

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Massif des Bauges UNESCO Global Geopark, France, European Geoparks Network

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

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



New film to present the UNESCO global Geoparc

<https://youtu.be/mqiFInoHcXI>

Observation platform for the Plancherine tufaceous area

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 28 staffs including 2 geoscientists

Number of visitors: no global counting

Geopark's cultural heritage house (4200), House of the Parc, Welcome Center (new reception center)(2178)

Geopartners : Bell's Museum (12481), Lac d'Annecy Ecomuseum (6972), Gruffy Natural History Museum (?), Wine and Vineyard Museum (2580), Faverges Archeological Museum (1080), Faverges Dungeon (4854), Combe de Savoie Ecomuseum (8900), Fort de Tamié (68000).

Number of Geopark events: 98 events planned including 42 organized by the structure

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:

Annual educational Geopark's programme: 87 primary schools' classes, 29 classes secondary schools' classes annual event (500 pupils) 2 schools' magazines (L'échos des écoles).

Number of Geopark press release:

- Facebook Page with 10 700 followers in 2023 (3900 followers in 2015 and 5539 in early 2019). 200 publications in 2022 concerning directly the UGG activity.
<https://www.facebook.com/parcdesbauges/>
- Periodic newsletter <http://www.parcdesbauges.com/fr/infolettre.html#.XE37gM3jJqw> which provides all information of the UGG activity
- YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/PNRdesBaugesTV>

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- production of a film presenting the geopark, Massif des Bauges, Earth an Humans
<https://youtu.be/D4BOKZMj7UE>
- Conferences about water resource (3), mineral resources; geodiversity, natural hazards
- Geology and climbing day, (fort de la batterie de Marthod) (geology national days)
- Finalisation of the current European LEADER programme, and construction of a new, broader, application
- Finalisation of TEPOS program

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- EGN CC 2022. De Hondsrug/ Terra Vita, the Netherlands
- GGN digital Forum (Africa, arab states, and small island developing states)
- EGN Conference, Sesia Val Grande, Italy September 2022,
- Expertise and support mission in Dahar (Tunisia) for the development of Geoparks in Africa
- Twinning process with MGoun Geoparc : two active cooperation actions founded by French ministry of Foreign affairs and Ministry of superior Education, Research and Innovation (PHC) (Beni Mellal / USMB universities).
- Cooperation with Lebanon
- Geodiversity in UNESCO Global Geoparks, social media campaign and special book
- Cooperation agreement with Leye Fengshan UGGp (China)

Management and Financial Status

- Legal statute of local community's association (65 municipalities, 2 counties, 1 Region). The **6 conurbations are now fully involved in the management body and are now participating in the governance of the UGGp.**
- 2022 budget : 2,6 M€ (F) Total :3.23M€. Geopark's members contributions (statutes budget, half) and many different resources (European programmes, State, Region, ...) obtained for specific projects (half)

- The **charter revision process (15-year master plan)** : all stages now validated, leading to the launch of a forthcoming public enquiry. It includes **strong guidelines on the issue of resources**, particularly water resources and the supervision of mineral resource exploitation. The measures of this charter systematically refer to **the Sustainable Development Goals** of the United Nations

Geoconservation

- Geosites : installation of an observation platform on the Plancherine tufaceous area
Installation of new toposcopes : *Verel Pragondran, Saint Pierre d'Albigny (La Barme)*
- Production of a master plan for the development of geosites

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Deployment of actions within the framework of the Espace Valléen programme, on tourism diversification (4-season mountains) and adaptation to climate change
- Pursuit of "escapes" for the discovery of geopatrimonies through soft mobility (échappées en Bauges) Small escape in Bauges (1 day in the in the Chambéry area) and escape around the Massif des Bauges (cycling convergence), mixing bicycle and heritage discovery

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

- Mountain pasture mediation cooperation Program (with Chartreuse nature parc et basque aspiring nature parc)
- Starry sky cooperation
- Finalisation of Tepos program (positive energy territory)

Strategic partnership

- Geopartners working group for common promotion
- Semnoz masterplan with Grand Annecy conurbation

Promotional activities

- Geopark's touristic map
- Geo-Park program: Activity program from May to October (Renc'arts)
- Science Festival
- International day for disaster risk reduction (October 13th)
- Geodiversity day (October 6th)
- New booklet, "the origins of the landscapes of the Bauges massif, alpine geology"
- EGN Week

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