

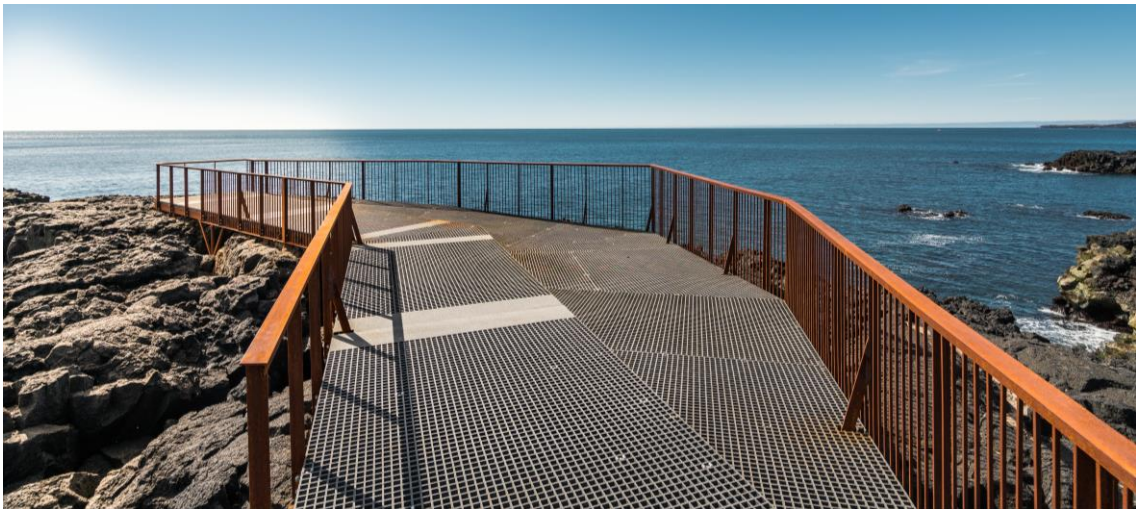
GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark (Iceland, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2015

Representative Photo: Opening of a new viewing platform at the geosite Brimketill



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 4 staff members including 0,5 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: It's estimated that 300.000 guests visited Garðskagi Lighthouse last year, 175.000 guests visited Bridge between Continents and 130.000 guests visited Reykjanes Lighthouse. Around 60.000 guests visited the Geopark Visitor Center in Reykjanesbær.

Number of Geopark events: Winter Conference, Museum Weekend, EGN Week and a Meeting about Destination Management Plan for Reykjanes Peninsula.

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 4

Number of Geopark press release: 25

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2017

- Working with Iceland Tourism Task Force to prioritizing of infrastructure building at Reykjanes Peninsula, e.g. at geosites.
- Working with Visit Reykjanes on a destination management plan (DMP).

- Opening of a new viewing platform at the geosite Brimketill.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Articles in EGN – Common Activities Newsletter No 9 and 10 – 2017.
- Participation in the 39th and 40th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee meeting in The Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark and Azores UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Participation in the 14th European Geoparks Conference in Azores UNESCO Global Geopark.
- Article in the EGN Magazine - Issue 14 about education in Reykjanes Geopark.

Management and Financial status

- Improvement of the partner network and increase of Geopark budget.

Geoconservation

- Local plan/development plan accepted for Gunnuhver, a geothermal area at the Southwestern tip of the Reykjanes Peninsula.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Reykjanes Peninsula was awarded one of the Top 100 Global Sustainable Destinations.
- Making contracts with local operators on using the Reykjanes Geopark logo.

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

- New field guides for three different geosites.

Strategic Partnership

- Participation in meetings in the Drifting Apart project.
- Visits from other geoparks, e.g. Ralsko Geopark (Czech Republic) and Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark.

Promotional activities

- Printing and distribution of Reykjanes Geopark flags, information brochure and maps.
- Participation in 5 international tourism fairs and workshops in cooperation with Visit Reykjanes

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