

GGN Long Term Strategy 2025-2035

4 strategic pillars , 12 key strategic key priorities organized in 52 strategic actions.

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				
2. Encouraging Population's Actions on Waste Management and Recycling Material Use - Introducing zero plastic policy.				
3. Analyzing UGGps Energy Use				
4. Evolving the Network's Operation				
5. Adoption of a GGN Carbon Offset Policy and Procedure				
6. Collecting and using of Carbon Offsetting				

7. Promoting 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				
3. Protecting and Conserving Geological Heritage				
4. Collaborating on the management of Protected Natural Areas and Protecting Biodiversity				
5. Promoting Cultural Heritage and enhancing links between all types of heritage				
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				
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 combat marine pollution in 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 international, regional and national levels				
2. Reporting from each Geopark on its contribution to 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	GGN NN	NN Prepare a short guideline document to cover all the topics in this Key Priority 6 and share it with existing and aspiring geoparks within the country. NN Sharing of information at annual national forum and committee meetings. NN Review of revalidation process checklist to ensure it captures the actions under Key Priority 6.	Consistency between geoparks while allowing for their unique situations and management structures.	Geoparks are clearly advised with agreed national approach

2. Strengthening the Geopark management body staff and partners (increasing of the number of staff, budget, number of partners)		Not achievable at NN level		
3. Ensuring the gender equality as a basic framework in the Geopark operation and communication of Geopark		NN Prepare a short guideline document to cover all the topics in this Key Priority 6 and share it with existing and aspiring geoparks within the country.	Consistency between geoparks while allowing for their unique situations and management structures.	Geoparks are clearly advised with agreed national approach
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		NN Review of revalidation process checklist to ensure it captures the actions under Key Priority 6.	Consistency between geoparks while allowing for their unique situations and management structures.	Geoparks are clearly advised with agreed national approach
5. Ensuring the recognition and representation of Indigenous communities in Geoparks		NN Review of revalidation process checklist to ensure it captures the actions under Key Priority 6.	Consistency between geoparks while allowing for their unique situations and management structures.	Geoparks are clearly advised with agreed national approach
6. Documenting and promoting local knowledge, traditions, and intangible heritage		Not achievable at NN level		
7. Creating policies and tools to preserve and promote local languages		Not achievable at NN level		
8. Working to confront demographic challenges in rural areas		Not achievable at NN level		
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 activity 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 UNESCO Secretariat for capacity building: aspiring Geoparks, Geopark evaluators, Geopark managers				
2. Capacity building activities for aspiring Geoparks: address the uneven distribution of UGGps and expand the GGN, in particular in African, Middle East, Central Asian countries, small islands developing states (SIDS), etc.				
3. Capacity building activities for Geopark evaluators: proving 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 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 operation to ensure its long-term partnership with UNESCO. Strengthen functionality of the GGN, building on the achievements of the GGN over the past 20 years	GGN NN	NN continue to be represented at a GGN AC meetings and channel feedback and recommendations between the Ex board and geopark managements	NN representation at GGN AC meetings	Continued communications between NN and GGN
2. Strengthening networking among UGGps at regional and national levels		NN to provide formal communication platform for geoparks through NN meetings and annual forums.	Good participation rates by geopark representatives	Strong networking base and sharing of information and support
3. Enhancing regional and national connections between UGGps with thematic targets to improve the quality and outcome of the GGN, emphasizing the use of GGN logo		NN to share GGN logo instruction and pack with geoparks and encourage use of GGN logo on appropriate media and communications.	More visibility of GGN logo within Geoparks and at NN level	Improved visibility of GGN brand and support for Geoparks amongst local communities and geopark users.

<p>4. Communication and promotion of the UGGp concept. Developing user-friendly materials (e.g., comics, videos, publications) to clearly communicate the UGGp concept and language to local communities</p>		<p>NN to co-ordinate with geoparks to raise awareness of geoparks within the wider UNESCO family of designated sites in the country. NN Develop appropriate content in collaborations with National Commission relevant to Geoparks, their role and where they fit in to the wider UNESCO designations in the country.</p>	<p>Raise the awareness of geoparks</p>	<p>Geoparks better understood nationally</p>
<p>5. Empowering national GGN Networks and strengthen their connection and collaboration with the National Commissions for UNESCO and the National Delegations at UNESCO</p>		<p>NN Develop digital material to share with National Commissions and Delegations on the role of the National Networks and GGN, and how they could be supported. eg. in strengthening the UNESCO Brand and Linking other UNESCO designations with Geoparks through the National Commissions. NN Investigate producing video or promotional material</p>	<p>Develop appropriate collateral (don't specify) i.e. booklet, banner stand or as agreed</p>	<p>Better connections between the NN and the National Commission for UNESCO.</p>

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 in relation to the IGGP				
2. Facilitating the roster of Evaluators in conjunction with UNESCO / IGGP Secretariat				
3. Organizing advisory missions in aspiring and yellow-card holding Geoparks				
4. Supporting activities co-organized in conjunction with UNESCO / IGGP Secretariat				
5. Strengthening the position of the IGGP in member states in relation to 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 site UNESCO 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			