

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: PSILORITIS UNESCO Global Geopark, GREECE, (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2001 / 2019

One of the new entrance gate Signs of the Psiloritis UGGp, with Psiloritis at background!



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 6 staffs including 2 geoscientist

Number of visitors: More 80.000 in two places with entrance fee and additional 30000 from various events organised

Number of Geopark events: 18 local events organized by the geopark under EGN week, 3 project Meetings organized by geopark and many other organized by stakeholders.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 36 School classrooms, 1412 pupils and 500 teachers

Number of Geopark press release: 111 posts at Facebook, and more than 130 in local press/media

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Finalization of 2 Interreg projects (GEOIN and Emblematic Mountains) that added 15 new routes and trails, new signposting for the trails, 3 new info-points, 3 new digital applications etc.

- Emplacement of 13 new UGGp signs at entrance gates
- Hosting of Gaia Memories, temporary exhibition in two towns and for two months, prepared under GEOIN project.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Received a mentoring visit by the aUGGp Zerdap from Serbia.
- Co-Coordination of the GGN Geohazards group, Co-Coordination of EGN, Participation in all GGN meetings in EU, in ITB, in the Lesvos GGN summer school 2019, and in the evaluation of geoparks 2019

Management and Financial Status

- Significantly improved funds and constant staff.

Geoconservation

- Not particular change.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Participation at ITB 2019
- Participation in Road Trip for Greek Geoparks in Poland organized on October 2019 by the Greek tourism Organization,

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

- 2 new digital applications were produced as educational projects linked with geotrails (E-geodiscover) that can be found at Google play, one museum kit for Climate Change in Insular Geoparks, all produced under GEOIN
- A National Network of Schools established by geopark Partner (Anogeia Environmental Education Center) on Geoparks and Geodiversity

Strategic partnership

- N-IDEA a new Collaborative Social Enterprise to manage tourism infrastructure at Anogia became Stakeholder of geopark.

Promotional activities

- Geopark organized seminars for two Tourism offices.
- Organised two thematic workshops for local stakeholders on Geoparks benefits and Entrepreneurship under GEOIN project
- Hosted a journalist o the biggest Airline (Aegean) who wrote about the villages of Geopark at the company's flight magazine.

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