

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name: **TROODOS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK**

Country: Cyprus

Regional Network:

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2015/2016

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: (4) 1 geoscientist, 1 geologist – officer of Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre, 1 communication officer, the Director of Troodos Development Company

Number of Visitors at Troodos Geopark Visitor Center for 2017:

- 38 groups
- 12 groups from Universities
- 12 schools
- Total number of visitors: 3516

Number of Geopark events:

1. Walking the 'Almirolivado' geo-trail in February 2017 where almost 150 people participated in collaboration with 'Cyprus from air' (NGO).
2. Presentation "Troodos Geopark: the core theme of building tourism sustainable development" at the Cyprus University of Technology, March 2017.
3. Photo contest of Troodos Geopark, 117 participants, May 2017 (*EGN week*).
4. Preparation of a digital photo album for promoting Troodos Geopark (in process).
5. Rose harvesting within the framework of Rose festival in Agros village, May 2017 (*EGN week*).
6. 2nd Troodos Geopark Bike Ride "Cycling at the Center of the Earth" in collaboration with Nicosia Cycling Club and 4 communities of the area, June 2017 (*EGN week*).
7. Presentation: "The importance of proper tourism visibility of Troodos Geopark" in collaboration with Troodos Tourism Board, at Troodos Geopark Visitor Centre, July 2017.
8. Night Hiking event at the geotrail "Teisia tis Madaris" in collaboration with the team "Cyprus from air", 210 participants, August 2017.

9. Troodos Geopark Bike Ride “At the top of Cyprus”, September 2017.
10. Preliminary activities for “The School of Forest” (project of Troodos Development Company) to promote digitalization of the Geopark’s services and interaction, March-September 2017
11. Buff® Troodos Mountain Ultra 2017 ‘Run up to the centre of the earth’, in collaboration with One Step Further (Troodos Geopark was the institutional partner), October 2017

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes

Number of Geopark press release:

1. Publishing articles in Troodos Newspaper “Trooding: mountain spirit”, Issue 5, April 2017.
2. Publishing articles in Troodos Newspaper “Trooding: mountain spirit”, Issue 6, September - October 2017.
3. Publishing articles in Troodos Newspaper “Trooding: mountain spirit”, Issue 7, January 2018.
4. Interview of the Director of Troodos Development Company about Troodos Geopark on the cypriot magazine ‘Green Energy, Issue 7’ (November-December 2017)

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

- Major achievements in 2016
- Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation:
 1. Participation in the 4th European Geoparks Conference, in 7th – 9th, September 2017, under the theme “GEOPARKS: PATHWAYS OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM FOR DEVELOPMENT” in Azores UNESCO Global Geopark, September 2017.
 2. Participation in the 39th European Geopark Meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Moher in Ireland, March 2017.
- Management and Financial status
- Geoconservation
- Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)
- New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction
- Strategic Partnership:
 1. Improved of ‘GEO-IN’ Inderreg Europe project - preliminary activities on “Biking Geoparks” in collaboration with Lesvos, Sitia and Psiloritis Geoparks in Greece, March 2017.
 2. Partners first meeting within the framework of GEO-IN project on Crete (Psiloritis Geopark), January 2018
- Promotional activities:
 1. Presentation of Global UNESCO Troodos Geopark and Troodos Geopark Bike Ride to a TV morning show, June 2017 (*EGN week*).
 2. Numerous interviews on the Geopark in the national and regional media – also in TV shows of high ratings, March–September 2017.
 3. Publishing the 2018 Troodos Geopark Agenda (for sale)

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