

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: UNESCO Global Geopark Vulkaneifel (EGN)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2000 (EGN), 2004 (GGN) / 2015



Official delivery of UNESCO Global Geopark document by Michael Reiffenstuel, chairman of German National Committee of UNESCO Global Geoparks (Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and vice-president of German National UNESCO Commission Hartwig Lüdtké accompanied by Prime minister of Rhenania-Palatinate Malu Dreyer

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 5 staffs including 2 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: 495.000 overnight guests

Number of Geopark events: 800

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 15

Number of Geopark press release 80

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2016

- Official delivery of UNESCO Global Geopark document
- Continuation of implementation of environmental education concept: activities in schools and kindergartens, Junior-Ranger camp
- Lecture series "Vulkaneifel Akademie" with various designated speakers from natural and earth sciences
- Ornithological and botanical monitoring at Trautzberg Maar, a maar that was recovered by the geopark in 2014
- Ethymological monitoring in the Bunter-Sandstone region of geopark brings first proof of a new wasp species in Vulkaneifel
- New staff member: officer for barrier-free- tourism

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Participation in the EGN meetings in Basque Coast, Spain and English Riviera

Geopark

- Participation in 7th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks in English Riviera Geopark, member of scientific committee and chair of session
- Contribution to EGN Magazine, issue 13, 2016 and EGN Newsletters
- Contribution and support of Global Geopark booth at ITB 2016
- Continuation of lobbying for UNESCO Geoparks on national level
- Evaluation mission to Trollfjell aspiring geopark, Norway
- Participation in Geopark workshop in Sitia Geopark, Crete (Greece)
- Member of thematic group "Volcanic Geoparks"

Management and Financial status

- ongoing secure financial support by shareholders by contract

Geoconservation

- Maintenance of various geotopes and biotopes by landscape management

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Successful application resulting in awarding Vulkaneifel as "Model region – Tourism for All (barrier free tourism)" by federal state of Rhenania-Palatinate combined with a donation of 1.3 mill €

Strategic Partnership

- Key player in developing the Local Action Group in the frame of the EU LEADER-Program
- Project development in the frame of EU Interreg programs with partners from Belgium, France, Luxemburg and Germany

Promotional activities

- international tourism fairs: Vakanz 2016 (Luxemburg), ITB 2016,
- Tourism-day Kröv, "Explore the Eifel, Air base Spangdahlem, city festivals in Daun and Schalkenmehren
- "Quarry live" at Wartgesberg volcano Strohn

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