

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2024

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:

TUSCAN MINING PARK UGG, ITALY, EUROPEAN GEOPARKS NETWORK

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation: 2010/2022



Viola Festival – Song of the Earth

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: : 4 employees including 1 mining archaeologist – director, 1 administration expert, 1 biodiversity expert, 1 expert in environmental sustainability and participatory processes (+ 7 managers of the Park Gates managed by the Geopark municipalities)

Number of visitors: 84,274 (number of visitors who visited museums, visitor centers and the Park Gates; who participated in excursions organized by the park and events of music, theater and tasting of typical products)

Number of Geopark events: 45 (The events - festivals, guided tours, music, shows, tastings, conferences - are all organized in collaboration with the Municipalities and operators of the Park Gates)

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 35

Number of Geopark press release: 40

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2024

- January / December Project 'Gateways of the Park' - All the gateways of the Park were opened January / December "Park Gates" Project - All park entrances were opened, offering museum services, educational workshops, cultural events, exhibitions and guided excursions.
- February 9 - Assembly of actors of the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas. Annual forum.
- August 21 – September 1 Festival delle Viole Baroque music concerts in ancient churches in Gerfalco, small village of the Geopark. Ancient music in ancient places – Songs of the Earth Project.

- December 20. Participation as speaker at the Study Day on Protection and enhancement of Industrial and Archaeo-Mining Heritage: presentation of the new SPD cataloguing sheet (Disused Production Site)..

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Improvement of the GEOfood project and participation in seminars.
- Participation in the 49th European Geoparks Meeting in Kula Salihli Unesco Global Geopark

Management and Financial Status

The Park has an independent budget. The Park's financial sources come mainly from the Ministry of Environment. The annual budget is approved by the Management Committee. The Park Gates are managed by municipalities and financed by the Park

Geoconservation

- July 12 – September 3 Festival "Le Notti della Natura" – Series of scientific conferences of geological and naturalistic character with national-level science communicators and guided night visits to some geosites of the Geopark.
- Implementation of the Cornate and Fosini Regional Nature Reserve Visitor Center with educational projects for schools, outdoor activities, signage
- Study for the safety and opening to visitors of the 19th-century Santa Barbara gallery for the search of silver and copper minerals. The gallery is located in the town of Montieri, near the Church of San Giacomo and is included in the geopath system
- Creation of podcasts with interviews and the production of a documentary film about the history of Niccioleta and its mine
<https://open.spotify.com/show/274De1z0plAIODHC70jJba>

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

Update of the Geopark's Green Economy Plan with the update of the Plan and transition scenarios also within the Blue Economy framework

Strategic partnership

Erasmus Plus GEOSITE Project (Western Norway University of Applied Sciences; Sunnhordland UNESCO Global Geopark, Comharchumann Dhuiche Sheoigheach Teo, Buzau Land UNESCO Global Geopark; Tuscan Mining UNESCO Global Geopark, University of Stavanger)

Promotional activities

The "Colline Metallifere Outdoor" App has been completed where it is possible to follow the entire trail system of the Geopark including obviously the Via delle Città Etrusche (Way of Etruscan Cities). <https://parcocollinemetallicere.it/mappa-interattiva/>

The Geopark actively participated in the creation of an episode of a national-level program on LA 7 "In viaggio con Barbero – Lavoro e schiavitù" (Traveling with Barbero – Work and slavery). Alessandro Barbero is an internationally renowned science communicator.

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