

EUROPEAN GEOPARKS NETWORK



Geopark Annual Reports

2013



Katla Geopark (Iceland)

Major achievements in 2013

- Local Geo Guide part 2
- 25 geosites made accessible and equipped with information panels and picnic facilities
- 3 toilet facilities
- Educational material and knowledge trail

Contribution towards the work of the EGN

- Icelandic geopark forum
- Geopark week on 21st to 27th of April 2013. The theme that week was the Settlement of people and plants in Katla Geopark.
- Two people attended EGN meeting in March 2013 and two people attended EGN meeting and two people attended the conference in Ascea in September 2013.

Management structure and financial status

- Chief Operational manager and two educational experts are working full time for the Geopark – funded by the IPA grant until July 2014
- Board of directors meets every 3 months to oversee the running of the geopark.

Conservation (geoconservation) strategy

- Katla Geopark has no conservation strategy further then the strategy of participating municipalities

Strategic partnerships

- Katla geopark management plan is ready and that will be ready to be put into action in the beginning of the year 2015.

Marketing and promotional activities

- Katla Geopark has kept focusing on promoting businesses within the park and their activities.
- Katla Geopark was presented at Mid Atlantic fair in Reykjavík in September 2014
- www.Katlageopark.com

Sustainable economic development

- The IPA funding in partnership with the municipalities Katla Geopark has finished
- A management plan is ready for economically sustainable running of the Geopark with the support of the municipalities
- New educational packages and souvenir's

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