



## GGN – Annual Report 2024 From the Hungarian Geoparks National Committee

### 1. IDENTITY / GGN NATIONAL NETWORK

**National Fora/Committee:** Hungarian Geoparks National Committee (*Geopark Magyar Nemzeti Bizottság*), Hungary,

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**Year of inscription:** 2022

### 2. MEMBERS

**Chair:** *Bertalan Balczó*, Deputy State Secretary for Nature Conservation, Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary, [tvhat@am.gov.hu](mailto:tvhat@am.gov.hu)

**Core members with voting rights:**

Novohrad–Nógrád UNESCO Global Geopark: *Ildikó Sándor and Péter Hegyi*

Bakony–Balaton UNESCO Global Geopark: *Barnabás Korbély and Gergely Ancsin*

Bükk Region UNESCO Global Geopark: *Györgyi Zachar and Balázs Megyeri*

Representative of Nature Conservation: *dr. Éva Pádárné Török*

Representative of the Balaton Uplands National Park Directorate, whose area of operation is linked to the Bakony–Balaton UNESCO Global Geopark: *Zsolt Bende*

Representation of the Bükk National Park Directorate, whose area of operation is linked to the Novohrad–Nógrád and Bükk Region UNESCO Global Geoparks: *Kálmánné Rónai*

**Expert members with voting rights:**

Representative of the national tourism organization: *Zsuzsa Császár*

Representative of the national geological organization: *dr. Gergely Horváth*

Representative of the IGCP: *dr. József Pálffy*

Experts: *Péter Prekfalvi, dr. János Tardy, Péter Vincze, dr. Annamária Kopec, Imre Szarvas*

#### **Permanent invitees with advisory status**

President of the Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO: *Dr. Miklós Réthelyi*

Secretary-General of the Hungarian National Commission for UNESCO: *Dr. Gábor Soós*

President of the Hungarian National Commission for Intangible Cultural Heritage: *Dr. Eszter Csonka-Takács*

President of the Hungarian National Commission for MAB: *Dr. Rozália Érdiné Szekeres*

Representative of the World Heritage Department of the Ministry of Construction and Transport: *Magdolna Puha*

Representative of the Slovak working group of the Novohrad–Nógrád UNESCO Global Geopark: *Attila Agócs*

Head of the National Parks and Landscape Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture of Hungary: *Zsófia Dukát*

### **3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS**

**Active application in your country:** currently no application

**Territories that you are advising:** N/A

**UGGp designation and revalidations:**

- **Revalidation:** N/A
- **New designation:** Bükk Region UNESCO Global Geopark

### **4. ACTIVITIES**

#### **4.1 Celebrating the GGN 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and EGN week**

All UNESCO Global Geoparks in Hungary responded to the call of GGN. A series of online and in-person activities were organized to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of GGN, including a conference and several online media posts. In addition several activities, like geotours, online posts, and seminar were organized for the celebration of the EGN week.

More info: <https://www.nogradgeopark.eu/en/news-1/the-european-geoparks-week-and-the-year-of-the-global-geoparks>

#### **4.2 Annual Committee Meeting in Drégelypalánk, 14.11.2024.**

The Committee held its annual meeting in the village of Drégelypalánk in November 2024. During the meeting the newly designated Bükk Region UNESCO Global Geopark's two

appointed committee representatives were introduced. The possibility of the establishment of an EGTC for the management of the Novohrad–Nógrád UGGp were raised. Geodiversity Day, Third 100 IUGS Geological Heritage Site and various subjects were discussed.

#### **4.3 V4 Geopark Committee Meeting in Příbram, Barrandien National Geopark, 12–15.05.2024.**

In the 3-day meeting of the National Committees of the Visegrád 4 countries (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, Hungary) the representatives of the Hungarian Committee and Hungarian UNESCO Global Geoparks were present for a fruitful meeting in the exploration of further collaboration between the four countries' geopark committees.

#### **4.4. Geodiversity day celebrations – 11.10.2024**

A conference was organized to celebrate Geodiversity Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October in the Hungarian Natural History Museum with the assistance of the committee.

#### **4.5 International Earth Day activities – 21–22.04.2024.**

All three Hungarian UNESCO Global Geoparks organized dedicated geotours to the celebration of the International Earth Day; Bakony–Balaton UGGp in the Úrkút Palaeokarst Nature Conservation Area, Novohrad–Nógrád UGGp a Miocene tour in the Ipolytarnóc Fossils and Bükk Region UGGp to the Szeleta prehistoric man cave.