



Irish Geoparks Network Committee – meeting

Jan 2026

Actions Items from the meeting are outlined below.

Implementation of the GGN Action Plan 2025-27 – National Priorities

Date: 23rd Jan 2026

Time: 14:00

Participants: Clare Glanville, Grainne O'Connor, Carol Gleeson, Eamon Doyle, Sarah Gatley, Ben Thebadeau, Martina O'Neill

Apologies: Kirstin Lemon, Robbie Galvan, Darren Rice

It was decided by consensus that the following Actions under each of the core pillars would be prioritised for implementation by Irish Geoparks at a geopark and collaborative national level.

Pillar 1: Preserving Our Earth, Environment and Resources

Key 1. Climate Change Adaptation– Roadmap for Resilience

ACTION 1. Raising General Community Awareness on Climate Change

Pillar 2: Strengthening Communities: Fostering Inclusion and Resilience

Key 6. Empowering local communities and strengthening Geopark management

ACTION 1. Ensuring the participation of Local Communities in Geoparks management

ACTION 2. Strengthening the Geopark management body staff and partners (increasing of the number of staff, budget, number of partners)

Pillar 3: Optimizing GGN, Building Capacity, Leadership, and Global Impact

Key 8. Comprehensive and coordinated planning of the capacity building activities. Creation of an annual calendar by GGN in collaboration with UNESCO Secretariat for capacity building: aspiring Geoparks, Geopark evaluators, Geopark managers

ACTION 1. Preparation of an annual GGN report on geohazards and climate change

ACTION 5. Supporting capacity-building activities for GGN members at regional and national levels

Pillar 4: Strengthening Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Key 11. Strengthening Collaboration with UNESCO Site Designations

ACTION 1. Developing a collaborative proposal for joint activities between site UNESCO designations

ACTION 2. Promoting the resources and the potential of the UGGps as sustainable developing territories

Further detail on these actions and how they will be implemented is detailed in the attached spreadsheet and will be updated with actions completed at the end of 2026

Signed: 

Next meeting: N/A

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