

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Idrija UNESCO Global Geopark, Slovenia, EGN)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2017 (first revalidation)

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



Participants at the Workshop of geoparks in SE Europe (Photo: Idrija UGG Archive)

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 12,5 staffs including 1 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: Tourist Information Centre – 6464, Idrija Municipal Museum – 10410, Anthony's Main Road – 19298 visitors

Number of Geopark events: 12 (8 by cooperative organization and 4 by management body)

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 26

Number of Geopark press release: 5 public releases, > 50 publications in media

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2017

- Kick-off public event and 1st meeting of the Danube GeoTour project
- Workshop for geoparks in the SE Europe, co-financed by Venice UNESCO Office

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- 39th EGN CC meeting in Burren and Cliffs of Mohr UGG, March 2017

- 14th EGN Conference and 40th CC meeting in Azores UGG, September 2017
- Article for EGN Magazine no. 15 and EGN Newsletters no. 8, 9 and 10
- Organising EGN Week with 10 events

Management and Financial status

- Organizing 1st revalidation mission – June 2017

Geoconservation

- Replacing interpretative boards on 2 geo-sites, management of the geosites

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- Creating and designing new geoproducts and designing new visitors centre of Idrija Geopark within Danube GeoTour project, leading the Danube GeoTour project within the Interreg Danube Transnational Programme

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

- Presentation of Idrija UGG educational programmes at the meeting of UNESCO ASP Schools to 98 participants from 75 schools from all over Slovenia
- contents and ESTEAM App, connecting indoor education with outdoor activities, leading the ESTEAM Project within EU Erasmus + Programme

Strategic Partnership

- Excursion to the Ore der Alpen (Bishoshofen) and Hohe Tauern info center (Mittersil) in Austria for both slovenian UGG's partners, September 2017
- External expert group and several workshops for creation of Visitors centre within the Danube GeoTour, visiting 6 best practice of interpretation in Slovenia
- Preparation for the process of creation a Idrija Geopark geoproducts trade mark for within the Danube GeoTour, scanning of best practice in Slovenia

Promotional activities

- Brochure "UNESCO Global Geoparks in Slovenia", co-financed by STO
- >50 publications in Slovenian media (radio, TV, newspapers, magazines) on local, regional and national level (projects, EGN week, etc.)
- Showcase in the centre of Idrija town about the EGN week programme

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