

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 and Mitigation – Roadmap for Resilience				
ACTION	GGN BODY	ACTION PLAN 2025-2027	INDICATORS	EXPECTED RESULTS
1. Raising General Community Awareness on Climate Change	All members	Activity 1 – Disseminate information on the memory of past climate events and the current realities of human-induced climate change within the Geopark territory, targeting different audiences through appropriate communication channels (e.g., events, publications, online platforms, social media, etc.)	Indicator 1.1: By 2027, at least two communication products addressing climate change issues in the Geopark territory are produced and shared	Climate change education, communication, and public awareness are enhanced within Geoparks
		Activity 2 – Develop educational programs with partner institutions that ensure the participation of local communities, including youth, elders, and/or Indigenous Peoples, in processes of monitoring, documenting, and decision-making in response to observed impacts of human-induced climate change in the Geopark territory	Indicator 2.1: Number of educational initiatives (e.g., project, program, training module, etc.) that ensure meaningful engagement of local communities in addressing climate change issues within the Geopark territory	Creation of a diverse range of outreach materials on climate change, adapted for different audiences, including schools, tourists, and local communities, demonstrating broad engagement across the UGGp (e.g., infographics,

				<p>videos, blog posts, educational handouts)</p> <p>Co-develop a community-based climate information and education program with a local schools and local populations / elder members / indigenous populations, involving at youth participants in documenting climate impacts within each UGGp.</p>
	Regional Geopark Networks	<p>Activity 3 – Share good practices at the regional level that promote the investigation of the impacts of human-induced climate change and the development of actions that strengthen climate resilience within the Geopark territory and its local communities, including Indigenous knowledge and practices</p>	<p>Indicator 3.1: By 2027, at least one regional meeting is held to promote the exchange of good practices on climate change issues within the Regional Geopark Network</p>	<p>Foster the exchange of experiences and the transfer of knowledge, while strengthening synergy among members at the regional level to promote joint actions in response to human-induced climate change</p> <p>By 2027, organize one meeting/seminar within the Regional Geopark Network, bringing together (e.g. by videoconference) representatives from local communities, research institutions, and Indigenous</p>

				<p>groups to exchange good practices and co-develop strategies for climate resilience.</p> <p>Organize several coordination events and informal regional exchanges, fostering ongoing collaboration among climate focal points, and leading to the identification and sharing of diverse good practices, rooted in both scientific research, local communities and Indigenous knowledge.</p>
	All members	<p>Activity 4 – Promote the Geopark territory as a living laboratory for research agendas that offer solutions (i.e., mitigation and adaptation strategies) to address the multiple challenges of human-induced climate change across all spatial scales (local, regional, and global)</p>	<p>Indicator 4.1: Number of research initiatives carried out within Geoparks that contribute to the understanding of the impacts of climate change and the development of relevant mitigation and adaptation strategies.</p>	<p>Support scientific research to consistently support the formulation of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies tailored to the specific characteristics of the Geopark territory</p> <p>Create initiatives in the Geopark to enhance understanding of climate change effects and promote the creation of tailored strategies for mitigation and adaptation, establishing the Geopark as a key location for climate resilience studies.</p>
2. Encouraging Population's Actions on Waste Management	All members	<p>Activity 5 - Raise public awareness about the need and shared responsibility for transitioning to a circular economy focused on the reduction, reuse, and recycling of plastic.</p>	<p>Indicator 5.1: Number of community members participating in awareness workshops,</p>	<p>At least 2/3 of the UGGps will have actively participated in zero-plastic awareness initiatives,</p>

and Recycling Material Use - Introducing zero plastic policy.		<p>Activity 6 - Encourage Geopark partners to actively engage in the environmentally sound management of plastic waste.</p>	<p>campaigns, or events related to zero plastic use.</p> <p>Indicator 5.2: Increase in the use of reusable alternatives (e.g., cloth bags, bottles) reported through surveys or local sales data.</p> <p>Indicator 6.1: Number and variety of actions involving Geopark partners in supporting or improving practices related to the environmentally sound management of plastic waste.</p>	<p>leading to a measurable shift toward the use of reusable materials in daily life.</p>
3. Analyzing UGGps Energy Use	All members	<p>Activity 7 - Explore and encourage energy efficiency and the use of renewable energy where possible including, but not limited to, transportation and for heating/cooling.</p>	<p>Indicator 7.1: Number and diversity of initiatives promoting energy efficiency and use of renewable energy within Geopark infrastructure and services.</p>	<p>Enhance the integration of sustainable energy practices in Geopark operations, promoting energy efficiency, cleaner mobility, and reduced carbon emissions across facilities and services.</p>

4. Evolving the Network's Operation	All members	<p>Activity 8 - Establish Climate Change Focal Points in all UGGps</p> <p>Activity 9 - Create a Collaborative Platform for Climate Focal Points Across GGN</p>	<p>Indicator 8.1: Number or percentage of UGGps that have officially designated a climate change focal point by the end of 2026.</p> <p>Indicator 8.2: Number of capacity-building sessions or training events attended by designated focal points.</p> <p>Indicator 9.1: Existence and functionality of a shared online platform dedicated to climate change collaboration among UGGp focal points.</p> <p>Indicator 9.2: Number of contributions (e.g., case studies, tools, discussions) submitted or shared by focal points annually through the platform.</p>	<p>By the end of 2026, all UGGps will have an officially designated and trained climate change focal point actively involved in integrating mitigation and adaptation measures into local management practices.</p> <p>By 2027, an active and dynamic collaborative platform will be in place, to enable climate focal points from all participating UGGps to access information, exchange knowledge, share good practices, and jointly develop climate resilience initiatives.</p>
5. Adoption of a GGN Carbon Reduction and Offset Policy and Procedure	GGN Regional Networks	Activity 10 - Develop and Approve a GGN-Wide Carbon Reduction and Offset Policy and Operational Guidelines	Indicator 10.1: Existence of a formally approved GGN Carbon Reduction and Offset Policy and implementation	By the end of 2026, a comprehensive GGN Carbon Reduction and Offset Policy and operational guidelines will be formally approved and adopted

		<p>Activity 11 - Pilot Carbon Reduction and Offset Projects in Selected Geoparks Based on the New GGN Policy</p>	<p>guidelines by the end of 2026.</p> <p>Indicator 10.2: Number of stakeholder consultations (e.g., workshops, surveys, expert reviews) conducted during the policy development process.</p> <p>Indicator 11.1: Number of Geoparks implementing pilot carbon offset projects aligned with the GGN policy.</p>	<p>by the network, providing a clear framework for consistent and credible carbon offsetting across member Geoparks.</p> <p>By 2027, at least three pilot carbon offset projects will be successfully implemented within volunteer Geoparks, demonstrating measurable CO₂ emissions reductions and providing practical lessons for scaling up network-wide efforts.</p>
6. Developing a UGGp Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plan	GGN Regional Networks	<p>Activity 12 - Develop and implement regional Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Plans on a four year basis.</p>	<p>Indicator 12.1: Existence of a general model/template for UGGp climate change adaptation and mitigation plans developed by the GGN and adapted by Regional Networks.</p> <p>Indicator 12.2 : Existence of regional climate change adaptation and mitigation plans by mid 2026.</p> <p>Indicator 12.3 - Percentage of planned</p>	<p>By the end of 2027, a regional climate change adaptation and mitigation plan based on a shared GGN model will be developed by each Regional Geoparks Network, and implementation will have begun ensuring clear progress towards reducing climate vulnerability and enhancing resilience across the GGN.</p>

			<p>adaptation and mitigation actions successfully implemented by participating UGGps each year.</p> <p>Indicator 12.4 - Number of annual meetings held with documented mid point progress reports and updates to the climate change adaptation and mitigation plans.</p>	
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