

# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Vulkaneifel UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany, European Geoparks Network)

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2000 EGN / 2004 GGN /2015 UNESCO UGGp / last revalidation 2019



Vulkaneifel Geopark was successfully revalidated and awarded with a Green Card in 2019.

Also, the Nature Park Vulkaneifel, which lies within the Geopark border, was evaluated and awarded with the Label “Quality Nature Park” for another 5 years.

## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 7 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s)

**Number of visitors:** ~490.000 (statistical tourism data: overnight guest arrivals)

**Number of Geopark events:** 500 (events announced in summer and winter program of Geopark)

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 30

**Number of Geopark press release:** 50

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2019

- Successful revalidation of Vulkaneifel UGG
- Successful revalidation of “Quality Nature Park”
- programmes on volcanism, stones, aquatic ecology and life in a meadow in primary schools and Kindergartens
- programmes on volcanism, stones, aquatic ecology and life in a meadow for teachers and educators
- participation in selected tourism fairs
- introduction of concept “story telling” on Vulkaneifel hiking trails
- exchange with tourism delegation from Allgäu (Bavaria): concept of story telling on Vulkaneifel-Trails
- Camp for Junior Rangers

## **Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation**

- organizing a press conference on Global Geoparks at ITB 2019
- contributing with articles to European Geoparks Magazine and UGGp Newsletters
- participation in 43rd European Geoparks Meeting, Swabian Alb Geopark, Germany
- participation in 44nd European Geoparks Meeting, Sierra Norte De Sevilla, Spain
- participation in 15th European Geoparks Conference, Sierra Norte De Sevilla, Spain
- Dr. Schüller - member of Advisory Committee/senior evaluator
- consultation of (aspiring) geoparks from Thailand, Tanzania and South Korea
- conducting of 1 evaluation and 1 revalidation mission
- Julia Franzen – junior evaluator: conduction of 1 evaluation mission

## **Management and Financial Status**

- Financial status secured by unlimited contracts with partners

## **Geoconservation**

- Maintainance of various geotopes and biotopes

## **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- Programme “The mysterious 13 – twelve maars and a crater lake” – series of guided walks
- release of programme of events summer and winter season
- opening of new hiking trail Vulcano-Pfad

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

- new Nature- and Geopark School in Gerolstein
- new Nature- and Geopark Kindergarden in Großlittgen
- parcours on environmental education with ca. 400 kids from Kindergarden and primary schools
- new app GeoWizard won initiative price for interactive teaching (“Impulse for digitally based teaching) of University of Bonn

## **Strategic partnership**

- Zero emission nature Protected Areas, EU-Life IP project
- “Tourism for All”, touristical infrastructure for disabled people
- participation in regional fairs and events
- workshops on sustainable bioenergy, land use, biodiversity and agroforestry

## **Promotional activities**

- excursion through the Geopark with Geopark hosts and local businisses

## **4. CONTACTS**

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