

# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Chelmos-Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark, Greece, European Geoparks Network

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2009 / 2019

**Representative Photo:** Information and awareness raising open meeting for the celebration of the “International Day for Disaster Reduction” (Patras, Nov 2019).



## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 13 staffs including 3 geoscientist(s)

**Number of visitors:** 500000

**Number of Geopark events:** 18

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

**Number of Geopark press release:** 15

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2019

- Events for the celebration of the World Environment Day 2019 (June 2019).
- Successful evaluation of Chelmos-Vouraikos by UNESCO assessors (July 22-26, 2019).

### Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation at the 43rd European Geoparks Network Meeting at Aalen of Germany (Swabian Alps UNESCO Global Geopark, March 25-29, 2019).
- Participation at the 11th Working Meeting of Certified Protected Areas in Sustainable Tourism – Europarc Network (Pramanta, of Northern Tzoumerka, Greece, April 9-11, 2019).
- Participation at the “2nd International Conference on the UNESCO Global Geoparks of Greece and Cyprus” (Nicosia, May 16-18, 2019).
- Participation in the 44th European Geoparks Network Meeting in Spain (Sierra Norte de Sevilla UNESCO Global Geopark, September 23-27, 2019).

- Participation in the 15th Conference of the European Geoparks Network in Spain (Sierra Norte de Sevilla UNESCO Global Geopark, September 23-27, 2019).

### **Management and Financial Status**

- Integration of the Operation “SUPPORT TO SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURES OF CHELMOS-VOURAIKOS UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARK” in Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020. The Operation will be implemented in the following Subprojects: 1. Geological Mapping of the Geopark, 2. Production of printed and digital information material for the Geopark and 3. Signage of the Geopark.
- Integration in the Operational Programme «Transport Infrastructure, Environment and Sustainable Development 2014-2020», in the Act “Funding of Chelmos-Vouraikos Management Body for management actions for protected areas, species and habitats”. Among the management actions that will be implemented is the “Support the participation of the Chelmos-Vouraikos Management Body in the European Geoparks Network and Global Geoparks Network”.

### **Geoconservation**

- Information and awareness raising open meeting for the celebration of the “International Day for Disaster Reduction”, organized by the Management Body of Chelmos-Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark in cooperation with the Geotechnical Chamber of Greece and the Department of Geology of the University of Patras (Patras, November 2019).

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

- Participation in the Programme "Customer Intelligence for inNOVative Tourism ECosystems -CI-NOVATEC" (Territorial Cooperation Programme Greece-Italy 2014-2020). Chelmos-Vouraikos Management Body contributes through an electronic platform to the transfer of data and elements of biodiversity and geodiversity to visitors, aiming towards the increase of alternative forms of tourism such as ecotourism, geotourism, etc.
- Participation in the European project “INHERIT”, in the framework of the "INTERREG MED". One of the most important objectives of “INHERIT” is the creation of “INHERITURA” areas, designated areas in which human and tourism activities coexist with substantial natural heritage, and where “bottom-up” approaches take place to protect and valorize the natural heritage from the negative effects of intensive tourism. Chelmos-Vouraikos is a candidate "INHERITURA" area, where the pilot actions of the INHERIT project will take place.

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

- The Management Body organizes interactive presentations at the Exhibition Centre of the CVMB about the Chelmos- Vouraikos National Park & UNESCO Global Geopark, for schools from several regions of Greece, informing students about the National Park &

UNESCO Global Geopark, the biodiversity and geodiversity of the area and alert them about environmental issues.

### **Strategic partnership**

- Event for the presentation of the collaboration of Chelmos-Vouraikos National Park with the Geotechnical Chamber of Peloponnese and Western Central Greece for the promotion of Chelmos- Vouraikos UNESCO Global Geopark (February 2019).

### **Promotional activities**

- Calendar 2019
- Leaflet with the simplified Geological map which includes the most important Geotopes.
- Brochures for the promotion of the Geopark.
- Placement of new signages at five Geotopes.

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