

# GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2016

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: **Pollino UNESCO Global Geopark, Italy, EGN**

Year of inscription: 2015

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



*8th Italian Workshop of Unesco Global Geoparks*

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: **10 staffs including 1 geoscientist**

Number of Visitors: 30.000 (Pollino Ecomuseum, Geosites)

Number of Geopark events: **11**

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:50

Number of Geopark press release 57

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES **(bulletize)**

Major achievements in 2016

- May 2016: first meeting of the Scientific Commission of Pollino Global Geopark (Professors of Universities of Calabria, of Basilicata and of Florence), discussion of the recommendations issued by Unesco and arrangement of the related actions;
- June 2016: guided tours at the Romito Cave geosite by the University of Florence working team;
- 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016: organization of the 8th Italian Workshop of Unesco Global Geoparks "*Protection, enhancement and management of geo-diversity*" and guided

tours and field trips in the most important geosites of the geopark in collaboration with the Universities of Calabria, of Basilicata and of Florence.

- July 2016: start of the project “Operazione Trabucco”, study of a karst sinkhole, in partnership with several associations of speleologists and several Italian universities and research institutes;

#### Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- March 2016: Participation in the 37th European Geoparks Network Coordination Committee Meeting in Basque Coast, Spain.
- September 2016: Participation in the 7th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, English Riviera.
- Contribution to EGN Magazine Issue 14 „*CIVITA, a model of sustainable tourism from a little village of Pollino Unesco Global Geopark*“.

#### Management and Financial status

- The Geopark continues to be administrated by the Ente Parco Nazionale del Pollino (Pollino National Park Authority) with an overall budget of approximately € 5,000,000. To the year 2016 we were allocated € 22,000 to the Geopark Office for its specific activities.

#### Geoconservation

- September 2016: installation of information panels in the geosite “Valley of Argentino River” in collaboration with the municipality of Orsomarso;
- October 2016: approval of the rules for the regulation of climbing and mountaineering activities in the rock faces in the area of the Pollino Geopark;

#### Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- 5th to 7th August 2016: “Pollino Music Festival” in the municipality of San Severino Lucano, music concerts, guided tours, outdoor and sports activities, workshops for children and teens;
- 20th to 22th August 2016: “Radicazioni” in the municipality of Alessandria del Carretto, buskers, cultural meetings, theater, music, educational workshops;
- 25th-26th June 2016: “16th Pollino Marathon” in the municipality of Terranova di Pollino, MTB national race;
- 12th to 14th August 2016: “Bianco e Rossa Dop 2016” in the municipality of Rotonda, the feast of the White Bean PDO and the Red Aubergine PDO of Rotonda;
- August 2016: “La regata del Pollino” in the municipality of Laino Borgo, rafting

race between the towns of Lao Valley;

- 5th to 15th August 2016: participation in the 28th edition of “Festambiente”, in the village of Rispecchia in the natural park of Maremma – Tuscany. During the event the Pollino Geopark organized several workshops for children and performed the disclosure of its geological values and the park activities.

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

- January 2016: training course for official guides of the geopark on geosites, sustainable tourism and Unesco Global Geoparks;
- June 2016: training course for geologists on the protection of Lao Valley during the work of construction of the motorway A3 SA-RC;
- March – September 2016: contributions to schools and local partner to carry out various environmental education courses.

Strategic Partnership

- Guided tours and outdoors lessons by the University of Calabria and University of Basilicata on the geosites of Timpa delle Murge and Timpa di Pietrasasso, from May to September 2016;
- August 2016: ArtePollino Award, organized by Association ArtePollino, which aims to promote a new cultural and territorial development through creativity of the students of the Italian academies

Promotional activities

- Creating a Facebook page on the Pollino Unesco Geopark;
- project “Parco Fruibile (Usable Park)”. This is carried out by social workers, who work for maintenance of the park's trails and facilities, monitoring of tourism, environmental education and behavioral norms.
- Printing and distribution to participants at the 8th Italian Workshop of Unesco Global Geoparks of the Italian version of the brochure “UNESCO Global Geoparks and of the promotional materials about Pollino Unesco Global Geopark, July 2016;

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