

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Muskauer Faltenbogen / Łuk Mużakowa UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany / Poland, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2011 / 2019



Fig. 1: Group photo after the presentation of the certificates to the members of the EGTC Ltd. Geopark Muskau Arch

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 7 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s)

Number of visitors: The evaluation of the statistics for 2022 is not yet available, estimated number of visitors 150,000.

Number of Geopark events:

- Events by management body: 6
- Events in cooperation with partners: 4

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 65

Number of Geopark press release: 5

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

The Founding of the German-Polish Geopark Management Body was formally already completed on November 24, 2021. This achievement was celebrated at a festive event with invited guests, presentations, and a public German-Polish family event with panel discussion on October 9.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- article in the EGN Magazine issue 19: The new geosite map and geosite sponsorship programme and presentation of the EGTC Ltd. in GGN newsletter in spring 2022
- Contribution to International Geodiversity Day

- IGC for Youth with participants from Muskau Arch (GER - PL) and Hațeg UGGp (Romania)

Management and Financial Status

Since November 2021 the new supporting organization, the European Grouping for territorial Cooperation has been established. The EGTC Ltd. comprises 14 municipal members from Germany and Poland. The main body is the General Assembly, which has elected the Vice-Marshall of the Lubuskie Voivodship, Mr. Tadeusz Jędrzejczak, as its chairperson.

Members of the EGTC pay annual membership fees, which provide the basic financial resources. The EGTC also receives annual grants from the federal states of Saxony and Brandenburg. The annual budget for staff and projects in 2022 was 421.900 EUR.

Geoconservation

- distribution and installation of Geopark regulations (notice plates, 40 pieces)

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- extension and content expansion of the Geo Trail "Former Mine Babina" by around 4 km and with 10 panels and renewal of 60 boards in the Corporate Design of the UGGp, trin-lingual
- installation of charging stations for e-cars

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

- continuation of International Youth Panel

Strategic partnership

The foundation of the EGTC GmbH was the most important step towards establishing a permanent structure. In the consolidation phase, the EGTC GmbH started in 2022 with the re-establishment of numerous partnerships through joint agreements, joint projects and the pre-selection of a permanent advisory board with the most important strategic partner institutions in the Geopark region.

Promotional activities

- Publication for general/professional audience:
 - Kupetz, M. and K. Löwen (2022). Muskauer Faltenbogen / Łuk Mużakowa UNSECO Global Geopark - Durch die Neisse geteilt, durch die Neisse verbunden. Das Erbe unserer Welt, Square Rock Ltd.: S. 110-111
 - Repstock, A., et al. (2022). "Sachsens Geologie erleben - Geoparks: Vermittler von Umweltbildung und Rohstoffbewusstsein im Freistaat." Geoprofil 16: 137-152.
- Second „Fair of regional products”

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