**GGN Long Term Strategy 2025-2035**

**4 strategic pillars , 12 key strategic key priorities organized in 52 strategic actions.**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LONG TERM STRATEGY 2025-2027**

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| **Pillar 1: Preserving Our Earth, Environment and Resources** |
| **Key 1. Climate Change Adaptation– Roadmap for Resilience** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| 1. Raising General Community Awareness on Climate Change
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| 1. Encouraging Population’s Actions on Waste Management and Recycling Material Use - Introducing zero plastic policy.
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| **3**. Analyzing UGGps Energy Use |  |  |  |  |
| **4**. Evolving the Network’s Operation |  |  |  |  |
| **5**. Adoption of a GGN Carbon Offset Policy and Procedure |  |  |  |  |
| **6**. Collecting and using of Carbon Offsetting |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Promoting Annual UGGp action plan on climate change adaptation
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| **Key 2. Protecting and Conserving Geoparks Heritage, Geodiversity, Biodiversity and Resources** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| 1. Raising General Community Awareness on Geopark Heritage and enhancing links between all types of heritage
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| 1. Protecting and Conserving Geological Heritage
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| 1. Collaborating on the management of Protected Natural Areas and Protecting Biodiversity
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| 1. Promoting Cultural Heritage and enhancing links between all types of heritage
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| **Key 3. Collaborating on the management of Water Resources** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| **1.** Encouraging sustainable management of Water Resources in Geoparks |  |  |  |  |
| **2.** Promoting conservation of existing water sources |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Sustaining rivers and healthy water-dependent ecosystems
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| **Key 4. Protecting Ocean and Marine Ecosystems** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| 1. Protecting coastal resources and combat marine pollution in Geopark
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| 1. Reducing plastic pollution in the oceans and coasts
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| 1. Supporting Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)
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| **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** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| **1.** Continuation of the activity of the GGN SDGs working group at international, regional and national levels |  |  |  |  |
| **2.** Reporting from each Geopark on its contribution to SDGs |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Creation of a GGN Report on the contribution of Geoparks to SDGs
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| **Key 6. Empowering local communities and strengthening Geopark management** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| 1. Ensuring the participation of Local Communities in Geoparks management
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| **2.** Strengthening the Geopark management body staff and partners (increasing of the number of staff, budget, number of partners) |  |  |  |  |
| **3.** Ensuring the gender equality as a basic framework in the Geopark operation and communication of Geopark |  |  |  |  |
| **4.** Ensuring the involvement of the young generation in all levels of Geoparks is essential to for the development and prosperity of these territories in the future |  |  |  |  |
| **5.** Ensuring the recognition and representation of Indigenous communities in Geoparks |  |  |  |  |
| **6.** Documenting and promoting local knowledge, traditions, and intangible heritage |  |  |  |  |
| **7.** Creating policies and tools to preserve and promote local languages |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Working to confront demographic challenges in rural areas
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| **Key 7. Mitigating Natural Disasters** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| **1.** Strengthening the activity of the GGN Geohazards working group activity at the international, regional networks and national and community levels |  |  |  |  |
| **2.** Creating specific toolsdesigned for the population as well as for schools to help them detect risks and respond effectively (e.g., Creating a comic book designed to help local populations in poor rural areas detect signs of possible landslides) |  |  |  |  |
| **3.** UGGp action plan on geohazards and disaster mitigation |  |  |  |  |
| **4.** Preparation of an annual GGN report on geohazards and climate change |  |  |  |  |

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| **Pillar 3: Optimizing GGN, Building Capacity, Leadership, and Global Impact** |
| **Key 8. Building Capacity, Strengthening Skills and Expertise across GGN** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| **1.** 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 |  |  |  |  |
| **2.** Capacity building activities for aspiring Geoparks: address the uneven distribution of UGGps andexpand the GGN, in particular in African, Middle East, Central Asian countries, small islands developing states (SIDS), etc. |  |  |  |  |
| **3.** Capacity building activities for Geopark evaluators: proving and maintaining the quality of evaluators as well as recruiting qualified volunteers who want to contribute to maintaining the quality of the IGGP |  |  |  |  |
| **4.** Capacity building activities for Geopark Managers: intensive courses for new mangers of the GGN members |  |  |  |  |
| **5.** Supporting capacity-building activities for GGN members at regional and national levels |  |  |  |  |
| **6.** Developing GGN digital tools for its members (Geoparks Educational e-Library, Geoparks e-Learning Database) |  |  |  |  |
| **Key 9. Uplifting Leadership and Organizational Capacity of GGN** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| **1.** Strengthening GGN’s management structure and statutory bodies operation to ensure its long-term partnership with UNESCO. Strengthen functionality of the GGN, building on the achievementsof the GGN over the past 20 years |  |  |  |  |
| **2.** Strengthening networking among UGGps at regional and national levels |  |  |  |  |
| **3.** Enhancing regional and national connections between UGGps with thematic targets to improve the quality and outcome of the GGN, emphasizing the use of GGN logo |  |  |  |  |
| **4.** Communication and promotion of the UGGp concept. Developing user-friendly materials (e.g., comics, videos, publications) to clearly communicate the UGGp concept and language tolocalcommunities |  |  |  |  |
| **5.** Empowering national GGN Networks and strengthen their connection and collaboration with the National Commissions for UNESCO and the National Delegations at UNESCO |  |  |  |  |

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| **Pillar 4: Strengthening Global Partnerships for Sustainable Development** |
| **Key 10. Ensuring Quality in the International Geo-schiences Geoparks Programme IGGP** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| **1.** Facilitating the GGN’s tasks in relation to the IGGP |  |  |  |  |
| **2.** Facilitating the roster of Evaluators in conjunction with UNESCO / IGGP Secretariat |  |  |  |  |
| **3.** Organizing advisory missions in aspiring and yellow-cardholdingGeoparks |  |  |  |  |
| **4.** Supporting activities co-organized in conjunction with UNESCO / IGGP Secretariat |  |  |  |  |
| **5.** Strengthening the position of the IGGP in member states in relation to other UNESCO programmes |  |  |  |  |
| **6.** Strengthening collaboration with IGCP |  |  |  |  |
| **Key 11. Strengthening Collaboration with UNESCO Site Designations** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| **1.** Developing a collaborative proposal for joint activities between site UNESCO designations |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Promoting the resources and the potential of the UGGps as sustainable developingterritories
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| **Key 12. Enhancing International Cooperation** |
| **ACTION** | **GGN BODY** | **ACTION PLAN 2025-2027** | **INDICATORS** | **EXPECTED RESULTS** |
| **1.** Strengthening collaboration with UNESCO, the World Tourism Organization - UNWTO, the International Union of Geological Sciences - IUGS, the International Union for Nature Conservation - IUCN, with other international relevant organizations (i.e. ICOMOS, IGU etc.) | **GGN ExB** |  |  |  |