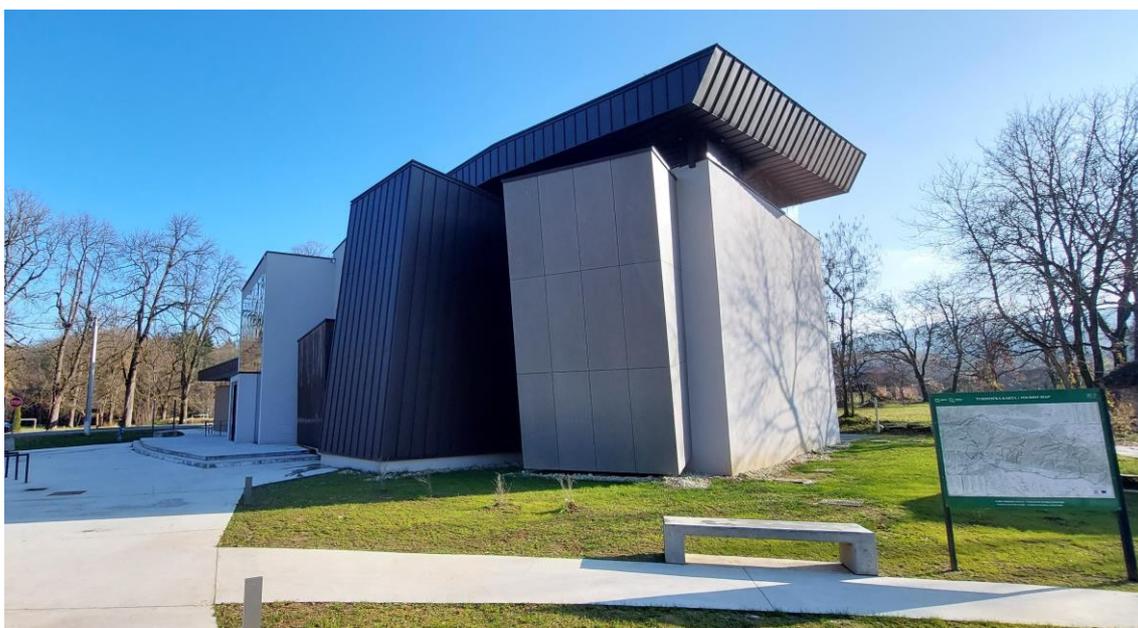


GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2022

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia, European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2007 / 2019



Geo Info Centre

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 22 staffs including 2 geoscientists

Number of visitors: 89.021 visitors considering number of the sold tickets. At the Eco point Jankovac 53.029 visitors, visitor centre "Geo Info Centre" 18.524 visitors, visitor centre "House of the Pannonian Sea" 7.495 visitors and at the Campsite/Adventure Park "Duboka" 9973 visitors. There are numerous entrances to the Geopark without tickets, estimated number of visitors is 120.000

Number of Geopark events: 31

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 68

Number of Geopark press release: 41

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2022

- We successfully finished with implementation of the "Geo-stories of UNESCO Geopark" project. The biggest investment was the construction of a new visitor centre in Voćin - Geo

Info Centre. The Centre is the starting point for getting to know the Papuk UGGp through a multimedia and interactive exhibition.

- Geopark square in Velika is redecorated, and eight new interpretative panels were installed dedicated to topics of Sustainable Development Goals and geodiversity of the Papuk UGGp.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in the EGN meeting in Hondsrug UNESCO Global Geopark, the Netherlands and Seisa Val Grande UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy (EGN meeting + European Geoparks Conference)
- GGN revalidation missions carried out by Goran Radonić (Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark) and Goran Pavić (Molina & Alto Tajo UNESCO Global Geopark)
- contributions to the EGN magazine, EGN Newsletter - EGN Week activities/pictures
- Participation in the National Geopark Committee digital meetings, Goran Pavić
- Hosting field trip of delegation of the Erasmus Plus VR@Geopark project. The group included people from Madonie Geopark, Holy Cross Mountains Geopark and Kula-Salihli Geopark

Management and Financial Status

- funding is secured by the Croatian Government, beside that there are our own income and funding through projects
- preparing activities for new Management plan (2023 - 2033) (stakeholder workshops, GIS zonal planning of Geopark/Nature Park area, education activities for employees ...)
- management structure is stable, increasing the number of permanent employees

Geoconservation

- Conservation measures are carried out regularly on geologically important sites
- By the source of the Jankovački stream, there are tufa rocks. Frequent visitor traffic has caused damage to the fragile habitat. To protect the tufa, a wooden fence was erected.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- purchasing of 30 mountain and electric bikes which could be rented in three different places

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

- Rupko's geological school - translation of working materials into English language
- At the "Geopark Square" new panels was set up (SDGs + geodiversity)

Strategic partnership

- Continuous support and collaboration with different range of Geopark partners

Promotional activities

- several promotions on TV, Radio, in newspapers - especially dissemination of results of the project "Geo-stories of UNESCO Geopark"

4. CONTACTS

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