

GGN – National Network / National Fora Committees Annual Report 2024

1. IDENTITY / GGN NATIONAL NETWORK

National Network / Fora/Committee:

Name: Netherlands Forum for UNESCO Global Geoparks,

Country: the Netherlands,

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Year of inscription: 2014

2. MEMBERS

Chair: Harry van Zon, geopark@harryvanzon.nl, independent chair

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3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country: No active application

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

- Gooi en Vecht – Heuvelrug (before 2 separate initiatives)
 - Representative: Marc Hofstra, geoparkhgv@gmail.com
 - Website: <https://www.geopark-heuvelrug.nl/>
 - Being advised since 2016
- Peelhorst-Maasvallei
 - Representative: Paul Sanders, paul.sanders@peelenmaas.nl
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 - Being advised since 2017
- Krijtland
 - Representatives: Jos Broers, JosBroers@eijsden-margraten.nl
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 - Website: not yet
 - Being advised since 2019

4. ACTIVITIES

- 27-03-2024: UGGp status granted to Schelde Delta and Walter Jonkers joins NFUGG on behalf of Schelde Delta
- 23-04-2024: Celebration of the UGGp status granted to Schelde Delta at Deltapark Neeltje Jans together with all partners of UGGp Schelde Delta and the Benelux UGGps.
- 03-05-2024: NFUGG meeting with working visit and consultation to the Peelhorst-Maasvallei geopark initiative, including a field visit and substantive discussion
- 15-10-2024: NFUGG meeting with working visit to UGGp De Hondsrug, partly in preparation for the revaluation. The start of a new policy line regarding the functioning of the NFUGG, farewell to chairman Harry van Zon