

# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

## 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 / 2022



Awarding of the "ERDREICH PRIZE" to the Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark" on Sept. 13th 2022 in Vienna.

Left to right: Thomas Weber, Hanna Simons, Gert Furtmüller, Markus Häupl, Horst Ibetsberger, Leonore Gewessler (© BMK/StW)

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

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

**Number of Visitors:** 12.000

**Number of Geopark events:** 12 by management body

**Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 2

**Number of Geopark press release:** 20 (inclusive Austrian Broadcast, ORF)

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2022

Based on the many initiatives that the Ore of the Alps UGGp has implemented in recent years regarding soil protection, it was awarded the ERDREICH (= ground soil) PRIZE in the category Participation by Federal Minister Leonore Gewessler. Articles were published in newspapers and a TV report was presented in ORF.

### Contribution towards GGN - networking and participation

Participation of Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist) and Markus Häupl (Geopark Manager) at the EGN Meetings in Hondsrug and Sesia val Grande. Preparing the article written by Horst Ibetsberger: "Award for the Ore of the Alps Geopark" for the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 20. Another article can be found in the EGN Newsletter 21.

### **Management and financial status**

The management structure of the Geopark is the same as reported in the revalidation document 2022. The financial status of the association "Ore of the Alps" was examined and approved by the Revalidation commission, as well as through the treasurer audit.

### **Geoconservation**

GeoDays Bischofshofen and Geopark regular table in Bischofshofen, Mühlbach, Hüttau and St. Veit: regional geology, nature risks & climate change; lectures, discussions;

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

Preparation of a concept with the team of the Inselsberg /3 Gleichen UGGp in Erfurt/ Thuringia, regarding to initialize a LEADER project about special targets of the SDG's.

**New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction:** The kick off meeting of the Earth System Sciences project movemont.at | The moving mountains was held on Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> 2022 in Bischofshofen.

### **Strategic partnership**

Cooperation agreements were made with Geocompass (Geographical Society of Salzburg) and different local hotels and restaurants.

### **Promotional activities**

Several publications in newspapers and in the Austrian Conservation Union magazine. Article "Ore of the Alps UGGp – geosites and geotourism" published by Springer.

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