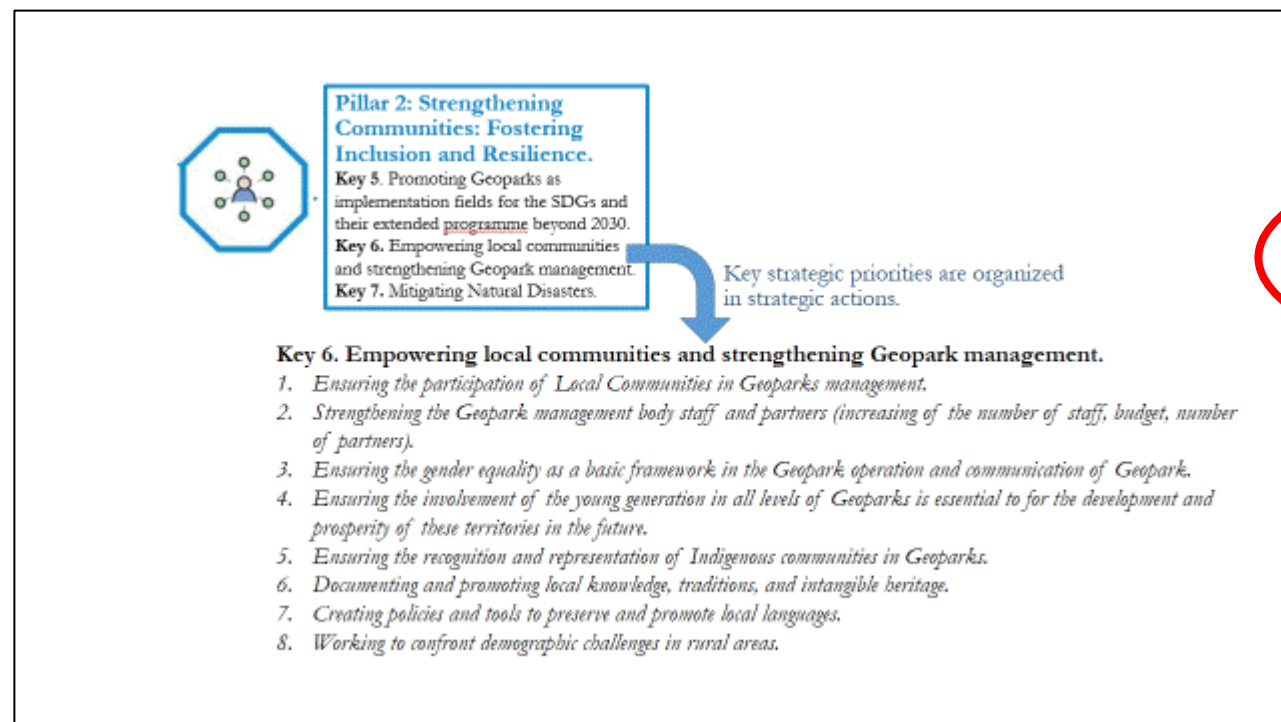
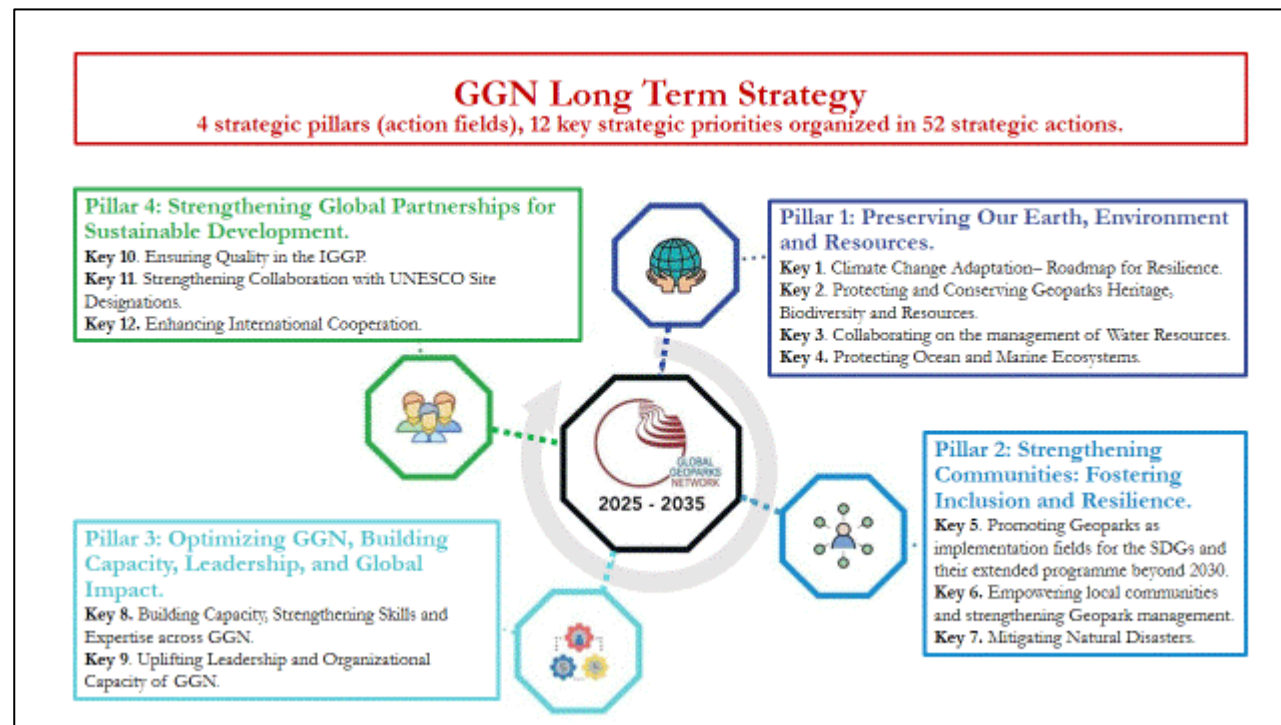


GGN Long Term Strategy. 2nd phase. Implementation.

KEY 6. SPANISH GLOBAL GEOPARKS NETWORK CONTRIBUTION.



Methodology.

After receiving a brief explanation of the purpose of participating in the GGN's Long-Term Strategy 2035, the REGM held a working session to analyze the measures proposed for Key Action 6: Empowering Local Communities and Strengthening Geopark Management.

All actions included in Key Action 6 were analyzed through a SWOT analysis: The factors identified by the geoparks were compiled into SWOT matrices, which were subsequently cross-referenced to obtain proposed activities. These activities could be implemented within national or global geopark networks. Participants must decide on these results and adopt the proposed measures according to criteria of relevance and priority.

The following are:

- The list of measures that need to be approved (if they are relevant and feasible) as well as their priority.
- A list of networking tools or modalities that could be used to implement the proposed measures.

The priority analysis will be carried out using a Google form, which is freely accessible at:

<https://forms.gle/VCgG4dyXbpzgZ3n69>

LIST OF MEASURES AND PRIORITIES.

The order of priority must be established by the group of participants.

	MEASURES PROPOSED	PRIORITY RATE
1.	Seminar: Demographic Challenge and Rural Development Strategies (LEADER) in Geoparks.	9,38
2.	Finding financial sources to support networking activities.	9,06
3.	LEADER or similar cooperation projects that allow for interaction between local geopark stakeholders. These projects should be promoted through GGN meetings with the European Commission and the European Rural Development Network.	8,44
4.	Geoparks and Renewable Energy: Towards a sustainable synthesis combining climate change mitigation, landscape, and geotourism development. Focus Group	8,44
5.	Networks can promote projects and funding sources for exchanges and mutual recognition among UGGps local stakeholders.	8,13
6.	Consider cooperation with local stakeholders and scientific entities within networks that allow for the incorporation of professionals (full-time or part-time, for specific tasks or projects, or as expert volunteers).	8,13
7.	Promoting information about the SGGN in all official languages. Language cannot be a factor of exclusion.	7,96
8.	The importance of the bottom-up approach in the geoparks' management: An informative, training, and demonstrative action from networks and their members: How to drive, motivate, inspire. Possible difficulties: Errors in the distribution of information, physical distances, demographic factors, sense of belonging, or others. Good practices.	7,81
9.	Obtaining public funding for a certified scholarship training program for companies and young people (geotourism, interpretation, business cooperation, management, etc.). Visibility and promotion of this training. Participation of partner universities or unesco chairs.	7,81
10.	Geoparks as a model for territorial, inter-municipal development. Other roles in response to the demographic challenge: communications, transportation, supplies, housing, entrepreneurship, education, senior citizens, healthcare and assistance, welcoming immigrants and new settlers, etc. Comparative study and information exchange. Publications. Visibility of internal cooperation within geoparks and their cooperation within networks. Review of urgent plans to address the demographic challenge in geoparks: (may be part of the previous point). Welcoming new settlers. Housing. Communications.	7,81
11.	Make local cooperation visible and recognized in geopark networks, seeking a demonstrative and multiplying effect on their members. Various tools can be used (conferences, exhibitions, publications).	7,50
12.	Promote parity in the management structures of geoparks and networks: Human resource management. Visibility of women's work in rural areas, social leadership. Rejection of sexist behavior or sexist language. Support in education.	7,50
13.	The Digital Youth Forum: Heritage awareness. Participation. Employment and business creation opportunities. International cooperation.	7,50
14.	GGN Educational Exchanges.	7,50
15.	Geological Heritage brings us together. Cultural and intangible heritage makes us unique: Actions to enhance and highlight cultural and intangible heritage on (non-exhaustive): The uses of rocks (dry stone) as common culture. Traditional occupations (transhumance) as common culture. Handicrafts. Festivals and legends. In: International geopark meetings and conferences. Specific publications.	7,19
16.	Geotourism Experiences in Spain.	7,19
17.	Networking on the Law. How geoparks are included in conservation laws in other countries.	7,01
18.	Support the local need of networking by facilitating both in-person and online meetings, incorporating all technical staff and collaborating entities.	6,88
19.	Include policymakers in networking activities.	6,25
20.	Promotional Action in GGN and REGM on Geoparks for Living and Visiting.	6,25

The proposals on the table:

As all the proposals has been rated over 5/10 we consider that all of them have the approval of the SGGN.
A bold-red remark has been made for the seven best rated proposals.
Indicators and expected results will be completed after the GGN AC decision.

Key 6. Empowering local communities and strengthening Geopark management.				
ACTION	GGN RESP.	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Ensuring the participation of Local Communities in Geoparks management	Spanish Global Geoparks Network	1. Make local cooperation visible and recognized in geopark networks, seeking a demonstrative and multiplying effect on their members. Various tools can be used (conferences, exhibitions, publications). 2. Networks can promote projects and funding sources for exchanges and mutual recognition among UGGps local stakeholders. 3. The importance of the bottom-up approach in the geoparks' management: An informative, training, and demonstrative action from networks and their members: <ul style="list-style-type: none">How to drive, motivate, inspire.Possible difficulties: Errors in the distribution of information, physical distances, demographic factors, sense of belonging, or others.Good practices. 4. LEADER or similar cooperation projects that allow for interaction between local geopark stakeholders. These projects should be promoted through GGN meetings with the European Commission and the European Rural Development Network.		
2. Strengthening the Geopark management body staff and partners (increasing of the number of staff, budget, and number of partners.	SGGN	5. Consider cooperation with local stakeholders and scientific entities within networks that allow for the incorporation of professionals (full-time or part-time, for specific tasks or projects, or as expert volunteers). 6. Support the local need of networking by facilitating both in-person and online meetings, incorporating all technical staff and collaborating entities. 7. Finding financial sources to support networking activities. 8. Include policymakers in networking activities. 9. Networking on the Law. How geoparks are included in conservation laws in other countries.		
3. Ensuring the gender equality as a basic framework in the Geopark operation and communication of Geopark	SGGN	10. Promote parity in the management structures of geoparks and networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Human resource management.Visibility of women's work in rural areas, social leadership.Rejection of sexist behaviour or sexist language.Support in education.		
4. Ensuring the involvement of the young generation in all levels of Geoparks is essential to for the development and prosperity of these territories in the future	SGGN	11. The Digital Youth Forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Heritage awareness.Participation.Employment and business creation opportunities.International cooperation.		
5. Ensuring the recognition and representation of Indigenous communities in Geoparks	SGGN			
6. Documenting and promoting local knowledge, traditions, and intangible heritage	SGGN	12. Geological Heritage brings us together. Cultural and intangible heritage makes us unique: Actions to enhance and highlight cultural and intangible heritage on (non-exhaustive): <ul style="list-style-type: none">The uses of rocks (dry stone) as common culture.Traditional occupations (transhumance) as common culture.Handicrafts.Festivals and legends.		

		In: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ International geopark meetings and conferences. ○ Specific publications. 		
7. Creating policies and tools to preserve and promote local languages	SGGN	13. Promoting information about the SGGN in all official languages. Language cannot be a factor of exclusion.		
8. Working to confront demographic challenges in rural areas	SGGN	14. Seminar: Demographic Challenge and Rural Development Strategies (LEADER) in Geoparks. 15. Geoparks and Renewable Energy: Towards a sustainable synthesis combining climate change mitigation, landscape, and geotourism development. Focus Group 16. Geotourism Experiences in Spain. 17. GGN Educational Exchanges. 18. Promotional Action in GGN and SGGN on Geoparks for Living and Visiting. 19. Obtaining public funding for a certified scholarship training program for companies and young people (geotourism, interpretation, business cooperation, management, etc.). Visibility and promotion of this training. Participation of partner universities or UNESCO chairs. 20. Geoparks as a model for territorial, inter-municipal development. Other roles in response to the demographic challenge: communications, transportation, supplies, housing, entrepreneurship, education, senior citizens, healthcare and assistance, welcoming immigrants and new settlers, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Comparative study and information exchange. ○ Publications. ○ Visibility of internal cooperation within geoparks and their cooperation within networks. ○ Review of urgent plans to address the demographic challenge in geoparks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcoming new settlers. ▪ Housing. ▪ Communications. 		

NETWORKING MODALITIES IN GGN, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL NETWORKS.

Any of the proposed measures could be articulated through the following networking modalities:

GGN EG and SGGN events: Conferences, coordination meetings, seminars, workshops, and international days.

They can be complemented with:

- Sector-specific conferences and demonstrations: For example, the Gastronomy and Local Products event, or international tourism fairs.
- Workshops and seminars: Such as the SDG or Education workshops.
- Happy Hour Meetups: Quick and focused contacts.
- Virtual networking events: Online platforms and activities for remote networking.
- Roundtables: Small group discussions focused on specific topics.
- Online surveys: Use of interactive tools to gather opinions and perspectives.
- In-person and online exhibitions.
- Print and online publications: Books, magazines, brochures.
- Recognition: awards, certificates, acknowledgments.
- Dissemination, promotion, and visibility strategies.

Financial Resources:

- Membership fees.
- Projects submitted to public administrations.
- Actions by public administrations to support joint geopark activities.