

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Las Loras UNESCO Global Geopark (Spain, European Geopark Network)

Year of inscription 2017 (5th May)

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year): attached

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

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

Number of Visitors: difficult to estimate, Cave of French: 19.127, Oli Museum: 4.068

Number of Geopark events: Geo-day, EGN Week: talks (8) and geo-tours (4); Volunteering program in cooperation with Caja de Burgos foundation, Participation and diffusion of the First Festival of Short Films in Villadiego (coop. with the council), helping and collaborating with the producers in the Preview of the film "With the wind" shot, Organization and participation in the International Day of Geocaching. Elaboration of the earth caches and guided the fieldtrip.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: collaborating in the Erasmus plus program of interchanges of students and teachers of Geoparks (Las Loras, Haute-Provence, Lesvos and Arouca Geoparks), at least 2 assistances every month (not in July and August)

Number of Geopark press release: 21 in news papers, 230 publications in Facebook

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES (bulletize)

Major achievements in 2017

- Declaration as Global UNESCO Geopark, Develop the European Geopark week and Geo-Day
- Prize of the year, delivered by a local cultural association of great regional projection
- Signature of agreements with administrations, operation of participatory work tables, collaborative work with other entities and regional and provincial government

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- 1 EGN newsletter, 1 article for EGN magazine, 1GGN newsletter, GGN stand in FITUR, help and assistance of new candidacies.
- Working together with Magma Geopark and other 7 ones to apply for a European Cooperation project entitled ADMIRA

Management and Financial status

- Meeting of the Executive Committee for the approval of the operating regulation and for review 2017 action plan and approval the 2018 one, also the meetings of 3 working groups
- Two collaboration agreement with the two-provincial government (20.000€), Gran from the regional government (25.000€), European Cooperation project from the 3 Local Development group of the territory (30.179€), Collaboration agreement with a foundation for the volunteering program (2.500€), Collaboration agreement with a foundation (23.529€).

Geoconservation:

- Volunteering program: Scientific study in Las Loras Geopark: Inventory and characterization of vulnerable areas: peatlands and calcareous tuffs of Las Loras Geopark. Proposals for monitoring and custody
- Study of the different conservation possibilities of an outcrop of Cycadaceae so far submerged in a swamp

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism),

- Elaboration and presentation of the new Geotourism product, guides geo-routes, on foot, car, bus and BTT. Working with local travel agencies

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

Strategic Partnership

- Collaboration agreements with foundations for developing environmental and participation projects and projects of protection of the cultural heritage

Promotional activities

- Participation with 2 presentations in the National Indoor Tourism Fair
- Participation FITUR in the stand of the GGN

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