

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

## 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**



*The test team of the DestiMED Project and the staff of Geopark during the Fall Test of the tourist package at the entrance of the Mining Museum in the Gallery of the Gateway of the Park of Gavorrano*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 7 staffs including 2 geoscientists (+ 3 geoscientists of University of Siena, + 7 responsables of the Gateways to the Park managed by municipalities of the Geopark)

Number of Visitors: 86092

Number of Geopark events: 42

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 174

Number of Geopark press release: 58

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2017

- January/December 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.

- 20<sup>th</sup> of May Piombino (LI) Participation with a speech at the "**Etruschi 4.0**" (Etruscans 4.0). The conference deepened the theme of slow tourism, TMG is working on this theme by trying to involve public and private partnerships in order to enter in the project of the Historical Routes of Tuscany.

<http://fenici.net/etruschi-4-0-opportunita-di-sviluppo-per-il-turismo-culturale-piombino-20-maggio/2747/>

- May - December Roma Environmental Ministry. Participation in the National Working Group of National Park about Performance Indicators. TMG has been selected to represent Mining Parks in the working.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

<http://www.iluoghideltempo.it/>

- 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> of June Gateway to the Park of Gavorrano, Organization in collaboration with Italian Geological Society of the Geoscience Information Technologies Conference (GIT - about 120 geologists from all over Italy). TMG has set up a € 1,000 to reward the best research on georesources presented by young researchers (under 32)

<http://www.gitonline.eu/GITTMP/GIT2017/GIT2017.html>

- 6<sup>th</sup> of October – Gateway to the Park of Gavorrano Subscription of the collaboration agreement between TMG and "Drago", (Organized rural agricultural district), the supply chain network that already counts 60 producers and transformers for the production of ancient grains. The supply chain, tries to implement a PIF (integrated supply chain project) in order to obtain resources for the development of sustainable agriculture.

### **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation**

2<sup>nd</sup> of March. Rome, Participation in the Assembly of Italian Geoparks;

22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> of March Partecipation at 39<sup>th</sup> EGN CC Meeting in Burren and Cliff of Moher Unesco Global Geopark

5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> of September Partecipation at 40<sup>th</sup> EGN CC Meting and 14<sup>th</sup> EGN Conference in Azores Unesco Global Geopark

### **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**

- April – May – June - Gateway to the Park of Gavorrano, Project FREEWAT (Horizon 2020). Project for the development of an open -source software for the management of underground aquifers. One of the case studies is the underground aquifer of Follonica in the territory of TMG. TMG organized the 7 Focus Groups on the territory, planned by the project, involving stakeholders (Public Administrations, Industries, Farmers, Tour Operators, Free Professionals, Associations, Private Citizens). About 30/40 people each FG. <http://www.freewat.eu/>.

### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of September, Gateway to the Park of Gavorrano Meeting of the Forum of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in the Protected Areas of TMG on - September – October – Novembre DestimedMED project. The Geopark was selected as the Pilot Area for the DestiMED Project, which provides for the creation of sustainable tourism packages. <https://destimed.interreg-med.eu/>.

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

- 27<sup>th</sup> of May Siena Partecipation at VII Festival of Science Museums. Geopark organized a workshop on the properties of minerals of TMG. About 300 children.

22<sup>th</sup> of November Gateway to the Park of Follonica - Organization of the Conference "Geopark - School - Territory" on the school-work alternation in collaboration with the local high schools.

### **Strategic Partnership**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> of July Study Visit by a Moldova delegation under the UNDP SARD project to identify good practices to implement the sustainable development of Gagauzia and Taraclia in Moldova. TMG is one of the examples considered.

[http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/en/home/operations/projects/inclusive\\_growth/support-to-agriculture-and-rural-development-through-promotion-o.html](http://www.md.undp.org/content/moldova/en/home/operations/projects/inclusive_growth/support-to-agriculture-and-rural-development-through-promotion-o.html):

- October - Subscription of an agreement with the Tuscany Region for the joint management and promotion of the Cornate Fosini Regional Nature Reserve within the

Geopark territory.

- December - Subscription of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Promotion and Support of the Cultural Route "The Phoenicians Route"- Ancient Civilization on the Mediterranean. <https://fenici.net/en/>

**Promotional activities**

22<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> of September Siena Participation in the World Tourism Event - World Tourism Exhibition Cities and UNESCO World Heritage Sites on theTuscany Region stand.

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