



RETE ITALIANA  
DEI GEOPARCHI MONDIALI  
ITALIAN  
GEOPARKS NETWORK

## ANNUAL REPORT 2024

### 1. IDENTITY

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**Year of inscription:** 2010

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### **3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS**

#### **Active application in your country:** MurGeopark

The application of MurGeopark was submitted to UNESCO in January 2024, and the geopark was evaluated in July 2024 by two members of the UNESCO Global Geoparks evaluation team. The Italian Geoparks Forum provided support to MurGeopark throughout its evaluation process through several online meetings and by sharing relevant information.

At its meeting in September 2024, the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council unanimously voted for MurGeopark its acceptance.

#### **Territories that you are advising:**

Support to a cross-border territory between Italy and Slovenia under the name of Kras-Carso that is currently working on its candidature for UNESCO Global Geopark status.

The project is led by the Municipality of Sežana, with other several partners such as the Geological Service, the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region and different municipalities. Activities are being carried out at an institutional level to establish a cross-border Kras-Carso Geopark—one of the key steps toward preparing the future application to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Network.

The project is funded at 85% by the European Regional Development Fund under the INTERREG V-A Italy–Slovenia 2021-2027 Cooperation Programme. The initiative connects the two countries through actions focused on natural and cultural heritage, economic development, and sustainable tourism.

### **4. ACTIVITIES**

#### Forum meeting during the EGN CC meeting in Kula Salihli UGGP

The Italian Geopark Committee representatives met in person during their participation in the EGN Coordination Committee meeting that took place from 5-8 March 2024 at Kula Salihli UGGP in Turkey and discussed the organization of common activities for the year.

Another meeting was organized between the delegates during the 17th European Geoparks Conference held in Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark, from 2-4 October 2024

#### National Geoparks Meeting of the Italian Geoparks Committee

The Italian Geoparks Forum holds regular online meetings to maintain constant communication among all Geopark representatives and to discuss ongoing activities and commitments planned throughout the year.

In addition, in December 2024 a meeting was organized at the Madonie UGGP, which was attended not only by the official representatives of the Italian network but also by numerous members of civil society and local policymakers. The event aimed to promote wider understanding of the Geoparks' mission, concepts, and philosophy.

The Chair of the Forum, Alessia Amorfini, participated in and presented the Forum's activities at several events. Here below the main activities:

10–11 May 2024 – Conference “Stoppani: dalla scienza alla divulgazione”, held at the Eremo Monte Barro in Galbiate (Lecco), organized by the Italian Society for Geology and Tourism. She delivered a presentation entitled “The UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: Enhancing Geological Heritage and Supporting Local Communities.”

18 May 2024 – “La Festa della Geologia” at Equi Terme, Fivizzano, organized by Legambiente. On this occasion, she presented “Outdoor Laboratories for Geological Outreach: The Experience of the Italian UNESCO Geoparks.”

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