

GGN – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2024

1. IDENTITY

Iceland Geopark Committee, www.geopark.is

Year of inscription: 2014

2. MEMBERS

Chair: Sigurður Sigursveinsson, Katla Geopark, sigurdur@hfsu.is, vonfoss@gmail.com

Members:

Association of Icelandic Geographers
Cultural Heritage Agency of Iceland
Environmental Agency of Iceland
Geoscience Society of Iceland
Icelandic Association of Local Authorities
Icelandic Environment Association
Icelandic Institute of National History
Icelandic National Commission for UNESCO
Icelandic Tourist Board
Katla UNESCO Global Geopark
Ministry for the Environment and Natural Resources
Network of Public Universities in Iceland
Business Iceland (Visit Iceland)
Reykjanes UNESCO Global Geopark
Thingvellir National Park
University Centre of South Iceland
Vatnajökull National Park

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: None.

Territories that you are advising: None.

4. ACTIVITIES

The Iceland Geopark Committee held one formal meeting in 2024, in May. The meeting was held via Teams. The main item for discussion was a discussion on the preparations for the EGN Conference in Reykjanes Geopark in October 2024. The conference was seen as a good opportunity for promotion of the geoparks, both to the Icelandic public, and government institutions. As it turned out, several members of the committee attended the conference. The conference turned out to be a big success, both in terms of organisation and attendance.

The geopark managers of Katla and Reykjanes Geopark gave an overview of the current activities of the geoparks.

The chairman introduced the different competitions held to celebrate the twenty year anniversary of the Global Geoparks Network.