

GGN – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2024

1. IDENTITY

National Fora/Committee: name, country, website, e-mail

The Finnish National Geoparks Committee, Finland

<https://geoparksfinland.fi/en/>

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Year of inscription: 2013

2. MEMBERS

Chair: name, Geopark or organisation, e-mail

- Ms. Terttu Hermansson, Lauhanvuori – Hämeen kangas UGGp, Coordinator of the Finnish Geoparks Committee, terttu.hermansson@lhgeopark.fi
- Ms. Kati Komulainen, Salpausselkä UGGp, Vice coordinator, kati.komulainen@lahtiregion.fi

Members: name, Geopark or organisation, e-mail

- Ms. Ilona Latsa, Ministry of Environment, Ilona.latsa@gov.fi
- Mr. Matti Tapaninen, Metsähallitus, Parks & Wildlife Finland, matti.tapaninen@metsa.fi
- Mr. Jari Nenonen (until 30.9.2024), jari.nenonen@gtk.fi, Mr. Tapio Kananoja, tapio.kananoja@gtk.fi (from 1.10.2024) Geological Survey of Finland
- Mr. Jari Nenonen (from 19.11.2024), Expert, jarinenon@gmail.com.
- Mr. Mikko Kiuttu, Rokua UGGp, mikko.kiuttu@humanpolis.fi
- Ms. Terttu Hermansson, Lauhanvuori-Hämeen kangas UGGp, terttu.hermansson@lhgeopark.fi
- Mr. Mikko Ikävalko, Saimaa UGGp, mikko.ikavalko@saimaageopark.fi
- Ms. Kati Komulainen, Salpausselkä UGGp, kati.komulainen@lahtiregion.fi
- Ms. Maria Ahvenniemi, (until 30.9.2024), maria.ahvenniemi@jpyp.fi, Ms. Sari Hyttinen (from 1.10.2024), Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi UGGp, sari.hyttinen@jpyp.fi.

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: name, representative, e-mail, website, year of application submission

Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi Geopark was designated UNESCO Global Geopark in the spring of 2024.

Ms. Sari Hyttinen (from 1.10.2024), Impact Crater Lake – Lappajärvi UGGp, sari.hyttinen@jpyp.fi
<https://kraatterijarvigeopark.fi/-english>

Application submitted in 2022

Territories that you are advising: name, representative, e-mail, website, how many years are being advised

Participated in two seminars to advise the aspiring Loode-Eesti (North-West Estonia) Geopark in 2024.

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4. ACTIVITIES

The Finnish Geopark committee meetings and topics in 2024:

- 9.2.2024 Spring meeting in Saimaa, election of new officials, current international affairs, national advocacy, committee statutes reform
- 15.3.2024 Workshop in Helsinki, national status and funding for Geoparks in Finland
 - Two additional workshops, 18.6.2024 in Lahti, and 11.9.2024 in Karvia
- 19.11.2024 Autumn meeting online, Committee memberships, area extension request of Lauhanvuori - Hämeen kangas UGGp, applying for organizing International Geopark Conferences in Finland, GGN 20th anniversary photo contest.