

GGN – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2022

1. IDENTITY

National Fora/Committee:

Name: Netherlands Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks,

Country: the Netherlands,

Website: <https://www.unesco.nl/nl/nederlands-forum-unesco-global-geoparks>

Email: GGN-institutional member g.roelfs@dehondsrug.nl

Year of inscription: We started in 2014

2. MEMBERS

Chair: Independent chair: Harry van Zon, geopark@harryvanzon.nl

Members:

Hondsrug UGG	Gretha Roelfs; Forum-representative in EGN/GGN
Netherlands National UNESCO Committee	Jon Verriet, secretary jverriet@unesco.nl
TNO/Geological Survey Netherlands	Michiel van der Meulen
NBTC Holland Marketing	Angélique Vermeulen
Netherlands Cultural Heritage Agency	Henk Alkemade and after his retirement Harm Jan Pierik
Royal Netherlands Geological Mining Association	Jan Stafleu
Independent expert	Hugo Bouter (expertise: physical geography)
Independent expert	Hans Renes (expertise: social geography, landscape history)
Independent expert	Chair Harry van Zon, (expertise: public administration and physical geography)

Observers

Flemish UNESCO Committee	Robert Missotten
IHP-HWRP committee	Martijn van Staveren

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

- **Active application in your country:**
 - Schelde Delta, a cross-border initiative with Belgium.
 - Representatives: Walter Jonkers, w.jonkers@zeeland.nl ;
Gitte de Vries, gitte.devries@provincieantwerpen.be
 - Website: <https://www.schelledelta.eu/>
 - Year of application submission: 2022

Territories that you are advising:

- Gooi en Vecht – Heuvelrug (before 2 separate initiatives)
 - Representative: Marc Hofstra, geoparkhgv@gmail.com
 - Website: <https://www.geopark-heuvelrug.nl/>
 - Being advised since 2016
- Peelhorst-Maasvallei
 - Representative: Marion van den Akker, marion.vandenakker@gemert-bakel.nl
 - Website: <https://peelhorstenmaasvallei.nl/>
 - Being advised since 2017
- Krijtland
 - Representatives: Jos Broers, JosBroers@eijsden-margraten.nl
Julie Starren-Stevens, JulieStarren@eijsden-margraten.nl
 - Website: not yet
 - Being advised since 2019

4. ACTIVITIES

All the mentioned activities have been digital meetings

- 22-02-2022: discussing draft-application documents Schelde Delta initiative
- 28-04-2022: discussing draft-bidbook Schelde Delta initiative
- 29-04-2022: members of the forum attended the open session of the EGN-springmeeting organized in the Hondsrug UGGp
- 03-06-2022: consultation of the Geopark initiatives Peelhorst en Maasvallei and Geopark Heuvelrug Gooi en Vecht
- 09-11-2022: assessing application Schelde Delta initiative: a positive recommendation was given to the National UNESCO Commission to forward the application to the UNESCO headquarters in Paris.