

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Bohemian Paradise UNESCO Global Geopark (Czech Republic, EGN)

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



*Field trip at the occasion of 4<sup>th</sup> on National geoparks conference*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 52 staffs including 14 geoscientists

Number of Visitors: 1.000.000 (qualified estimation)

Number of Geopark events: 14 held by geopark management/ 28 by geopark partners

Number school classes: Geopark realized educational programmes 22

Number of Geopark press release: 13

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2017

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

A. Participation in 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)

B. Established new strategic partnership with Zhangjiajie UNESCO Global Geopark

C. Participation in International Workshop on Cave Protection and Disaster Prevention in 2017, Zhangjiajie, China

C. EGN newsletter contribution

D. Two official representatives of the Bohemian Paradise Geopark participated in the meeting of the EGN CC held in the Burren & Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark in March.

E. Two official representatives of the Bohemian Paradise Geopark participated in the meeting of the EGN CC and Conference (Azores UNESCO Global Geopark) in September.

F. “Rains and Ruins” – participation in exhibition, Apuan Alps UNESCO Global Geopark

G. The student from the El Hierro UNESCO Global Geopark realized his 3 month internship in the Bohemian Paradise UNESCO Global Geopark.

#### Management and Financial status

Management – Board of Directors (12 members, representatives of local municipalities, business and experts), Revision Board (3 members), Board of Scientists (28 members)

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 (Quiet castle Rotštejn – new info panels supplemented by information in sign language for hearing impaired), reprint of geo-tourist map

One student of University of Hradec Králové has finished her final thesis on the geotourism and interpretation in Bohemian Paradise Geopark.

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

New suburban geotrails focused on sandstone phenomenon, hydrologic cycle, geohazards (rock falling, floods)

One student of University of Hradec Králové started her final thesis on the topic of geohazards interpretation there which will be used in future design of both virtual and terrain geotrails on this topic.

## Strategic Partnership

Castle Kumburk Rescue Association – local community focused on conservation and promotion of one of geopark's important geolocalities

Some of strategic partners have participated in the 4th on National geoparks conference organized in Nová Paka (the East Gate of the geopark) and they as well as their products were promoted there.

## Promotional activities

EGN week, Day of the Geopark, Week of National geoparks of Czech Republic, summer camp focused on local geology, exhibitions, lectures, field trips, new promo leaflets To two international tourism fairs: HolidayWorld at Prague (February) and Go & RegionTour at Brno (January). The geoparks were presented at the strategic stand of national tourism agency CzechTourism, the project on promotion the geoparks in the Czech Republic was launched (it involves common publications, website, exhibitions etc.).

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