La Laguna University, Ramón Casillas.

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

- Working together with Lanzarote and Archipiélago Chinijo Geopark to celebrate de “I international Volcano Day”
- Networking with Spanish Geoparks for the new website
- Participation in the 2<sup>nd</sup> GGN Digital Forum with Gorona del Viento
- EGGN Week
- Participation in the sessions “Let’s talk about Geoparks” with the Spanish Geoparks Network

#### **Management and Financial Status**

- Own budgets for Geopark
- Government of the Canary Islands
- Program MAC 2014-2020. INTERREG. (Working on Ecopanoramic from dock to dock tour)

#### **Geoconservation**

- Hiking path conservation (Tasked to GESPLAN)
- Actions for improving the signaling of the new Ecopanoramic from dock to dock tour

#### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- Project “Volcanoes on the move”

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

- “AGEO programm.

#### **Strategic partnership**

- Lanzarote y Archipiélago Chinijo Geopark.
- Comarca de Molina-Alto Tajo Geopark.

- Gorona del Viento

### **Promotional activities**

- Touristic fairs:
- Geopark Social Media: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

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