

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark, Croatia, EGN

Year of inscription 2007 / Year of the last revalidation 2017



*7th International Workshop - Neogene of Central and South-Eastern Europe
took place in Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark*

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 19 staffs (15 permanent, 4 on contract) including 3 geoscientists (2 permanent, 1 on contract)

Number of Visitors: estimated number of visitors is around 35 000

Number of Geopark events: 31

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 74

Number of Geopark press release: 23

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2017

- In cooperation with the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Energetic and Croatian National Committee of UNESCO we established The Croatian National Geopark Committee
- Together with City Museum of Požega we have established temporarily exhibition "Fossils of the Pannonian Sea".
- three new employees on project

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Participation in the EGN meetings in Burren and Cliffs of Moher UGG and Azores UGG (EGN meeting + conference)
- GGN revalidation missions carried out by Goran Radonić and Goran Pavić
- Two meetings with partners in common Geoparks project – Danube GeoTour
- Participation in the National Geopark Committee meeting

Management and Financial status

- Because of two projects which started to implement we hired four persons, three on project “Geo-story of UNESCO Geopark” and one on project “Danube GeoTour”
- Funding is secured by the Croatian Government + funding through projects

Geoconservation

- Regularly maintenance of some geosites was carried out by geopark rangers.
- Renovation of „Count's trail“ with building new protective structures

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Organizing two workshops for local providers of outdoor activities and local clubs, associations (mountaineers, cyclists, hikers, rescue services) who are interested in common approaches and common strategies with regard to Papuk outdoor activities
- Regular programmes and guided tours have been realized during the year

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

- We prepared new educational programme for children who will take part in the three day School-In-Nature camp

Strategic Partnership

- Partnership with aspiring geopark Vis Archipelago. Exchange of good practice in the geoparks and tourism sector
- We strengthen our partnership with two local higher educational institutions - Polytechnic of Požega and Polytechnic of Virovitica

Promotional activities

- Promotion in television show „Good Morning Croatia“, Channel 1 Croatian Television
- Spreading geopark information using social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Youtube)
- Good local media coverage throughout whole year

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