

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016



## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:	<b>Novohrad-Nógrád UNESCO Global Geopark (2010, EGN)</b>
Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:	<b>2010 / 2014</b>
Representative Photo	<b>Medves Photo Marathon 2016</b>



## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: **7 (including 1 permanent and 3 part-time geoscientists)**

Number of Visitors on the main geosites: approx. **196.000**

Number of Geopark events: **66**

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: **67**

Number of Geopark press release: **89**

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016

- **3rd Medves Photo Marathon – a 48-hour marathon program for more than 400 photographers and fans of Novohrad-Nógrád Geopark (many activities on many places, exhibitions, workshops, guided trips to geo-sites, illuminated**

medieval castles, historic groups posing the photographers, shooting of sunsets, sunrises, night sky, bird watch etc). Including a photo-competition with more than 400 pictures made by 86 photographers (3200 visitors)

- “Volcano Day” in Nature Reserve Ipolytarnóc Fossils – various lectures for kids and volcano model presentations (1230 visitors)

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- **Study trip for 40 mayors to the Bakony-Balaton UGG (HU) and Papuk UGG (Croatia)**

Management and Financial status

- **Changes in Geopark management (personal changes, modification of the working programme, action plan, ...)**
- **Preparation of the Geopark enlargement: communication with representatives, preparation of the basic documents, passport of selected geological sites, photo documentation, geological map etc.**

Geoconservation

- **Consultations of 3 diploma works of students from Slovakia and Hungary**

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- **12 guided tours to the Geopark sites for general public incl. 2 night tours**
- **3 guided tours for kids, students and experts from outside the Geopark**

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

- **Youth Photo Marathon; Competition on the Bird Day and Tree Day; The European Geoparks Week in Novohrad-Nógrád Geopark; “Explore the Novohrad-Nógrád Geopark” – quiz, fun, competition for kids; “We are playing in geopark” – teenagers prepare games for the kindergarten kids; “Souvenir for Geopark” – art-competition for local primary and secondary schools; “Family day” – 1 day programme for families; 3 photo exhibitions, 10 lectures on Geopark topic in Visitors Centre Eresztvény, Geopark Summer Camp 2016 for kids aged 7-15.**

Strategic Partnership

- **Annual meetings of the Slovak National Geopark Commission and Hungarian National Geopark Commission both held in Novohrad-Nógrád UGG**
- **Preparation of common project proposal within the INTERREG V-A Programme - together with the State Nature Conservancy of the Slovak Republic and the Bükk National Park Directorate**

Promotional activities

- **Participation at the Trade fairs ITF Slovakia-Tour 2016 in Bratislava (SK) and Utazás 2016 Budapest – Hungarian tourist trade fair**

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