

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

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

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2014 / 2018



Hochkönig glacier excursion, July 2019

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

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

Number of Visitors: 50.000 (Liechtenstein gorge, geosite 121 was closed again)

Number of Geopark events: 18 by management body, 6 by cooperative organization

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 28

Number of Geopark press release: 15 (inclusive Austrian Broadcast, ORF)

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

Organization of the “Climate Action Days” in the visitor center together with climate experts from the Central Institute of Meteorology and Geodynamics as well as with the KLAR Region (Climate Change Adaptation Region), especially for schools and families, with a lot of new installations in the visitor center. LEADER project; September

Contribution towards GGN - networking and participation

Participation of Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist) and Herwig Pichler (Geopark Manager) at the 43th European Geoparks Meeting at Swabian Alb UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany, March

Participation of Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist) at the 44th European

Geoparks Meeting at Sierra Norte UNESCO Global Geopark, Spain, September
Preparing the article written by Horst Ibetsberger (Geopark Geo-scientist): "Together for our Future" for the European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 17.

EGN Newsletter news feed 14/2019: Panel discussion: "Leisure and sports" in the Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark / Austria.

Management and financial status

The management structure of the Geopark is the same as reported in the revalidation document 2018. 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

GeoDays Bischofshofen: Nature risks & climate change; Lectures & discussions; March

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

Hosting partner of the International SUNRAISE - SURE Summer School; lectures and excursions to the topic: Sustainable natural resource use in Arctic and High Mountainous Areas" with participants from Russia, India, Buthan, Estonia, Germany and Austria.

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction: Periodical excursions together with KLAR (Climate Change Adaptation Region); the first excursion leads to the glacier at the plateau of Hochkönig.

Strategic partnership

First excursions through the Ore of the Alps UNESCO Global Geopark for the University of Vienna (Dep. of Geography) and GeoCompass (Geographical Society of Salzburg).

Promotional activities

Premiere of the film: "Land of Mountains: Hochkönigs Wanderreich"; August

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