

Priorities of the Polish Geoparks Forum on GGN Action Plan 2025-2027

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

1) Disseminate information on the memory of past climate events and the current realities of human-induced climate change within the Geopark territory

- Introduction of an **educational module on climate education** into activities conducted in **GEO-SCHOOLS** within geoparks
- Geopark Climate News – an information and educational social media campaign focused on climate change in the past and present.

Key 3. Collaborating on the management of Water Resources

ACTION 3. Sustaining rivers and healthy water-dependent ecosystems

1) Organize collaborative river and lakes cleanups involving community members and stakeholders

- Promotion by Polish geoparks of the **nationwide “Clean River” campaign** and **organization of river-cleaning activities** within geoparks involving local communities (NGOs, schools, etc.).

Pillar 2: Strengthening Communities: Fostering Inclusion and Resilience

Key 5. Promoting Geoparks as implementation fields for the SDGs and their extended programme beyond 2030

ACTION 2. Reporting from each Geopark on its contribution to SDGs

1) Each UGGp submits annual simple SDG activity report (list format) – discussion, preparation and **submission of annual SDG reports by Polish geoparks**

Key 6. Empowering local communities and strengthening Geopark management

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

1) Involve local communities in the organisation of bottom-up initiatives in cooperation with the UGGp

- **Collaboration** of Polish geoparks **with local NGOs**, schools, and **cultural institutions** in organizing joint events (development of **GEO-SCHOOLS** and cultural events organized in cooperation with Local Action Groups

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

1) Consider cooperation with local stakeholders and scientific entities within networks that allow for the incorporation of professionals

- **Engaging experts on a voluntary basis** to support Geopark activities that are understaffed
- **Involving representatives of Geoparks' Program/Scientific Councils** in the activities of the Polish Geoparks Forum.

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

Key 8. Comprehensive and coordinated planning of the capacity building activities.

ACTION 2. Strengthening networking among UGGps at regional and national levels

1) Organize National GGN annual meeting and informal exchanges among members

2) National GGN to provide formal communication platform for geoparks

- Organization of **annual meetings of the Polish Geoparks Network within the Nationwide Geo-Product Forum**
- Creation of a Polish Geoparks Forum **working group on WhatsApp**
- Organization of **regular online meetings/consultations within the Polish Geoparks Network**

ACTION 4. Communication and promotion of the UGGp concept.

1) Creating a marketing strategy for GGN promotion

- Creation and management of the Polish Geoparks Forum **Facebook profile**,
- **Geopark online seminars for schools (educational videos/presentations for schools** containing content promoting the idea and concept of UGGp as well as the geological, natural, and cultural heritage of Polish UNESCO Global Geoparks)
- Promoting the UGGp concept and the GGN through **regular seminars and workshops organized within the framework of GEO-SCHOOLS**

ACTION 5. Empowering national GGN Networks and strengthen their connection and collaboration with the National Commissions for UNESCO and the National Delegations at UNESCO

1) Regular exchange and meetings

- **Organization of annual meetings of the Polish Geoparks Forum with the Polish National Commission for UNESCO,**

3) Strengthen information exchange with UNESCO-related parties such as members of the UNESCO National Commission.

- **Sending information to the Polish National Commission for UNESCO** regarding conferences and seminars organized by Polish UGGps / Polish Geoparks Forum
- **Active participation of Polish UGGps representatives in conferences/seminars organized by the Polish National Commission for UNESCO**

Pillar 4: Strengthening Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development

Key 10. Ensuring Quality in the International Geo-sciences Geoparks Programme IGGP

ACTION 1. Facilitating the GGN's tasks in relation to the IGGP

1) Better cooperation with the institutions involved in the national IGGP programme, in particular in the area of geoparks involvement

- Further strengthening the **cooperation of Polish UGGps with the Polish Geological Institute** (information campaigns, conferences, publications, participation of representatives of the national geological service in events organized by geoparks).

ACTION 5. Strengthening the position of the IGGP in member states in relation to other UNESCO programmes

2) Mutual presentations and introductions of the programmes

- **Geopark online seminars for schools** – development of videos/presentations for schools containing information about UNESCO categories, including UNESCO Global Geoparks.

3) Provide information regarding the UGGps to the public

- **Geopark online seminars for schools** – development of videos/presentations for schools containing information about UNESCO Global Geoparks,
- Informational meetings for local communities in geopark areas on the significance and protection of geodiversity in the context of UGGps,
- **Discussion panel on UGGps for the local community within the Geo-Product Forum**

Key 11. Strengthening Collaboration with UNESCO Site Designations

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

1) Common meetings with other UNESCO designations

- Promotion of the Nationwide Geo-Product Forum among institutions managing various UNESCO categories in Poland,
- Establishing contacts and developing cooperation between geoparks and biosphere reserves

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