

GGN Working Group on Gastronomy

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LONG-TERM STRATEGY 2025-2027

Pillar 1: Preserving Our Earth, Environment, and Resources				
Key 1. Climate Change Adaptation– Roadmap for Resilience				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Raising General Community Awareness on Climate Change	Gastronomy WG	Holding online workshops on geopark gastronomy to discuss how climate change can affect food and agriculture production. It can also discuss food safety and availability by providing examples from best practices of actions in this regard.	Create a report or a list on how gastronomy could be affected by climate change, and examples of actions that have been taken to face it	Raising awareness of the effects of climate change in daily life and food products
2. Encouraging the Population's Actions on Waste Management and Recycling Material Use - Introducing a zero plastic policy.	Gastronomy WG	Create a brochure on waste management in gastronomy and encouraging food providers and consumers to reduce the use of plastics and offer more sustainable alternatives	Distribute the brochure through the website, newsletter, and social media	The brochure is being translated and used by different geoparks
3. Analyzing UGGps Energy Use				
4. Evolving the Network's Operation	Gastronomy WG and Climate	Planning for a collaboration between the climate change WG to discuss the common	Exchanging the different experiences	A more effective approach to climate change in

	Change WG	issues and climate change impacts on the different geoparks and the possible solutions.	in the different geoparks to learn from each other	gastronomy programs
5. Adoption of a GGN Carbon Offset Policy and Procedure	Gastronomy WG	To decrease the Carbon footprint in the gastronomy cycle from the producers to the consumers,	Measuring the amount of decrease by different methods	Contribution of all the gastronomy units in this action
6. Collecting and Using Carbon Offsetting				
7. Promoting the Annual UGGp action plan on climate change adaptation				

Key 2. Protecting and Conserving Geoparks Heritage, Geodiversity, Biodiversity, and Resources

ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Raising General Community Awareness on Geopark Heritage and enhancing links between all types of heritage	Gastronomy WG	Create a calendar of events on international food-related dates and occasions to introduce different dishes, products, ethics, etc., from different geoparks and promote the linkage between gastronomy elements and other types of heritages.	Creating a datasheet of the data related to the different links between gastronomy and the different types of heritage	Gathering information from different geoparks on this topic to analyze the variety of existing cases.
3. Protecting and Conserving Geological Heritage				
4. Collaborating on the management of Protected Natural Areas and Protecting Biodiversity	Gastronomy WG	To find out the activities in the gastronomy cycle to protect the endangered and rare fauna and flora by providing sustainable use	The cases that have been saved or protected by the	Saving the rare and endangered species and supporting efforts to

		solutions	sustainable use	increase their population
5. Promoting Cultural Heritage and enhancing links between all types of heritage	Gastronomy WG	To discover and revive the food-related heritage in the geoparks and to find out the links between these cultures and other types of heritage.		Promotion and introduction of the food cultures and heritages in the different geoparks.

Key 3. Collaborating on the management of Water Resources

ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Encouraging sustainable management of Water Resources in Geoparks	Gastronomy WG	Online workshop on traditional and innovative water management in different areas such as agriculture, food-related industries, and food preparation stages, with the presentation of best practices	Create a report on how gastronomy could be affected by water shortage, and provide examples of best practices on the issue of management	Raising awareness among the local community on the importance of water usage reduction Exchanging knowledge and experience in this field
2. Promoting conservation of existing water sources				
6. Sustaining rivers and healthy water-dependent ecosystems				

Key 4. Protecting Ocean and Marine Ecosystems

ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Protecting coastal resources and combating marine pollution in the Geopark				

2. Reducing plastic pollution in the oceans and coasts				
3. Supporting Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)				

Pillar 2: Strengthening Communities: Fostering Inclusion and Resilience				
Key 5. Promoting Geoparks as implementation fields for the SDGs and their extended programme beyond 2030				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Continuation of the activity of the GGN SDGs working group at the international, regional, and national levels	Gastronomy WG	Discussing the subject during the working group workshops Create a brochure on SDGs in gastronomy to encourage food providers and consumers to have a sustainable approach	Distribute the brochure through the website, newsletter, and social media so that geoparks know the connection	More involvement of the geoparks' gastronomy with the SDGs in their daily activities
2. Reporting from each Geopark on its contribution to the SDGs				
7. Creation of a GGN Report on the contribution of Geoparks to SDGs				
Key 6. Empowering local communities and strengthening Geopark management				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Ensuring the participation of Local Communities in Geoparks management				
2. Strengthening the Geopark management body staff and partners (increasing the number of staff, budget, and number of partners)				

3. Ensuring gender equality as a basic framework in the Geopark operation and communication of the Geopark				
4. Ensuring the involvement of the young generation at all levels of Geoparks is essential for the development and prosperity of these territories in the future				
5. Ensuring the recognition and representation of Indigenous communities in Geoparks				
6. Documenting and promoting local knowledge, traditions, and intangible heritage	Gastronomy WG	Documentation and promotion of the local and indigenous knowledge in gastronomy	Datasheet and database of every individual geopark about the local and intangible heritage of gastronomy	A comprehensive list and info about the gastronomy, local knowledge, traditions, and intangible heritage
7. Creating policies and tools to preserve and promote local languages				
8. Working to confront demographic challenges in rural areas				
Key 7. Mitigating Natural Disasters				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Strengthening the activity of the GGN Geohazards working group at the international, regional networks and national				

and community levels				
2. Creating specific tools designed for the population as well as for schools to help them detect risks and respond effectively (e.g., creating a comic book designed to help local populations in poor rural areas detect signs of possible landslides)				
3. UGGp action plan on geohazards and disaster mitigation				

4. Preparation of an annual GGN report on geohazards and climate change				
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Pillar 3: Optimizing GGN, Building Capacity, Leadership, and Global Impact				
Key 8. Building Capacity, Strengthening Skills and Expertise across GGN				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Comprehensive and coordinated planning of the capacity-building activities. Creation of an annual calendar by GGN in collaboration with the UNESCO Secretariat for capacity building: aspiring Geoparks, Geopark evaluators, and Geopark managers				
2. Capacity building activities for aspiring Geoparks: address the uneven distribution of UGGps and expand the GGN, particularly in African, Middle Eastern, Central Asian countries, small islands developing states (SIDS), etc.				
3. Capacity building activities for Geopark evaluators: providing and maintaining the quality of evaluators as well as recruiting qualified volunteers who want to contribute to maintaining the quality of the IGGP				
4. Capacity building activities for Geopark Managers:				

intensive courses for new managers of the GGN members				
5. Supporting capacity-building activities for GGN members at the regional and national levels				
6. Developing GGN digital tools for its members (Geoparks Educational e-Library, Geoparks e-Learning Database)				
Key 9. Uplifting Leadership and Organizational Capacity of GGN				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Strengthening GGN's management structure and statutory bodies to ensure its long-term partnership with UNESCO. Strengthen the functionality of the GGN, building on the achievements of the GGN over the past 20 years				
2. Strengthening networking among UGGps at the regional and national levels				
3. Enhancing regional and national connections between UGGps with thematic targets to improve the quality and outcome of the GGN, emphasizing the use of the GGN logo				

4. Communication and promotion of the UGGp concept. Developing user-friendly materials (e.g., comics, videos, publications) to communicate the UGGp concept and language to local communities				
5. Empowering national GGN Networks and strengthening their connection and collaboration with the National Commissions for UNESCO and the National Delegations at UNESCO				

Pillar 4: Strengthening Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development				
Key 10. Ensuring Quality in the International Geo-sciences Geoparks Programme IGGP				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Facilitating the GGN's tasks concerning the IGGP				
2. Facilitating the roster of Evaluators in conjunction with the UNESCO / IGGP Secretariat				
3. Organizing advisory missions in aspiring and yellow-card holding Geoparks				
4. Supporting activities co-organized in conjunction with the UNESCO / IGGP Secretariat				
5. Strengthening the position of the IGGP in member states concerning other UNESCO programmes				
6. Strengthening collaboration with IGCP				
Key 11. Strengthening Collaboration with UNESCO Site Designations				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Developing a collaborative proposal for joint activities between the and UNESCO				

sites designations				
2. Promoting the resources and the potential of the UGGps as sustainable developing territories				
Key 12. Enhancing International Cooperation				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Strengthening collaboration with UNESCO, the World Tourism Organization - UNWTO, the International Union of Geological Sciences - IUGS, the International Union for Nature Conservation - IUCN, with other international relevant organizations (i.e. ICOMOS, IGU, etc.)	GGN ExB	Participate in the UNTourism gastronomy world and regional forums		