

GGN Working Group on Geological Heritage and Geodiversity

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	GGN members + GGN AC-Nat.Fora + 1a+1b+1d - WG Geoheritage 1c – WG Communication/Social Media	1a. Compiling activities for a Geo-Biodiversity Day e.g. Spanish Geosite Day / German Geotop Day in September etc. ... yearly 1b. Template to collect data on visitors, participants, costs etc. 1c. Coordinating contributions on Facebook by GGN members & communication WG of GGN on the geodiversity/biodiversity actions on that day 1d. Compiling research activities at Geopark Heritage / -Sites as best practise examples with a short description with DOI as part of the e-booklet below No.2.	Template to collect data on number of activities, number of participant numbers, costs	quantitative data on visitors, costs (investment of UGGps), report for GGN Workshop and for GGN magazine with DOI
2. Protecting and Conserving Geological Heritage	GGN members + GGN AC-Nat. Fora + 2a, 2b, WG Geoheritage	2a. Collecting best practise examples on projects to protect and conserve geological heritage by WG 2b. Develop a template to collect best practise examples incl. 2c. 2c. Collecting & highlighting university collaborations in UGGps	Number of different disciplines of geosites – geodiversity, volume of site protection, new methodology	Qualitative results and innovative protection & conservation methodolog report after 2 years and an e-booklet for next GGN conference and GGN assembly

		2d. Develop an e-booklet with DOI on project collaborations all 4 years		
3. Collaborating on the management of Protected Natural Areas and Protecting Biodiversity	GGN members + GGN AC-Fora + WG Geoheritage	3a. Integrating GGN members on compiling best practise examples of national parks and geoparks etc.	Number of participants in these activities	Qualitative - type of projects and project topics – report with DOI after 2 years for GGN magazine
4. Promoting Cultural Heritage and enhancing links between all types of heritage	GGM members + GGN AC Fora – WG Geoheritage	4a. Collecting and exchanging best practise examples of collaboration between UGGps & WHS and or UGGps & MABs or UGGps & ... 4b. Develop an e-booklet with DOI of best practise examples all 2 years	number of participants, type of collaborations, challenges etc.	E-Booklet at the end of 2 years GGN strategy

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				
5. Sustaining rivers and healthy water-dependent ecosystems				

Key 4. Protecting Ocean and Marine Ecosystems

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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				
6. 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 of the number of staff, budget, number of partners)				
3. Ensuring the gender equality as a basic framework in the				

Geopark operation and communication of Geopark				
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				
5. Ensuring the recognition and representation of Indigenous communities in Geoparks				
6. Documenting and promoting 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 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				

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				
2. Strengthening networking among UGGps at 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 GGN logo				

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				
5. Empowering national GGN Networks and strengthen 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 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			