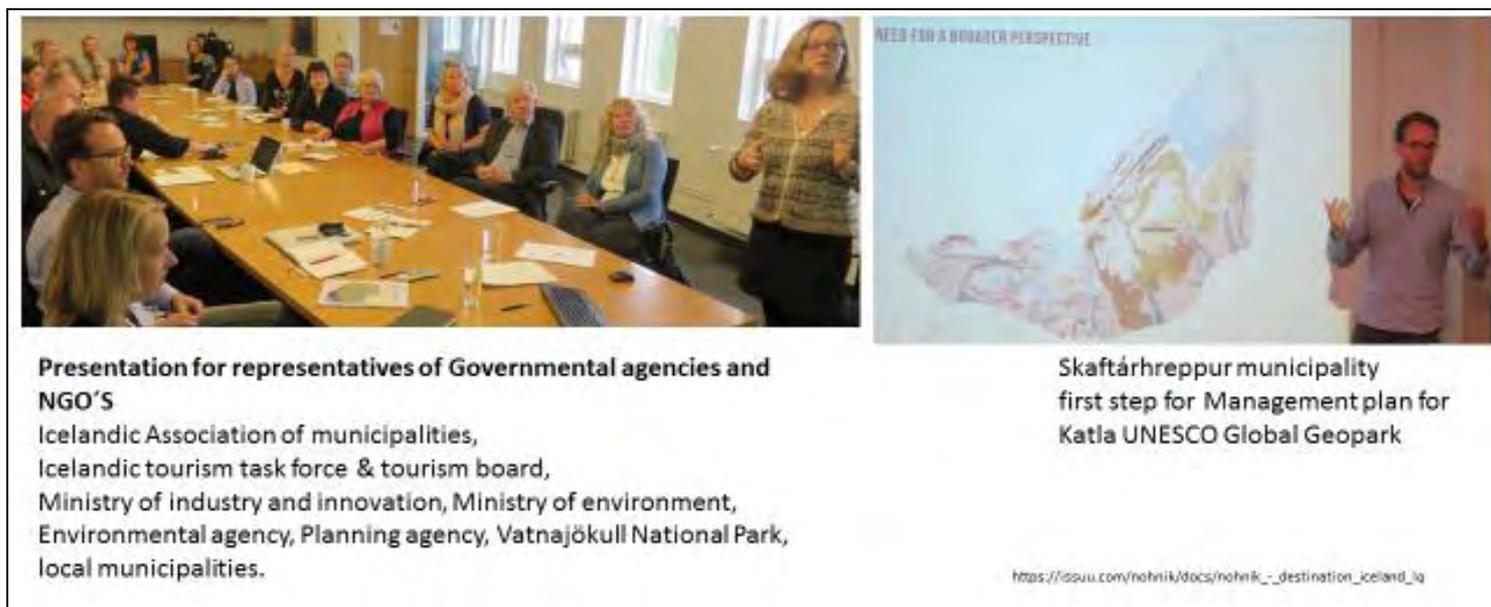


GGN – Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: **Katla UNESCO Global Geopark, Iceland, EGN.**

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation - **2011/2015**



Picture from the dissemination of locally based international planning project to governmental agencies and ministries.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 6 staff including 2 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: estimated 75-80% of all 1,750,000 foreign visitors to Iceland.

Number of Geopark events, held by management body and cooperative organization:
Geopark Week, Katla Geopark and Cooperating body's, introductions on Katla UNESCO Global Geopark, contracts, planning, cooperation, schools for: clusters, local enterprises, local primary schools, municipalities, University of Iceland, Iclenadic tourism board, ministry of Education and other Go's for planning. Local Intangible heritage work – in Icelandic UNESCO cooperation.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 7: three for primary school teachers, two for University students, and two for local enterprises

during geo-week.

Number of Geopark press release: 4: 2 newsletters, 1 on UGG, 1 for Geopark week.

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2016 - Immense force for revalidation fulfilling recommendations, important grants harbored, contracts with municipalities for cooperation on geosites, contracts made for partners and craftsmen, GeoSchool project launched with Primary schools, Planning work in Skaftárhreppur municipality with major publicity, conference for architects society and tourism sector as well as a well-attended meeting with GO's. DMP work initiated,

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation: All EGN Meetings and conferences attended, two presentations at UGG conference England, Article submitted to Volcanic Geoparks book, two new international projects launched to close in 2018, one project closed, and one ongoing project to close in 2018.

Management and Financial status: Stable. In addition finance was promised in written statement from Prime minister for 2017-2021, important recognition of Geopark validity and cooperation with GO and NGO's through cooperation in marketing, DMP work, planning of geosites and nature conservation and public safety.

Geoconservation: ongoing work on instigating local nature conservation status of Eldhraun and Landbortshólar.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism): contracts made for partners with great emphasis on sustainable tourism. Signs made for nature awareness.

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction: Work in process for disaster risk reduction

Strategic Partnership: Contract with Municipalities for planning work on geosites, written contracts with cooperatives (3), and written contracts made and offered to artisans and local enterprises, already concluded with some local enterprises as partners.

Promotional activities: participating in promotional tourist fair, marketing analysis was made and initiation of marketing plan. Important work on zoning of Marketing body of South Iceland recognizing Katla Geopark as one of three distinct marketing areas.

Reinforcement of UGG status with work on signage – to be continued.

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