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## Croatian National Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks - Annual Report 2024

### 1. IDENTITY

**National Committee:** Croatian National Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks

**Year of inscription:** 2017

### 2. MEMBERS

**Chair:** Josip Hren, Nature Protection Directorate, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Green Transition

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### **3. ACTIVE UGGp APPLICATIONS**

- no applications in 2024

### **4. UGGp REVALIDATIONS**

- no revalidations in 2024

### **5. ACTIVITIES**

- The Croatian National Committee for UGGp held two committee meetings in 2024, during which the activities of the three Croatian UGGps in previous periods and the future plans were discussed.
- The representative of Papuk UGGp attended the meeting of the Cooperation and Development Sector of LAG "Moslavina", and delivered presentation "UNESCO World Geopark – Sustainable Development of the Area Based on Valuable Geological Heritage". LAG "Moslavina" organized an expert excursion to the Papuk UNESCO Global Geopark for all key stakeholders from the potential geopark area. Prof. Dr. Sc. Dražen Balen provided additional expert geological insights related to the potential geopark.
- The Committee also marked the celebration of:
  - International Geodiversity Day, the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024
  - European Geoparks Week, May/June 2024
  - International Earth Day, the 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024
  - International Mountain Day, the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**President of the Croatian National Committee  
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**Josip Hren**

