

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Geopark Ore of the Alps, Austria, EGN

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2014 / -



Opening of three different special exhibitions in the Geopark's visitor centre

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 6 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: 40.000 (Liechtenstein gorge, geosite 121 was closed)

Number of Geopark events: 13 by management body and 4 by cooperative organization

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 22

Number of Geopark press release: 15

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2017

Opening of the special exhibition "Rudolf Lettner - 100 years ski steel edge" in the Geopark Visitor Centre Bischofshofen, in coop. with the Salzburg Ski Museum, May.

Delegation's visit, Slovenian Geoparks and Nature Parks, October

Contribution towards GGN - networking and participation

Participation of Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist) and Josef Gantschnigg (Financial Director of the Geopark) at the 38th European Geoparks Meeting at the Burren Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland, March

Participation of Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist) and Eva Wimmer (Expert for

agrotourism) at the 39th European Geoparks Meeting at Azores, Portugal, September
Preparing the article written by Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist): “Music was my first love...” for the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 15.

GGN news feed 2017/2: Hochkönig Miner’s run in the Geopark Ore of the Alps / Austria.

Management and financial status

The management structure of the Geopark is the same as reported in the evaluation document 2014. The financial status of the association “Ore of the Alps” was examined and approved by the INTERREG funding agency, as well as through the treasurer audit.

Geoconservation

Finalisation of the Diploma thesis “Development trends of alpine agriculture in the Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark (University Salzburg, Dep. of Geography, April

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

Opening of the Bischofshofen-Geopark Farmers’-Market, which was initiated by Herwig Pichler (Geopark Manager), April

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction: The project “Sustainable tourism and educational programmes” together with the University of Salzburg, was finalized.

Strategic partnership

Finalisation of the concept and cost schedule of the travelling exhibition “Copper, so close to heavens” - EU transnational LEADER project together with our national Geopark partners in Germany, Porphyreland Saxony and Inselsberg in Thuringia.

Promotional activities

Publishing of the book “UNESCO Geoparks in Österreich”, April

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