

# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Sierras Subbéticas UNESCO Global Geopark, (Spain, European Geoparks Network)

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2006 / 2019

Celebration of the 1st Geo-Contest of pupils from the 2 schools involved in project “I’m a Geoparker”



## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 18 staffs, including 2 geoscientists

**Number of visitors:** 18.030 (The Murciélagos Cave, Zuheros)

**Number of Geopark events:** 103 activities/events (58 held by the Geopark’s management body)

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programs:** 56 educational activities, 146 classes participated with 2520 participants.

**Number of Geopark press release:** 20

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2019

- Successful development of the geoeducational project “I’m a Geoparker” on its first year.

### Contribution towards GGN -Networking and participation

Collaboration with the Spanish Geoparks to promote Geoparks in FITUR 2019. Participation in the EGN Fossils and Education TWGs, 43<sup>th</sup> EGN CC Meeting in Swabian Alb UGGp and 44<sup>th</sup> EGN CC Meeting in Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGGp. Collaboration in the fossil exhibition presented in both meetings. Active presence and collaboration in the organization of the 15<sup>th</sup> European Geoparks Conference in Sierra Norte de Sevilla UGGp. Meetings of the Spanish Geoparks Forum, Open Day of the Geoparks, Spanish National Committee. Technical assistance on oil-tourism to Courel Mountains UGGp. Collaborative projects with several UGGPs in Europe and America.

**Management and Financial Status:** Minor changes comparing with previous years.

### **Geoconservation**

Collaboration with the Universities of Jaén, Granada and Málaga in their paleontological, stratigraphic, hydrogeological and geomorphological research projects. Collaboration with the Police in the clarification of a case of geoheritage plunder in Cañada del Hornillo, one of our most outstanding geosites. Start providing normative rank to the reformulation of the current Climbing Plan. Creation of a scientific-educational advising working group to assist on geodiversity to the Governing Board. Two collaboration agreements to improve the geodiversity conservation and management in the Picacho de Cabra geosite.

### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

Participation in a Seminar on Sustainable Tourism and Sustainable Development Goals. Contribution to the IV National Congress on Ecotourism. Organization of the Workshop on Voluntary Instruments for SMEs operating in the tourism sector. Approval of the New Strategy and Action Plan 2019-2023 of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Sierras Subbéticas NP & UGG. Continued with the processing of the II SDP of Sierras Subbéticas. Collaboration in awareness campaign on recycling in tourist accommodation. Contribution to the 1st Seminar on Andalusian Geoparks.

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

- Several educational activities (seminars, trainings, fieldtrips, elaboration of geo-games, celebration of special days, meetings) in relation with the Project "I am a Geoparker".

### **Strategic partnership**

- Updating of the information about Sierras Subbéticas EGG exhibited in the Carcabuey Museum. Collaboration in the provincial phase of the Earth Science Olympiad. "Mycological Priego": a program designed in collaboration with the Council of Priego de Córdoba. Collaboration with Designation of Origin Priego de Córdoba in the celebration of the Olive Oil Month. Collaboration with the Subbética Commonwealth in the development of the Subbética Tourism Sustainable Plan. Transfer of the exploitation concession of Santa Rita Visitor Centre to a local tourism company. Geopark in winter: a programme in collaboration with local active tourism companies to incentive winter tourism
- **Promotional activities**  
Participation in FITUR 2019; EGN week 2019; UNESCO international days; national TV programs and regional radio shooting; active participation in social networks (Twitter: @GeoparSubbetica / Facebook: GeoparqueSubbetica);

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