# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

#### 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Adamello Brenta UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy, European Geoparks Network.

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2008 / 2018.



Photo: Staff of "Scientific Research and Environmental Education department" of Adamello Brenta UGG developing the project "BioMiti".

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 35 staffs including 1 geoscientist.

**Number of visitors:** Visitors at visitor centers in summer 2019: 26.500. Visitors transported with buses of sustainable mobility during summer 2019 in the main valleys of the Geopark: 57.536 Genova Valley, 88.954 Tovel Valley, 93.083 Ritorto, 60.942 Vallesinella. Participants to the summer/winter educational/interpretive activities: 3050.

**Number of Geopark events:** 419 events of environmental interpretation organized in summer and winter by the Adamello Brenta UGG in collaboration with the local tourism boards. These events are run by the Geoparks staff and include guided excursion, laboratory activities, thematic exhibition, evenings and lectures with an holistic approach.

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 205 classes from the primary and secondary school, 20 classes from the high school and 2 Italian Universities.

**Number of Geopark press release:** 98 press releases in the news of the Park, others press releases at a local, regional, national and international level.

# 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

# Major achievements in 2019

- Development of a new scientific research project called "BioMiti" with the double aim of investigating the climate change through an holistic approach and contributing to give data for the development of new environmental education projects.
- Realization of a new temporary exhibition about the peculiarities of the Adamello Brenta UGG.

# **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- Mar 2019. Participation in the 43<sup>rd</sup> EGN Coordination Committee Meeting in Swabian-Alb UGG, in Germany.
- September 2019. Participation in the EGN Coordination Committee Meeting in Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGG, in Spain.
- September 2019. Participation to the EGN Conference in Siviglia with an oral presentation.
- November 2019. Participation in the 10<sup>th</sup> Italian National Committee UGG in Rome, Italy.

# **Management and Financial Status**

 The income of the Adamello Brenta UGG comes 2/3 from the allocations by the Autonomous Province of Trento (PAT) and 1/3 form self-financing from activities carried out by the Park. The final balance will be counted in April 2020.

#### Geoconservation

- Geoconservation is fully fulfilled through legal protection, regulations, education, and continuous monitoring.
- Signing of a convention with the Alpine Society of Trento for the monitoring, study and valorization of glaciers of Adamello Brenta UGG.
- Extraordinary maintenance of the Geopark footpaths after the "Vaia" storm of October 2018.

# Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- A new series of conferences in the Geopark municipalities: "Conversation about Nature".
- Organization of a national conference about "Sustainable mobility" in September 2019.
- New interpretive path where children and adults can discover the nature and culture of the Geopark using all senses in Andalo.

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

- New: geomorphology of Adamello Brenta linked to landscape interpretation.
- New: climate change and how the Adamello Brenta UGG responds to it.

## Strategic partnership

- Local Tourism Boards and Foundation Dolomiti UNESCO WHS.
- Geological Service, Autonomous Province Trento and MUSE, Science Museum Trento.
- Sustainable Development and Protected Areas, Autonomous Province Trento.
- Universities of Padova and Pavia, Geoscience Department.

#### **Promotional activities**

• Participation to local and national fairs, presence in local and national television and radio.

# 4. CONTACTS

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