

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

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

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 05/2017

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

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

Number of visitors: Cave of French 19.474, Oil Museum 4.434, Orbaneja Cave 26.000, Visitor Center of Sedano (993) Tourism Office in Orbaneja (12.683).

Number of Geopark events: Management body: EGN week (1 Art and territory seminar, 6 field trips, 4 workshops, 1 conference, Celebration of the manual ringing of bells event). Geoloday. Hiding other 25 caches, geopassport and prizes ceremonies. Fieldtrips with external educational centers and other groups (26). Assistance to researchers on the territory Master and thesis students (Documentation, correction of works, advice and 10 field trips). Meeting with the working groups. Cooperative organization: Field trips and talks in collaboration with other entities (6). Support and dissemination of cultural and sporting initiatives and projects, bike races, photography contest, traditional festivities.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 5 classes in the Local Interchange Programme-included in "I am a Geoparker" Programme, 2 outdoor classes during the Sport and natural and cultural heritage programme, 10 outdoor classes during There is plenty of life in your town" and "Do you really know your town -Environmental Classroom

Number of Geopark press release: 156 in paper and online platforms and 405 in Facebook

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Local Interchange student Programme and its presentation by the students and teachers in Sevilla Meeting. Finished the exhibition of the second floor of the Geopark Visitor Center in Villadiego. Work with the Spanish Geological Survey about the Geosites, Hosted the V Open days of Spanish Geoparks. Beginning of the Agro-ecological programme. Road and resources signals.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Organizing and hosted the V Open Days of the Spanish Geoparks and meeting of the National Forum. One article for the EGN newsletter, two for the GGN newsletter, one for the EGN magazine. Member of working group on Tourism and on Education (Member of the program I am a Geoparker, for students). EGN Week and meetings attendance. Oral Presentation in 44th EGN Meeting

Management and Financial Status

- Meeting of the Executive Committee for review 2019 action plan and approval the 2020 one, also the meetings of 3 working groups. Two collaboration agreement with the two-provincial government (27.850€). European Cooperation project from the 3 Local Development group of the territory (60.3400€), Collaboration agreement with other foundations (64.530€). Other investments of local and regional administrations: 2nd part Visitors Center 36.000, Road Signals:4.380€, Caja de Burgos educational program 10.000€, for archaeological sites 17.000€, Sargentos Village- Petroleum museum and routes-44.000€, and some others).

Geoconservation

- In collaboration with the Spanish Geological Survey a systematic methodology for the inventory of the Geosites has been designed specifically to the scale of this Geopark. In this way, the inventory can be used for direct application in the management of this heritage, as an effective tool to guarantee geoconservation.
- One assessment report on the impact of tree plantations (CO2 Capture Programme) on the geological heritage. Local population volunteer and custody programme. Four new Geosites are under study to be included the inventory.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Developing the Geotourism product, guides geo-routes, on foot, car, bus and BTT. Working with local travel agencies, signposting routes, Geosites and roads.

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

- Joined the Geological Survey of Spain programme "Sponsor a rock". In 2019, on the occasion of Madrid Climate summit, we and the secondary school students sponsored a site of significance, an active tuff building which may be affected by climate change.
(<https://youtu.be/Qo5fAL7rD2Q?list=PLHnc3EVKLxJrbHeRs5CH5q-B4aVFAY60v>)

Strategic partnership

- Collaboration agreements with foundations and associations, local and regional, for developing environmental and participation projects and also projects for the protection of the cultural heritage

Promotional activities

- Presentation in FITUR- Discovering Spanish Geoparks Magazine (design and edition). Presence in the National Indoor Tourism Fair. Participation FITUR in the stand of the GGN. Other national and regional fairs

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