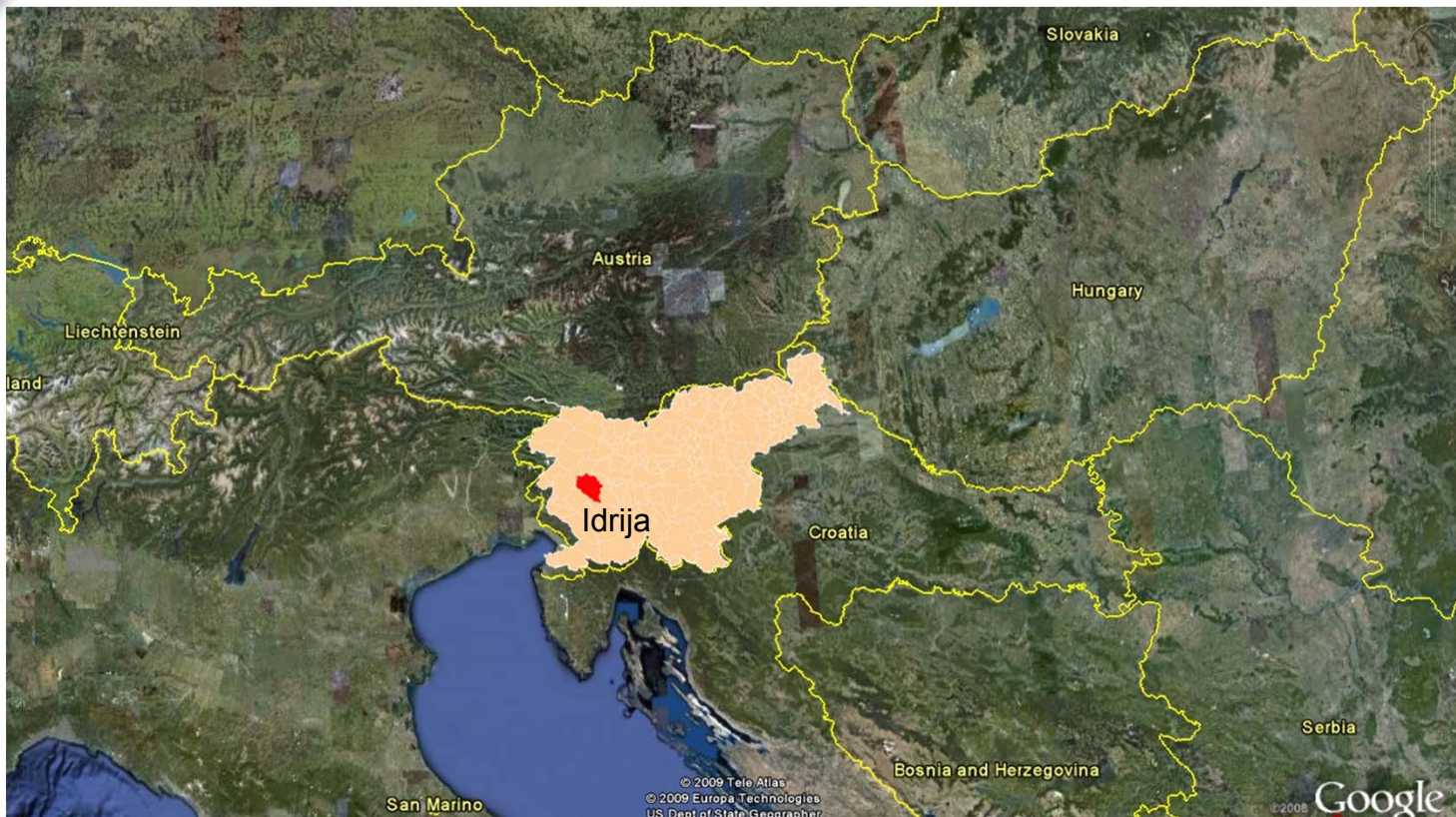


THE IDRIJA GEOPARK – FROM THE EXPERTS' IDEA TO FINAL REALISATION WITH PARTNERS

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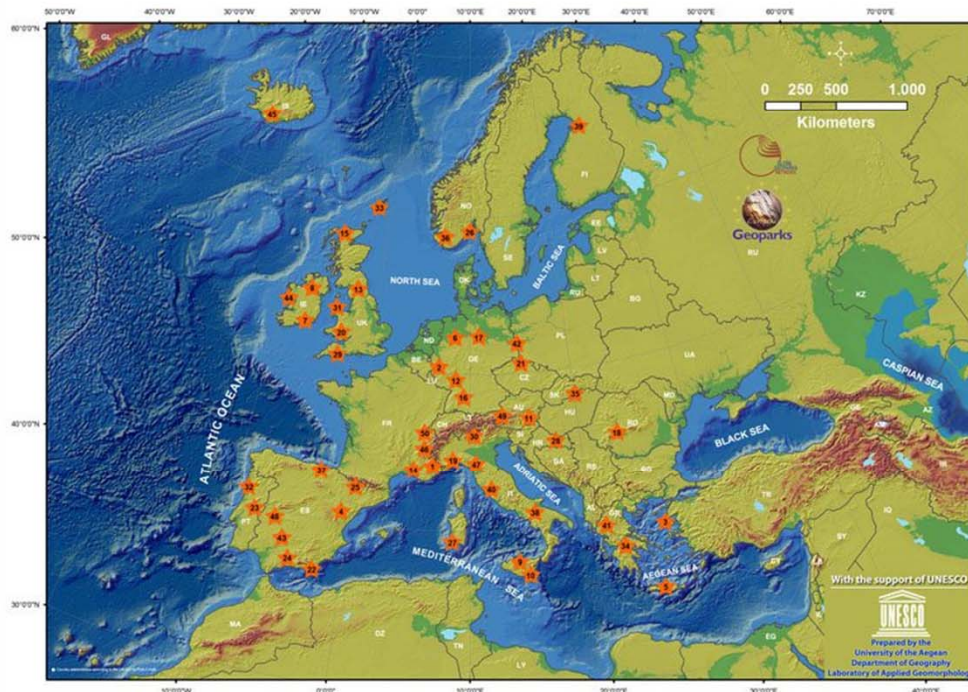




Idrija Municipality

- Area: 293,7 km²
- Population: 11.779
- Density: cca 40/km²

EGN Geoparks in the area of the Alps region



- Reserve Geologique de Haute-provence
- Bauges
- Chablais Geopark
- Parco Del Beigua
- Parco Naturale Adamello Brenta
- Carnic Alps Geopark
- Nature Park Steirische Eisenwurz

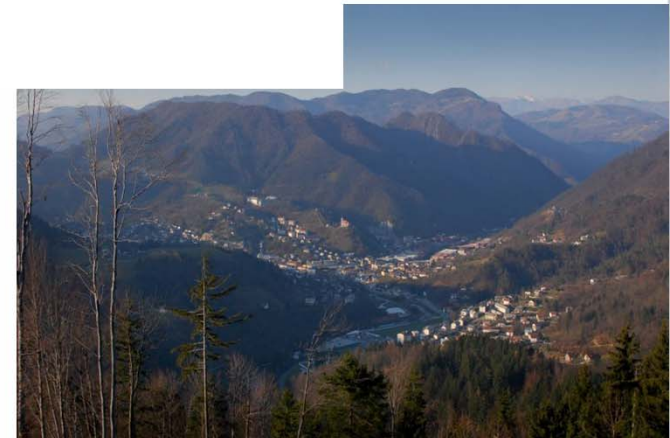
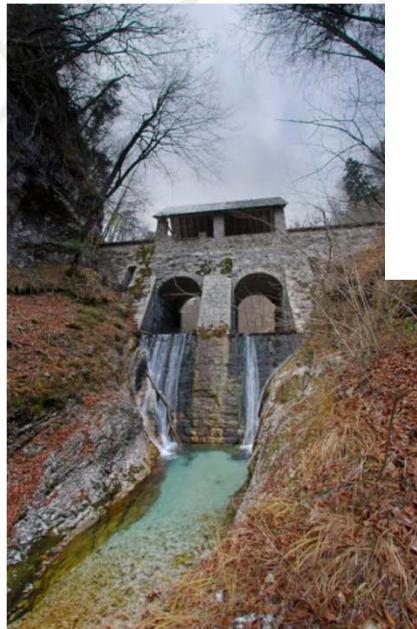
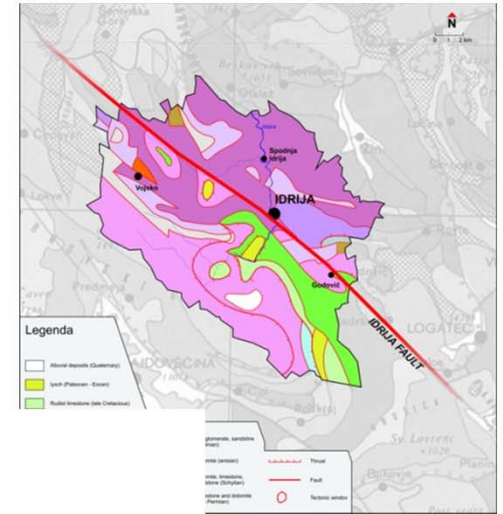
Purpose of Geopark Idrija

- Geopark Idrija covers the Idrija Municipality and includes unique natural heritage (especially geological)
- The aim is to connect local inhabitants in order to preserve nature and develop activities in rural areas, particularly tourism (geo-tourism as a one form of so called “niche tourism”) and increase incomes of inhabitants
- educate local inhabitants and visitors about natural and cultural heritage in Idrija in the spirit of sustainable development

- The diverse geology
- Mining and geological knowledge
- Natural values
- Cultural heritage



The idea
of establishing a
Geopark
in 2007



Connecting with other European Geoparks and Presentations on EGN and GGN Conferences



Digne-les-Baines, 2007 France



Osnabrück 2008, Germany



Mitilini 2010, Greece



Scotland Highlands, 2007



Idanha-a-Nova 2009, Portugal



Langesund 2011, Norway



Visit from Arouca
(Portugal) in Idrija, 2008



Visit from Idrija in Arouca



Magma Geopark, 2010,
Norway

Idrija Geopark was established in October 2010 by Idrija Community

Idrija Geopark
is managed by the local institute
Idrija Heritage Centre



Partner group

Public partners:

- 1 Municipality of Idrija
- 2 Idrija Mercury Mine
- 3 Jurij Vega Secondary School
- 4 Idrija Lace School
- 5 Idrija Municipal Museum
- 6 Idrija Elementary school
- 7 Centre for School and Extracurricular Activities Vojsko
- 8 Centre for School and Extracurricular Activities Medvedje Brdo



Private partners:

- 1) Development Agency of Idrija and Cerkno
- 2) Vojsko Cross-country Skiing Centre
- 3) Vojsko Rural Women and Girl's Association
- 4) Krekovše Hunting Association
- 5) Idrijske Krnice Tourist Association
- 6) Aquarium M Idrija, Valter Majnik s.p.
- 7) Idrija Fishing Association
- 8) Nebesa d.o.o. - Hotel Jožef
- 9) Idrija Museum Association
- 10) TRGOS - Mihelj Irena s.p., PE Letni vrt Lajšt
- 11) Idrija Tourist Association
- 12) Kanomlja Tourist and Culture association
- 13) Private Association Vas - Roots for a better tomorrow
- 14) Trma Association for Zadlog's Sustainable Development
- 15) House of herbs Master d.o.o.
- 16) Čekovnik Tourist Association
- 17) Roman Žust
- 18) Slovenian Association of Friends of Youth Idrija
- 19) Tourist Farm Pr' Jureč, Bogataj Tomislava
- 20) AKVAMI d.o.o.
- 21) Medene niti MŠ, As nepremičnine d.o.o.
- 22) JAKO Jana Kokalj, s.p.
- 23) Idrija Lacemakers Association
- 24) Avgusta d.o.o./Active Idrija

Events in Geopark Idrija in 2012



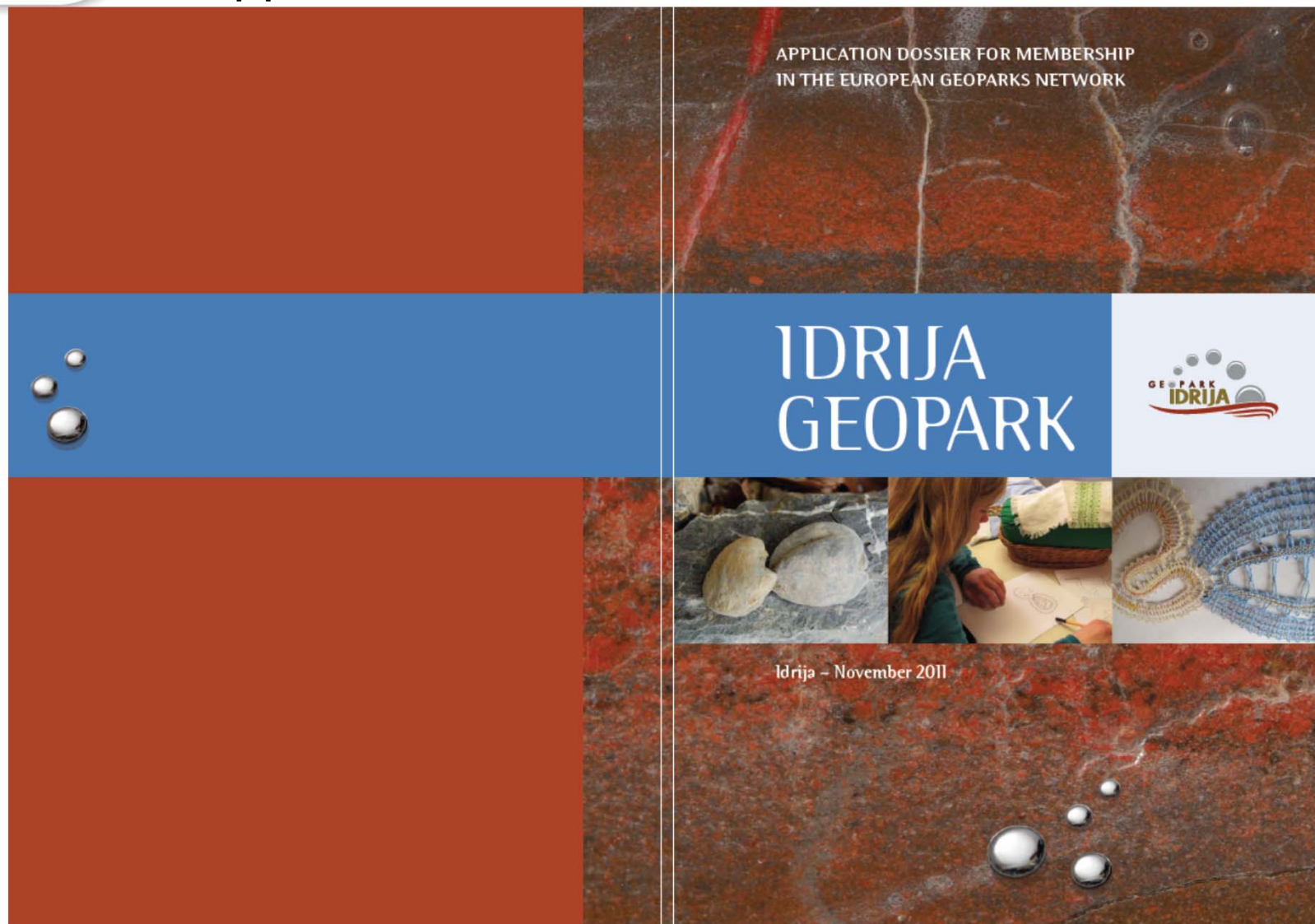
- Spring in Geopark Idrija
 - Summer in Bela bathing place
 - Workshops for youth
- (with Association of Friends of Youth)



Realising the five Objectives of the Association of Alpine Town of the Year

- ✓ To strengthen awareness of the Alps (preservation of natural and cultural heritage and sustainable development)
- ✓ To involve the population (main aim is to include local inhabitants as partners of Geopark with their activities)
- ✓ To consolidate ties with the region (cooperation with EGN and GGN member and other natural areas)
- ✓ To shape the future sustainably (directly 5 fields of Alpin convention – population and culture, spatial planning and sustainable development, conservation of nature and landscape protection, mountain farming, tourism and leisure time and other un-directly)
- ✓ To develop co-operation (co-coperation with other geoparks, natural areas and towns)

Application to become a EGN member



Budget

- From 2007 to 2012 there was spent around 824.000 EUR for a purpose of establishing Geopark Idrija
- This includes all partners, several departments in the Idrija Municipality, employment on Geopark Idrija, several projects etc.

2006 - 2012



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Città alpina dell'anno
Alpsko mesto leta

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**Heritage of Mercury.
Almadén and Idrija**
inscribed on the World
Heritage List in 2012

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