

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Rocca di Cerere UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy,

Year of inscription 2008/ Year of the last revalidation 2016

Representative Photo



## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

### Number of Geopark staffs:

6 internal staffs including 1 geoscientist. The company relies on the collaboration of the partners' staff through the "Steering Committee" and the Geopark staff.

**Number of Visitors:** If total number of the visitors to the geopark is difficult to estimate, show the number of the visitors to the major geosite(s), museum or visitor center.

### Number of Geopark events:

- 5 Geotrekking with guided visits and interpretation training.
- 20 Geointerpretation training in public schools;
- 1 Wetlands day in Pergusa Lake Natural Reserve;

**Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:**

- 23 classes from 15 different schools.

**Number of Geopark press release:**

**3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES**

**Major achievements in 2017**

- Geotours of our Geopark Partners (ITALIA NOSTRA ONLUS), May 2017 IX Giornata Nazionale delle Miniere (National Mining day) promoted to spread the value and cultural significance of geological tourism;
- Activity of our Geopark Partners (CNA, Small and medium enterprise organization) in September 2017 during the European Week of Sport that promotes sport and physical activity across Europe. The Week is for everyone, regardless of age, background or fitness level. The Rocca di Cerere European Week of Sport implement practices of strategies for health-enhancing physical activities;

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

- Participation in 39th Coordination Committee Meeting – Burren and Cliffs of Moher UNESCO Global Geopark 23-24 March, 2017.
- Participation at 40th European Geoparks Meeting; 14th European Geoparks Conference 2017: Azores Geopark, Portugal
- Organization of the EGN Week: geotours, oral presentations, March–September 2017

**Management and Financial status:**

**Geoconservation:**

- The geoconservation is fully fulfilled through the legal protection, regulations and education, and continuous monitoring.
- The main geosites of the Geopark have been included in the list of Sites of geological importance "of the Sicilian region and procedures are in progress to declare them" protected Geosites "by special law.

**Sustainable tourism (Geotourism):**

- Organization of courses and internships for the formation of Environmental

Excursion Guides with AIGAE, the Italian association of Naturalist Guides. Four different courses have realized their practical training on the landscape at the sites of the sources of the Dittaino river in Leonforte and at the Floristella Mining Park.

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

- Realization of a school-work alternation program according to ministerial directives for students of secondary schools. The students were able to participate in the bureaucratic procedures of the company Rocca di Cerere Geopark, involved both in the bureaucratic activities and in the formulation of operational choices.
- Participation in the "Carovana degli Appennini Siciliani" campaign by Legambiente, dedicated to the promotion of good practices for the conservation of the geological, natural and anthropic heritage of the Sicilian mountains.

Promotional activities:

**Strategic Partnership:**

- Subscription of a protocol of agreement with Legambiente, the largest Italian environmental association, representing in Italy for the IUCN. The protocol provides for the organization of programs and activities in the fields of environmental education of environmental interpretation, research and sustainable tourism.

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