

GGN – National Network / National Fora Committees

Annual Report 2024

1. IDENTITY / GGN NATIONAL NETWORK

National Fora/Committee: Polish Geoparks Forum (in Polish: Polskie Forum Geoparków); Poland; e-mail: polishgeoparks@geopark.pl

Year of inscription: 2024 (non-formal cooperation); since 21.02.2025 formal cooperation based on the Memorandum of Understanding

2. MEMBERS

Chair: Michał Poros, Holy Cross Mountains UNESCO Global Geopark, e-mail: michal.poros@geopark.pl

Vice-chair: Joanna Appelt, Land of the Extinct Volcanoes UNESCO Global Geopark, e-mail: <mailto:joanna@kaczawskie.pl>

Members (institutional):

- Muskau Arch UNESCO Global Geopark, e-mail: info@muskauer-faltenbogen.de
- Land of the Extinct Volcanoes UNESCO Global Geopark, e-mail: geopark@kaczawskie.pl
- Holy Cross Mountains UNESCO Global Geopark, e-mail: biuro@geopark.pl

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: There are currently no active applications to GGN from new geoparks in Poland

Territories that you are advising:

- Geopark Moryń, representant Sławomir Jasek – mayor of the Moryń Commune; um@moryn.pl ; <https://moryn.pl/geopark.html> , 1 year
- Kamienny Las na Roztoczu geopark initiative, representant Bogdan Skibiński – representing the District Office in Lubaczów, a partner of the „Kamienny Las na Roztoczu” geopark’s initiative, e-mail: b.skibinski@lubaczow.powiat.pl ; 1 year

4. ACTIVITIES

- Promotion of the UNESCO Global Geopark brand and Polish geoparks with UNESCO status during the nationwide Geo-Product Forum conference in Chochołów, October 10–11, 2024
- Implementation of the promotional campaign of the Polish Geoparks Forum as part of International Geodiversity Day

- Organization of a booth promoting the Polish Geoparks Forum during the 17th European Geoparks Conference at the Reykjanes UGGp in Iceland
- Effective cooperation between the Polish Geoparks Forum and the Polish Geological Institute in joint activities promoting geodiversity, geotourism, and geoparks (including the “Geology in Focus” promotional campaign)
- V4 GEOPARKS MEETING at the Barrandien Geopark in the Czech Republic, May 13–14, 2024: meeting, exchange of experience, and discussion of cooperation opportunities between geoparks (including UNESCO Global Geoparks) from the Visegrad Group countries (Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary)
- Joint booth promoting UNESCO Global Geoparks in Poland on the occasion of International Earth Day at the Science Picnic organized by the Geological Museum of the Polish Geological Institute on April 21, 2024
- Advisory and consultative activities, as well as cooperation with Polish geoparks holding National Geopark status and with geopark initiatives in their initial phase (Moryń Geopark, Stone Forest in Roztocze Geopark, Sudetic Foreland Geopark, the Northern Jura Geopark project, and geopark–geotourism initiatives in the Małopolska region),
- Exchange of geoparks’ promotional materials and their display in information centres.
- Joint letter to the Ministry appealing for the inclusion of UNESCO Geoparks in strategic plans, alongside World Heritage Sites and UNESCO Biosphere Reserves.