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Peacebuilding through transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks

In many cases, geological boundaries, shaped by rivers, mountain ranges, oceans and deserts, do not follow the boundaries drawn by people. UNESCO Global Geoparks, too, do not always follow human-made borders. Some UNESCO Global Geoparks therefore naturally cross national borders, connecting the peoples of different countries and encouraging intimate regional, cross-border cooperation. It is through this strong cross-border cooperation that transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks strengthen the relationship between countries and contribute to peacebuilding efforts. UNESCO actively supports the creation of transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks – especially in regions of the world where there are none yet.

Transnational geoparks are special territories even within the GGN, they have their own Operational Guidelines on the UNESCO website

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Transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks in May 2021:

[166. Karawanken / Karavanke UNESCO Global Geopark, Austria & Slovenia](#)

[167. Muscau Arch / Łuk Mużakowa UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany & Poland](#)

[168. Novohrad-Nógrád UNESCO Global Geopark, Hungary & Slovakia](#)

[169. Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark, Ireland & United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland](#)





Łęknica (Poland), October 18th 2019 / Łęknica declaration for the establishment of the Transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks Forum / Łęknica: venk'ni:ca

There is an increasing interest in the creation of transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks. Geology and landscapes do not recognize political division and artificial borders. This fundamental principle creates opportunities for human communities to join forces, drives local transborder cooperation and enhances the survival of their multifaceted heritage through synergized sustainable regional development. At present there are only four transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks on Earth, all of them in Europe. These territories assist the healing of the wounds of the past and find common means to preserve their common heritage and enhance their wellbeing.





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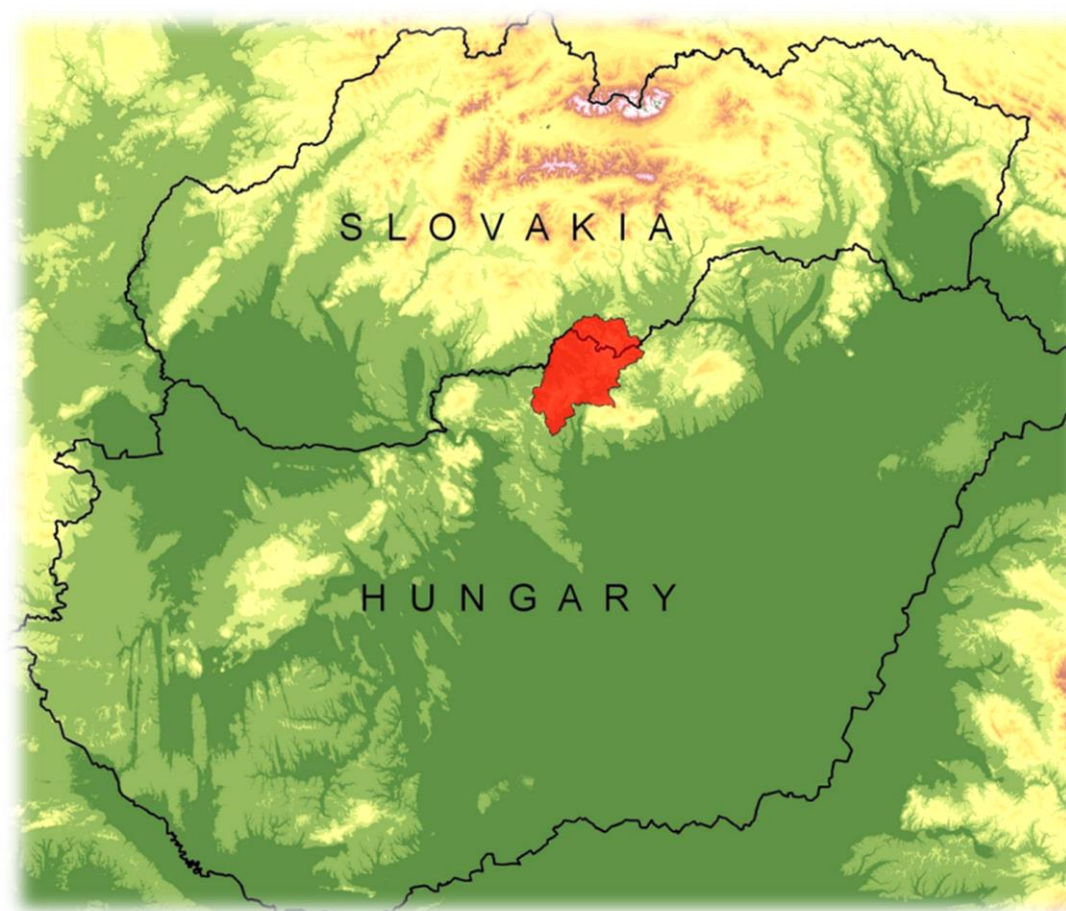
These four Geoparks have decided to create a joint Forum to share their experiences in order to exchange information for their mutual benefit and to help others who may be inspired to establish new transnational UNESCO Global Geoparks in the future. Although these four Geoparks are all within the European Geoparks Network area it was decided at their first meeting in Muskau Arch UNESCO Global Geopark (Germany & Poland) that this Forum will be open to existing members of the wider Global Geoparks Network and to aspiring UNESCO Global Geoparks across the world.





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Geographical position of the Novohrad-Nógrád UGGp





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Ancient world

HUNGARY

SLOVAKIA



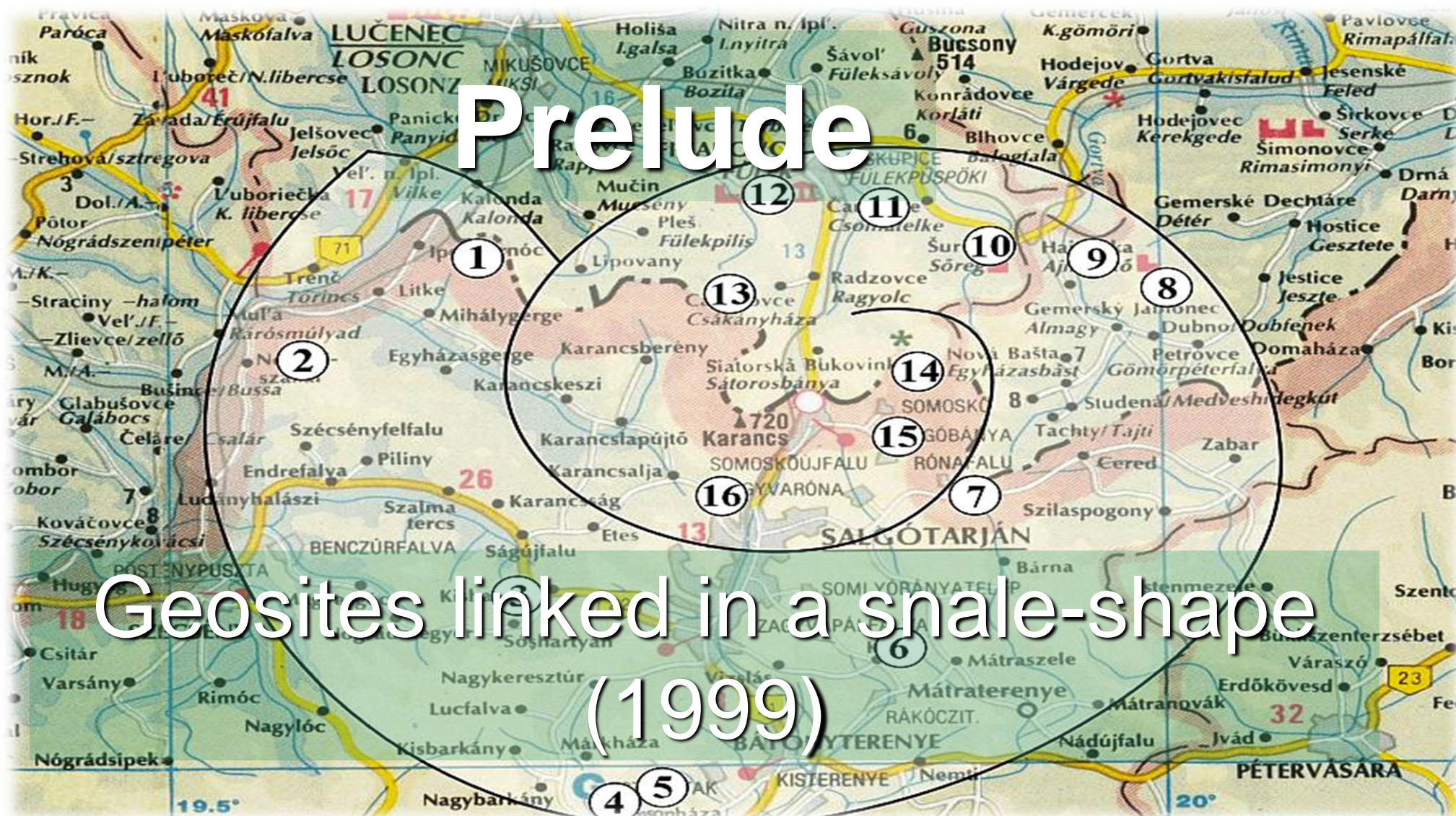
without borders





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Anna Paganoni – Bergamo Museum 2002

Project PAST (Paleoparks And Systems for Timewatching)

Salzburg, June 26th 2003

The first meeting related to the definition of a cooperation of Central Adriatic and Danubian South-Eastern Space countries in the Interreg III B axis Programme took place at the Institut für Geologie und Paläontologie, University of Salzburg (Austria).

The host of the meeting was Prof. Gottfried Tichy and the participants were the following:

Dr. Anna Paganoni, Civic Museum of natural Sciences (Bergamo, Italy)

Prof. Gottfried Tichy, Institut für Geologie und Paläontologie, University of Salzburg (Austria)

Dr. Gerd Dietl, Staatliches Museum für Naturkunde Stuttgart (Germany)

Dr. Imre Szarvas, Bükk National Park Directorate (Hungary)

Dr. Jiří Baburek, Czech Geological Survey (Czech Republic)

(...)

The lead partner was confirmed to be the Municipality of Bergamo (Italy). The partners invited to the meeting (belonging to Austria, Germany and Italy EU members, and Czech Republic and Hungary as pre-accession countries) all accepted to become formal members of the project.

It was confirmed the acronym title of the project as PAST, Paleoparks And Systems for Timewatching,



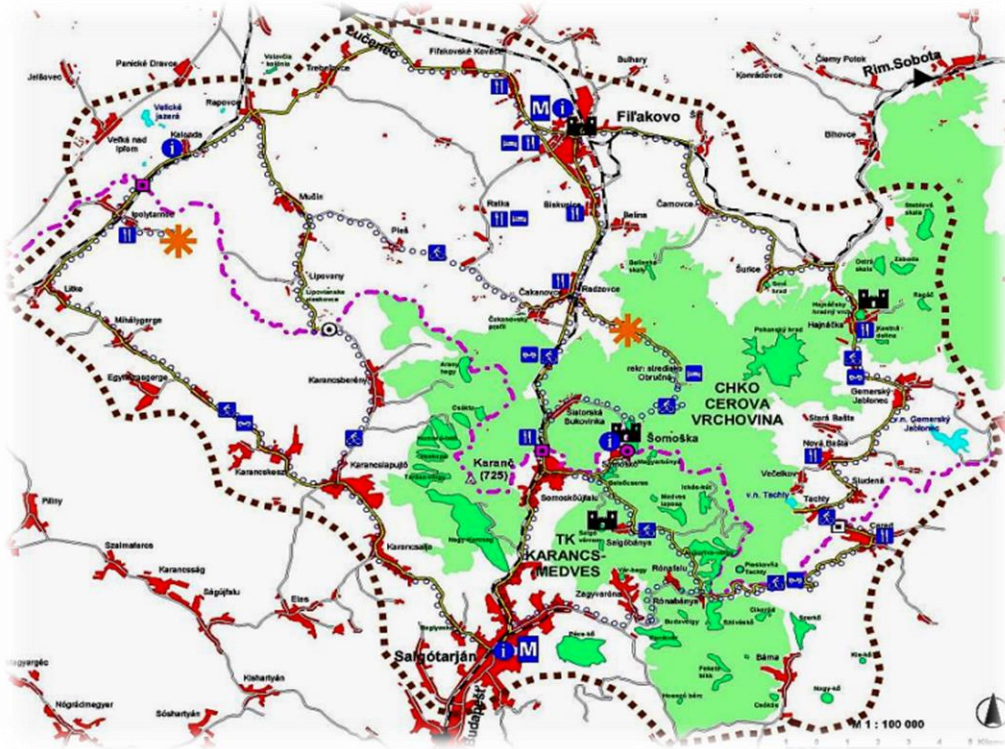
**WHC-04/28.COM/INF.14B , 107 -WORLD HERITAGE
NOMINATION - IUCN TECHNICAL EVALUATION,
PALAEOHABITAT OF TARNÓC (HUNGARY) ID N° 667 REV
2004**

“ ... IUCN recommends that the State Party be invited to consider the option of nominating the site under the emerging Geoparks Initiative supported by UNESCO and the International Earth Sciences Union. Such status would seem to certainly be warranted in view of both the level of importance of the site, and the high quality of its management.”



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The Geopark Project started in 2005 with the creation of the database and joint documents on both sides.





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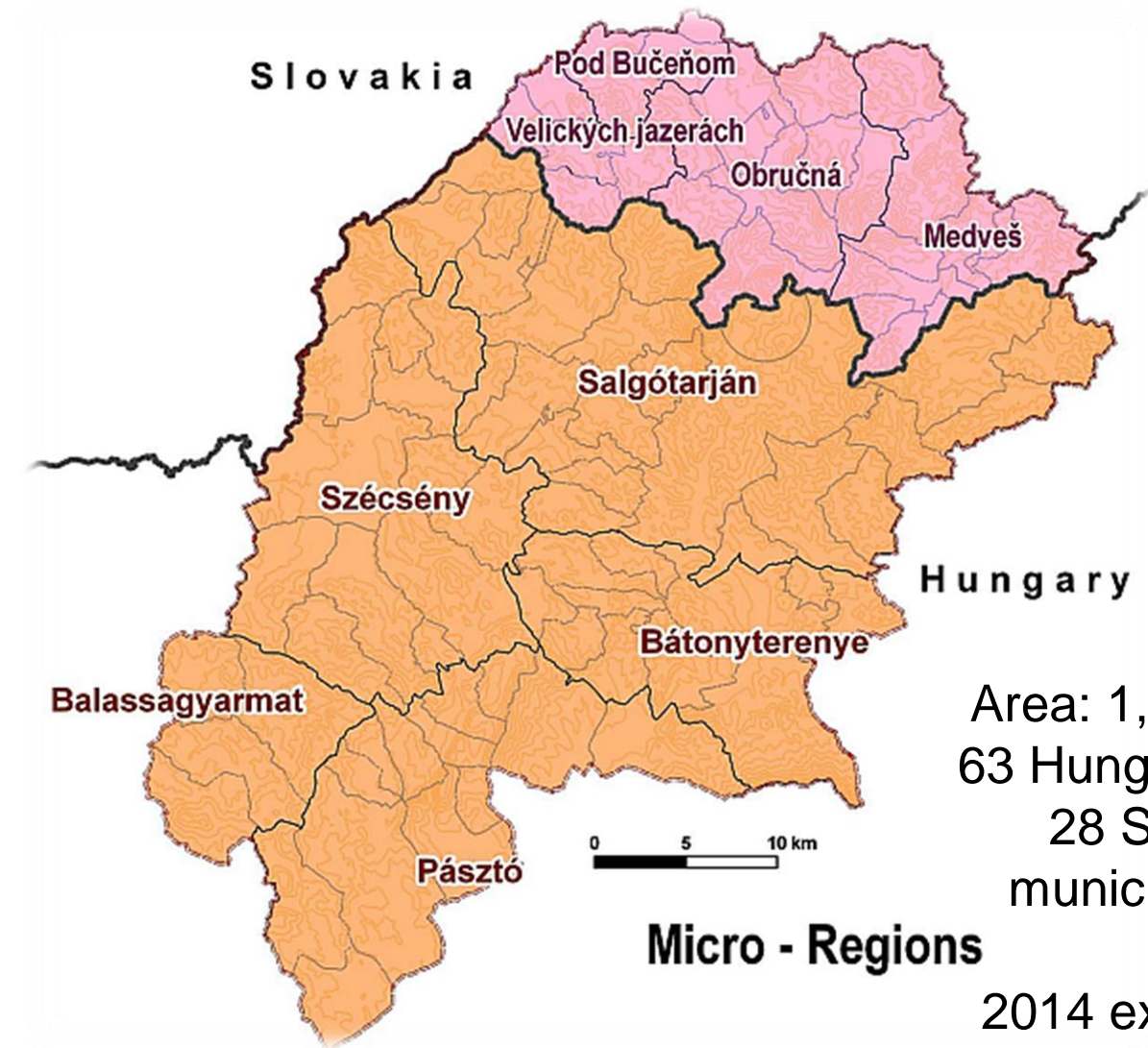
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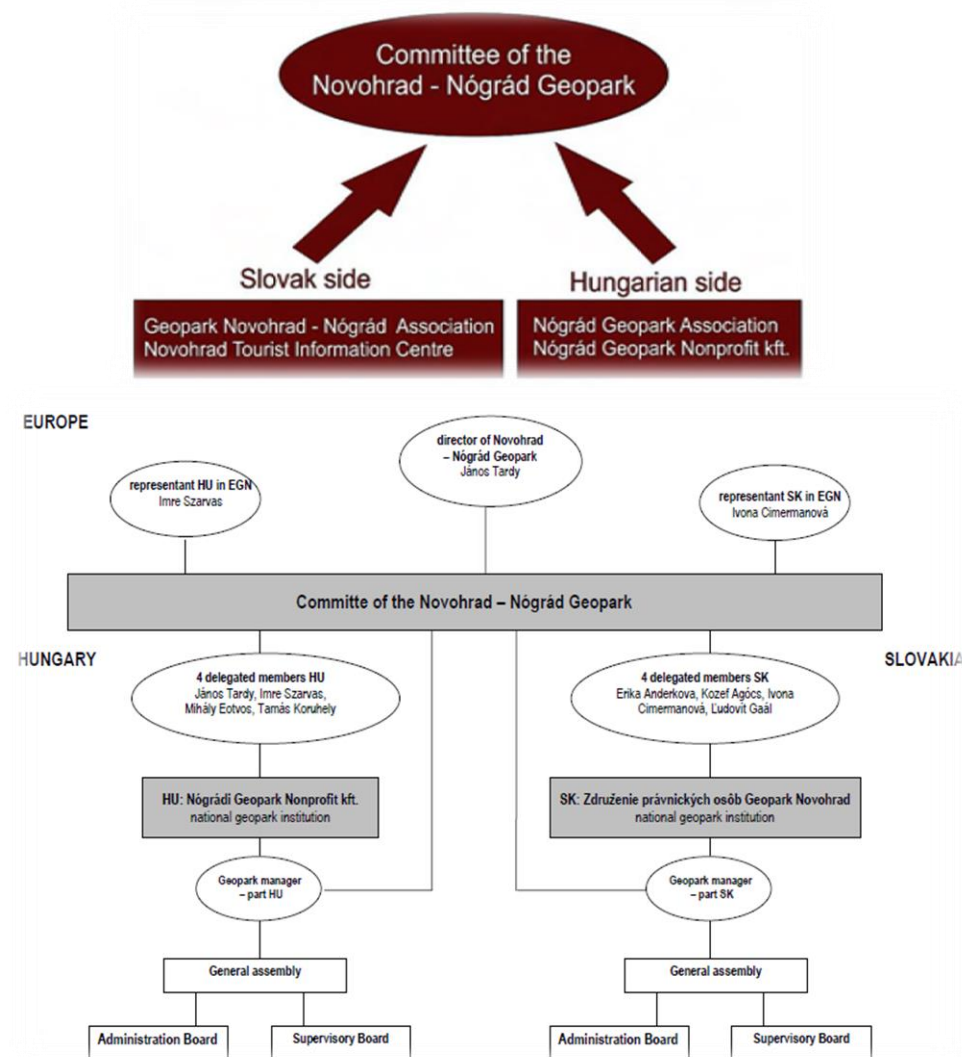
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Micro - Regions

Area: 1, 587 km²
63 Hungarian and
28 Slovak
municipalities

2014 extension:
1, 619 km²





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Novohrad - Nógrád Geopark



Application dossier for nomination as a European Geopark

Birth of the Pannonian basin - the last 30 million years



Novohrad - Nógrád Geopark



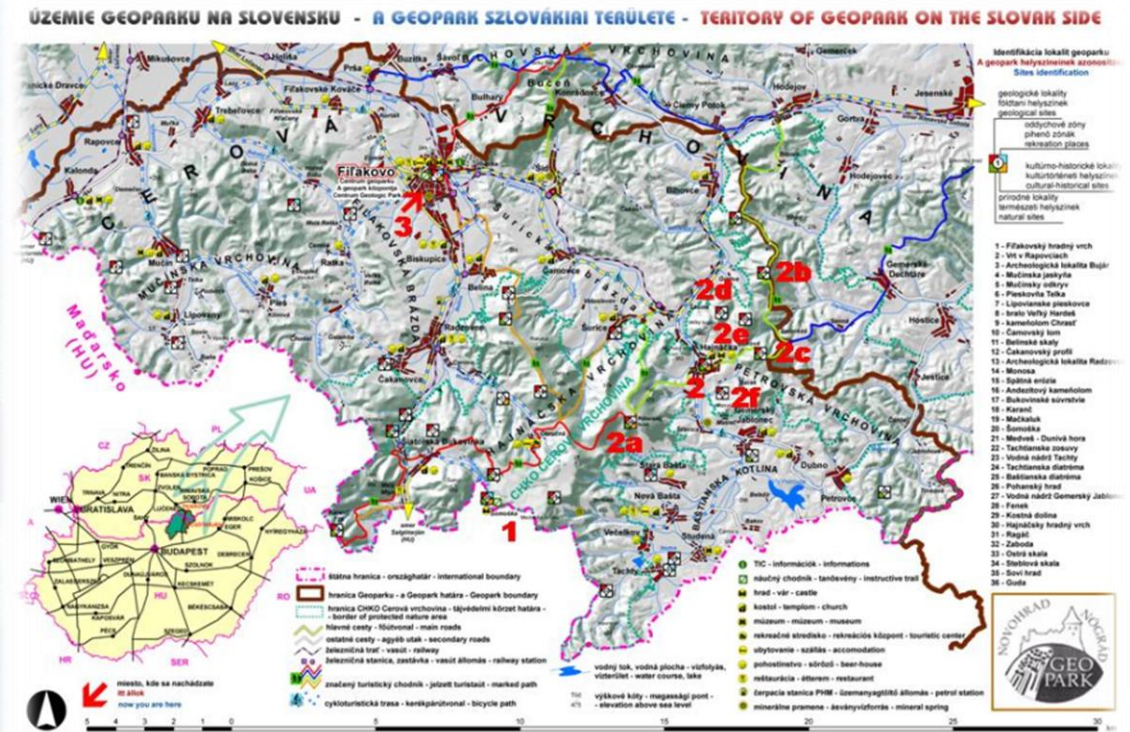
Letter of Commitment Memorandum of Understanding and Endorsements

Enclosure 1
to the application dossier for
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Map with identification of the visited sites





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Demands concerning interpretive panels on the spot



Visual identity manual FOR NOVOHRAD-NÓGRÁD GEOPARK

Should be
recognisable:

- common form in both countries

Understandable:

- scientific jargon kept minimal

Digestible:

- Short text, more of figures





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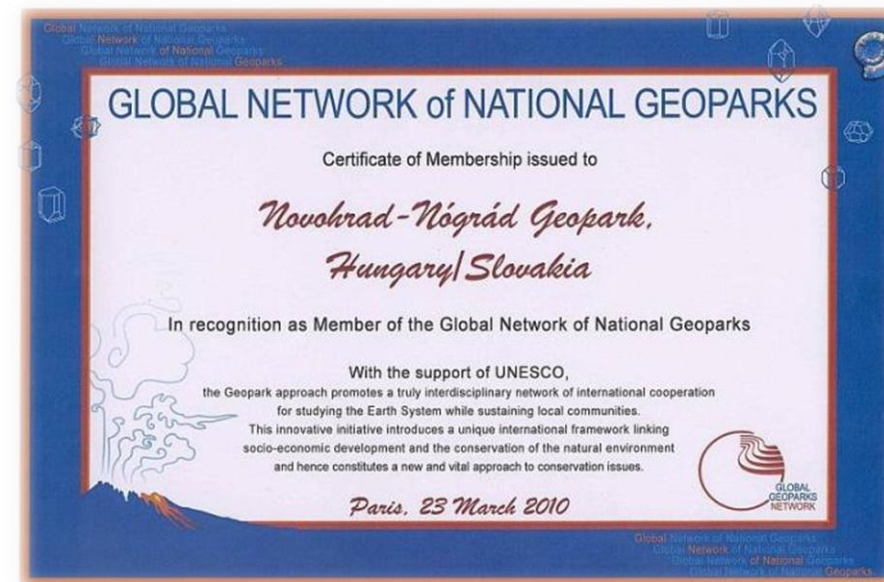
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HUNGARY

Dear Mr. Tardy

RE: Your application for membership of the European Geoparks Network

Further to your application for membership of the European Geoparks Network, we are pleased to report that the EGN Coordination Committee had the chance to discuss at length the additional information you supplied to us at our recent meeting in the Luberon European and Global Geopark in France.

The discussion was largely positive and noted the high potential of Novohrad – Nograd Geopark to become a strong member of the network. As such the EGN Coordination Committee voted to accept Novohrad – Nograd Geopark as a new member of the European Geoparks Network.



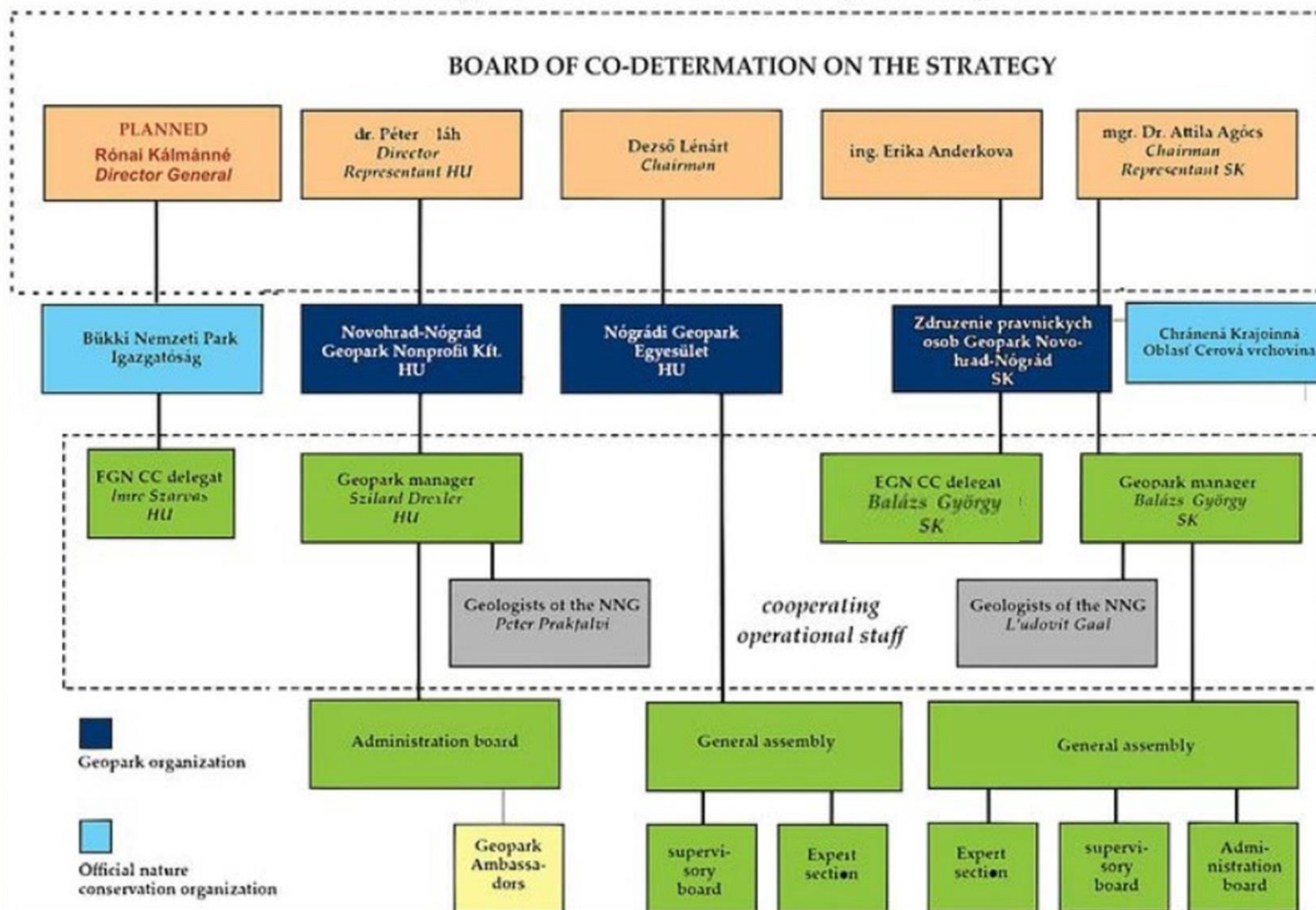


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The management of Novohrad-Nógrád Geopark





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Thank you for your kind attention

