

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Bohemian Paradise UNESCO Global Geopark (Czech Republic, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2005/2016

Representative Photo – Day of the Geopark, 31. 7. 2016



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 37

Number of Visitors: estimated over 1 million in 2016 (over 250000 visitors of iconic geo-site castle Trosky, over 650000 visitors of Information centers)

Number of Geopark events: 12 (held by management)/27 (held by partners)

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 21

Number of Geopark press release: 11

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2016

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

A. Participation in preparation of project “Valorisation of geo-heritage for sustainable and innovative tourism development of Danube Geoparks” (Partners: 8 European geoparks of “Danube” region, 2 universities, 2 other European geoparks, GGN. The main project result will be joint Danube GeoTour designed to strengthen cooperation between the regions’

Geoparks and act as an innovative tourism product to accelerate visibility and tourist visits in the geoparks. Common strategy for sustainable management of tourism pressures will form the basis for creating innovative geoproducts. Sharing experiences, testing pilot geotourism products and new interpretative approaches should increase local inhabitants' engagement, Geopark management capacities and lower the quality gap between Danube and other EU Geoparks. Application approved 13. 12. 2016, project starts 1. 1. 2017)

B. EGN magazine contribution

C. Attending in meetings/conferences of GGN/EGN in Spain and GB

D. Cooperation with Apuan Alps UNESCO Global geopark on educational exhibition Rains & Ruins

Management and Financial status

Management – Board of Directors (12 members, representatives of local municipalities, business and experts), Revision Board (3 members), Academic council

Financial status – multi-source financing, financial stability of Bohemian Paradise Geopark is gradually improving.

Geoconservation

Annual “Cleaning of Bohemian Paradise”

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

Excursions for visitors from whole world, new geo-tourist infrastructure (information panels on slope of Kozákov mountain), new geo-tourist map

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

New programme focused on Geo-hazards (landslides) combined with field trip through geologically the most active part of our geopark – Příhrazské skály.

Strategic Partnership

New strategic partners – town of Jičín, local destination management agency, local conservation agency, elementary school, auto-camp Sedmihorky

Promotional activities

EGN week, Day of Geopark, lectures

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