

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:

TUSCAN MINING GEOPARK, ITALY, EUROPEAN GEOPARKS NETWORK

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation

2010/2014

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



Festival "The Place of Time". Walks, guided tours, storytelling, music, theater, book presentations in the sites and geosites of the Tuscan Mining Geopark (Ravi Marchi Mine)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 6

Number of Visitors: 85.000

Number of Geopark events: 35

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 156

Number of Geopark press release 53

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016

Project "Gateways of the Park" - Regular, guided museum tours were organized at all the seven Park Gateways: Follonica, Scarlino, Gavorrano, Massa Marittima, Monterotondo marittimo, Montieri, Roccastrada.

- 24th of February - First meeting of the Committee of the Italian Network of Mining Parks and Mining Museums at the headquarters of the Ministry of Economic Development;

- 2nd – 4th of June. EGN Week. Festival "The Place of Time". Walks, guided tours, storytelling, music, theater, book presentations in the sites and geosites of the Tuscan Mining Geopark with tasting of typical products of the park. About 900 participants.

- 14th of June Torino. Presentation to Congress of the GIT (Geological Information Technology - Group of the Italian Geological Society) of the candidacy of the Tuscan Mining Geopark to host the Congress of 2017

- 5th of July e 15th of September Focus Groups of FREE WAT. The European Commission has funded the project EU HORIZON 2020 FREEWAT (FREE and open source tools for water resource management - <http://www.freewat.eu>)

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

Management and Financial status

The Park has an independent budget. The Park financial sources are mainly from Ministry of Environment. Annual Budget is approved by the Management Committee. The Gateways to the Park are managed by municipalities and they are funded 70% by the Park and to 30% by the municipalities themselves.

Geoconservation

- 22nd of March. Florence. Presentation of the book "Geotopi di importanza regionale" (Geosites of regional importance) by Armando Costantini (consultant geologist of the Tuscan Mining Geopark) at the presence of President of the Regional Council of Tuscany;

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- 27th of May Gavorrano. FORUM of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism. About 50 participants. Working on new scenarios in governance tourism in Tuscany with effects and prospects in Maremma; on the state of the Action Plan and the new funding opportunities for the participants to the ECST.

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

- 21st – 25th of April XXVI National Course for teachers entitled "Landscapes of the Maremma, nature, history, archeology, land reclamation, mining, geothermal energy." Organized by the Central Scientific Committee of CAI (Italian Alpin Club) at Tuscan Mining Geopark with funding from (MIUR) the Ministry of Education, University and Research. About 40 teachers.

- 6th of May Gavorrano. Organization of the Conference " Mine water". An opportunity of development and promote the area". Geologists, engineers and experts of sustainable development participated

- 29th of May Siena. Participation at VII Festival of Science Museums. Workshops. The Tuscan Mining Geopark organized a workshop on the properties of the minerals of the park. About 300 children.

5th of July to 31st of December Focus Groups of FREE WAT. The European Commission has funded the project EU HORIZON 2020 FREEWAT (FREE and open source tools for water resource management - <http://www.freewat.eu>) with financing agreement No. 642 224, whose partnership is coordinated by the Sant'Anna School (in the person of Dr. Rudy Rossetto) The International Project Partners (including the Region of Tuscany) are visible in this web page: www.freewat.eu/partners. The project provides for the application of FREEWAT platform to 14 case studies divided in 9 cases which primarily seek to address issues linked to the Water Framework Directive and five case studies related to water management in rural areas (in view of the fact that agriculture it is the largest user of water in Europe). In the Italian case study is the reservoir of Follonica in Tuscan Mining geoparks and its groundwater body.

Strategic Partnership

- Work in progress to draw up a memorandum of understanding between Region Tuscany and Geopark for the management and promotion of protected areas of the park;

Promotional activities

- 6th of May Maremma Regional Park. Participation in the Buy Tuscany on the Road organized by the Tuscany Region. Tourism fair where the Tuscan Mining Geopark has partnered with some of the participants at the European Charter of Sustainable Tourism to propose park tour packages (cultural visits, outdoor experience, farms).

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