

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Chelmos Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2009 /2019



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 11 staffs including 1 geoscientist and 1 external assistant/Geoscientist

Number of visitors: At least for half of the year 2021 the facilities in the geopark area were closed due to Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. Nevertheless according to the Odontotos train tickets from July to December 2021 at least 100.000 visitors had accessed the area of the geopark. Moreover according to Kalavryta hotels association the number of visitors during weekends of October exceeded 3000.

Number of Geopark events:

1. Publication : Tsakiri, M.; Koumoutsou, E.; Kokkoris, I.P.; Trigas, P.; Iliadou, E.; Tzanoudakis, D.; Dimopoulos, P.; Iatrou, G. National Park and UNESCO Global Geopark of Chelmos-Vouraikos (Greece): Floristic Diversity, Ecosystem Services and Management Implications. Land 2022, 11, 33. <https://doi.org/10.3390/land11010033>. In Press: December 2021

2. 20th December: Chelmos Vouraikos Cook Book action announcement by Conglomeratica volunteer team
3. 15th of December: Participation in the 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, Jeju, Korea: Mt Chelmos: The Rocks, the mountains and the myths as a tool for sustainable development.
4. 10th of December: Chelmos Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark volunteer team "Conglomeratica" has been created.
5. 12th of December: International Mountain Day 2021: Interview with the Director of Kalavryta Ski center regarding the alternative tourism in the area. Presented through the Facebook page and the You tube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ru1se__cb1U
6. November 25-27: Participation to the 8th ATHENS INTERNATIONAL TOURISM & CULTURE EXPO 2021» in Athens together with Aigialeia Municipality to promote the history and the culture of our area.
7. 29th of November: Educational program and excursion of Kalavryta elementary school: Learning about floods.
8. Interview to Greek National TV channel and promotional video regarding Lake Tsivlou geosite:a lake deriving from landslides <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7ql4qKKkls>
9. 14th of November: Akrata elementary school visit to Lake Tsivlou geosite with Akrata Environmental center.
10. 15th of October: Memorandum of Understanding with Thuringia Inselsberg-Drei Gleichen UNESCO Global Geopark
11. September 2021:Publication to the EGN Newsletter regarding the results of the 2nd Chelmos Vouraikos photo contest organized in the frame of the 2021 EGN week
12. 11th of June: International ProGeo Symposium. Presentation: Assessing the geosites of Chelmos Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark.
13. June 2021: 2nd Chelmos Vouraikos photo contest organized in the frame of the 2021 EGN week
14. June 2-4: Geography conference,Lesvos, Presentations: 1)The geomorphological heritage of Chelmos - Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark 2) Information and awareness actions for the inhabitants of Chelmos-Vouraikos Geopark
15. May 20: Digital meeting " The Chelmos Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark as a tool for sustainable development"
16. May 18: Maintenance and Signage of paths by the geopark management body in collaboration with the forestry agency.

17. April 22: Cleaning and maintenance of Chelonospilia and Ladon Springs geosites along with volunteers from the local cultural society in the frame of Mother Earth Day 2021.
18. April 13: The Chelmos Vouraikos UGGp participated to the UNESCO Global Geoparks initiative "Preparing our common future", and during March 2021 provided series of online presentations to students from schools in the geopark 's area.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 2 (digitally), restricted due to Covid 19.

Number of Geopark press release: 3 press releases to the website, 2 published newsletters, frequent announcements on fb and Instagram pages

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2021

- Volunteer work in Chelmos Vouraikos UGGp provided by 4 young volunteers from Germany. Action in the framework of the Hellenic and German Commissions for UNESCO collaboration project.
- Setting up of Conglomeratica-Chelmos Vouraikos volunteer team

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in the Digital 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, Jeju, Korea: Mt Chelmos: Oral presentation: The Rocks, the mountains and the myths as a tool for sustainable development.
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- Participation to the 19th EGN newsletter: Preparing our common future!
- Participation to the 19th EGN Magazine: The Chelmos Vouraikos UGGp Photo Contest as a way to communicate with people during the pandemic crisis!

Management and Financial Status

- Financial support achieved through the Green Fund and the annual revenues from the local hydroelectric plants (art. 25α, L. 3734/2009).
- Integration of the Operation "Support to services and infrastructures of Chelmos-Vouraikos UGGp in CLLD/LEADER 2014-2020.

Geoconservation

- Maintenance and Signing of paths by the geopark management body along with the forestry agency.
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Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

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

- Educational program and excursion: Learning about floods.
- Digital educational program about the geosites of Chelmos Vouraikos UGGp in the frame of the UNESCO initiative “Preparing our common future”.

Strategic partnership

- Signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Greek Natural Environment & Climate Change Agency along with the other Greek geoparks
- Memorandum of Understanding with Thuringia Inselsberg-Drei Gleichen UNESCO Global Geopark

Promotional activities

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