



International Intensive Course on UNESCO Global Geoparks

UNESCO Global Geoparks: Geoconservation, Sustainable Tourism and Local Development Programme



Lesvos island
May 15–25, 2026

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PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

MAY	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9.00–11.15		L	L	L	F2	W	F3	F4	L	F5	F6
11.30–13.15		L	L	L	F2	W	F3	L	L	F5	F6
14.00–17.00		L	F1	W	F2	W	F3	L	L	E	
17.00–18.30	O	W	F1	W	F2	W	F3	F4	W		
18.30–20.00	O										

L = Lectures, W = Workshop, F = Field Trip, O = Opening, E = Course Evaluation



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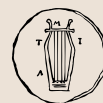
1st Day – Friday May 15th 2026
Amphitheatre of Geography Building

16: 30	Departure from Hotels – Transfer to the Venue	
17:00 – 18:00	Registration of the participants at the University of the Aegean Course Programme Booklet and Bag with Course material	
OPENING CEREMONY OF THE COURSE: UNESCO Global Geoparks: Management and Sustainability		
18:00 – 20:00	Opening Ceremony	<p>Welcome by the Course Director, Prof. Nickolas Zouros</p> <p>Welcome by the Regional Governor of North Aegean, Mr. Konstantinos Moutzouris</p> <p>Welcome by the Mayor of Mytilene, Mr. Panagiotis Christofas</p> <p>Welcome by the Mayor of Western Lesvos, Mr. Taxiarchis Verros</p> <p>Welcome by the Rector of the University of the Aegean, Prof. Dimitros Papageorgiou</p> <p>Greeting by the President of the Hellenic National Commission for UNESCO, Mrs Maria Ekaterini Tzitzikosta</p> <p>Greeting by the Chair of the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council, Prof. Setsuya Nakada,</p> <p>Greeting by the Head of UNESCO Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section, Mr Kristof Vandenberghe</p> <p>Greeting by the President of the Global Geoparks Network, Prof. Artur Sá</p>
		Audiovisual presentation – Lesvos Island UNESCO Global Geopark
20:00 – 22:00	Welcome Party at a traditional tavern	
22:00	Transfer to the hotel	

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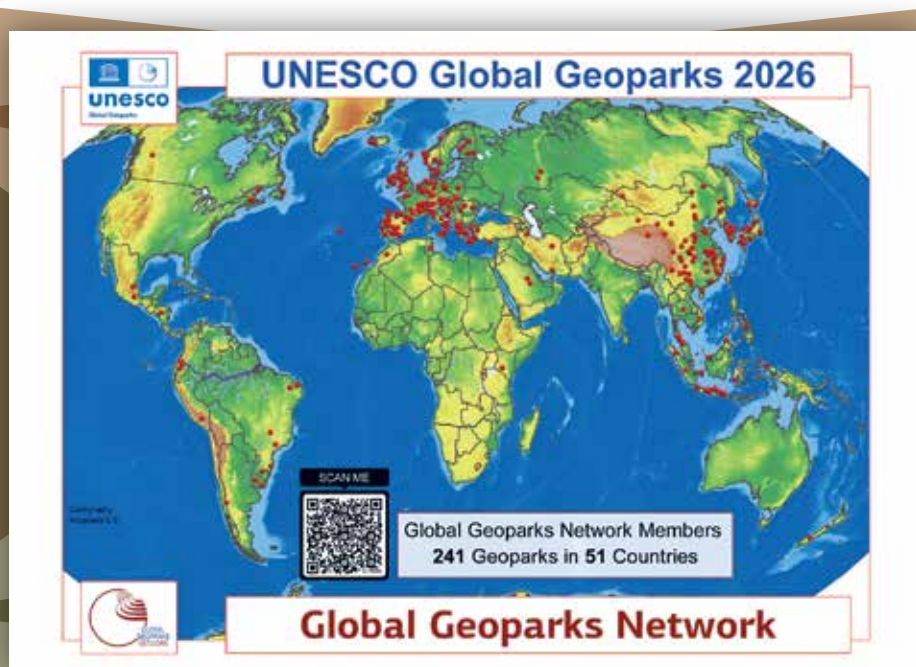
2nd Day – Saturday – May 16th 2026

LECTURES

University of the Aegean – Department of Geography

Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
UNIT 1				
DEFINING THE GEOPARK CONCEPT				
09:00–9:45	Kristof Vandenberghe Chief of Earth Sciences and Geoparks Section, Division of Ecological and Earth Sciences, UNESCO UNESCO Global Geoparks Secretariat	UNESCO Global Geoparks – The UNESCO Programme on Geological Heritage Management and Sustainable Development	UNESCO Global Geoparks Global Geoparks Network	Lecture
09:45–10:30	Artur Sá University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro, Portugal GGN President UNESCO Chair on Geoparks, Sustainable Regional Development and Healthy Lifestyles	UNESCO Global Geoparks and the Global Geoparks Network: Governance, Working Groups and Strategic Funding Pathways	UNESCO Global Geoparks Global Geoparks Network	Lecture
10:30–11:15	Setsuya Nakada University of Tokyo, Japan UNESCO Global Geoparks Council Chair	UNESCO Global Geoparks Council: The development of a Geopark quality control mechanism for efficient operation and development	UNESCO Global Geoparks Global Geoparks Network	Lecture
11:15–11:45	Coffee break			
11:45–12:30	Kristin Rangnes Gea Norvegica Geopark, Norway GGN ExB Member	Defining Geopark Territories: Integrating Geological Heritage, Administrative Boundaries and Sustainable Management Structures	UNESCO Global Geoparks Territory and Management	Lecture
12:30–13:15	Panel Discussion Moderator: Nickolas Zouros Panelists: Kristof Vandenberghe Setsuya Nakada Artur Sá Guy Martini Kristin Rangnes	UNESCO Global Geopark: Management Structure, Adequate Staff, Main Priorities and Activities	UNESCO Global Geoparks	Workshop
13:15–14:15	Lunch break	Geopark Gastronomy With traditional dishes from Local Women Cooperatives		

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UNIT 2 GEOPARKS NETWORKING				
14.15–15:00	Ilias Valiakos Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest EGN Coordinator	The European Geoparks Network: Operation, Initiatives, Working Groups and Common Projects	Regional Geoparks Networks	Lecture
15:00–15:45	Xiaoichi Jin Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences, China. GGN ExB Member APGN Coordinator	The Asia Pacific Geoparks Network: Operation, Initiatives, Working Groups and Common Projects	Regional Geoparks Networks	Lecture
15:45–16:30	Kana Furusawa GGN Vice-President APGN Vice-Coordinator Japanese Geoparks Network General Secretary, Japan	National Geopark Networks: Structure, Governance and Activities of the Japanese Global Geoparks Network	National Geoparks Networks	Lecture
16:30–17:00	Coffee break			
17:00–18:30	Panel Discussion Moderator: Artur Sá Panelists: Jin Xiaoichi Emmaline Rosado- González Driss Achbal Ilias Valiakos Kana Furushawa Karmah Salman	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Networking: - Networking at the Global, Regional and National levels - Why Networking among Geoparks is essential for Geopark building and successful operation	Global Geoparks Networking	Workshop
18:30	Departure to Hotel Free evening			



3rd Day – Sunday – May 17th, 2026

LECTURES

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Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
UNIT 3				
GEPARKS AND GEOLOGICAL HERITAGE				
09:00–9:45	Asier Hilario Basque Coast Geopark Scientific Coordinator, Spain IUGS representative in GGN Executive Board and UGGp Council	Earth Heritage assessment for "International Geological Significance" in UNESCO Global Geoparks	UNESCO Global Geoparks – Geological Heritage	Lecture
9:45–10:30	Jianping Zhang China University of Geosciences Beijing GGN Vice-President	The IUGS sites in UNESCO Global Geoparks Best practice examples from Chinese Geoparks	UNESCO Global Geoparks – Geological Heritage	Lecture
10:30–11:30	Nickolas Zouros University of Aegean, Greece GGN Secretary-General UNESCO Chair on Geoparks and Sustainable Development of Insular and Coastal Areas	Advancing Geoconservation in UNESCO Global Geoparks: Strategic Frameworks, Action Planning and Technical Implementation	UNESCO Global Geoparks – Geological Heritage	Panel discussion
11:30–12:00	Coffee break			
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UNIT 4				
GEPARKS AND UNIVERSITIES				
12:00–12:45	José Luis Palacio Autonomous University of Mexico GGN AC Chair	Geoparks collaboration and the role of Universities Examples of best practices	Geopark Research tools and activities	Lecture
12:45–13:30	Panel discussion Moderator: Nickolas Zouros Panelists: Artur Sá Asier Hilario Jianping Zhang José Luis Palacio Martina Paskova	UNESCO Global Geoparks host sites and landscapes of international geological significance managed with a holistic concept of protection, education, research and sustainable development. The role of UNESCO Chairs on Geoparks	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Partner Universities	Panel discussion
13:30–14:30	LUNCH BREAK		Geopark Gastronomy With traditional dishes from Local Women Cooperatives	
14:30–15:00	Nickolas Zouros Lesvos Geopark Coordinator	A short introduction to Lesvos island Geopark and the volcanoes of Northern Lesvos Geopark Resources		Lecture

**15:00-19:00 - FIELD TRIP 1
EASTERN LESVOS**

15:30 - 16:30	The Vranas Museum in Papados - Olive oil tasting	Geopark Partners
16:30 - 17:30	Alternative Tourism Services - The mountain bike races in Lesvos	Geopark Partners
18:00 - 19:00	Departure to Therma Geras Hot Springs and Larsos wetlands	Geopark Partners
20:00	Dinner at a traditional tavern	
22:00	Departure to Hotel	



4th Day – Monday – May 18th, 2026

LECTURES

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Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
UNIT 6				
GEOLOGICAL HERITAGE IN GEOPARKS				
09:00–09:45	John Calder GGN ExB Member Canadian Geoparks Network	Geoparks and Geological Heritage Interpretation The essential link between geoscience and visitor experience	Geological heritage Interpretation	Lecture
09:45 -10:30	Thiago Marinho Uberaba UNESCO Global Geopark, Brazil GGN ExB Member	Geoparks and Palaeontological Heritage: Integrating Scientific Research, Geoconservation and Public Outreach	Geopark Research tools and activities	Lecture
10:30–11:15	Nickolaos Soulakellis University of the Aegean, Department of Geography Head of the Board of the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest	Geoheritage mapping in UNESCO Global Geoparks 3D mapping and applications	Geopark Research tools and activities	Lecture
11:15–11:45	Coffee-break			
UNIT 7				
GEOPARKS AND NATURAL HAZARDS				
11:45–12:30	Setsuya Nakada University of Tokyo, Japan UNESCO Global Geoparks Council Chair GGN WG on Geohazards Chair	Geoparks and Natural Hazards: Promoting Risk Awareness and Disaster Mitigation through Good Practice Examples	Geopark Activities and Natural Hazards	Lecture
12:30–13:15	Charalampos Fassoulas University of Crete NHMC UGGp Council Vice-Chair GGN WG on Geohazards Vice-Chair	Geoparks and Natural Disasters: Public Education and Awareness for Disaster Risk Reduction	Geoparks and Natural Hazards	Lecture
13:15–14:00	Lunch break		Geopark Gastronomy With traditional food from Women Cooperatives	



Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
UNIT 8				
GEPARK ACTIVITIES: CHALLENGES AND OPORTUNITIES				
14:00–14:45	Alireza Amrikazemi UGGp Council Member GGN ExB Member Iranian Geoparks Coordinator	Geopark Gastronomy: Promoting Local Products, Cultural Heritage and Community Involvement in UNESCO Global Geoparks	Geoparks Gastronomy	Lecture
14:45 -16:30	Participants presentations	WORKSHOPS – PART 1 Coordinators ROOM A: Guy Martini –John Calder Xiaochi Jin – Marie Luise Frey ROOM B: Setsuya Nakada – Artur Sá –Jianping Zhang – Jose Luis Palacio	Our Geopark, our geo-identity, our functioning & sustainable development	SPLIT IN 2 GROUPS
16:30–17:00	Coffee break	Geopark Gastronomy Traditional cookies from Women Cooperatives		
17:00–18:00	Participants presentations	WORKSHOPS – PART 2 Coordinators ROOM A: Guy Martini –John Calder - Xiaochi Jin – Marie Luise Frey ROOM B: Setsuya Nakada -Artur Sá –Jianping Zhang –Jose Luis Palacio	Our Geopark, our geo-identity, our functioning & sustainable development	SPLIT IN 2 GROUPS
18:00–18:30	Q&A – Facilitators: Jin Xiaochi and Artur Sá	Geopark Management Body, Staff and Budget	Geopark Management	Workshop
18:30	Departure to Hotel – Free time			



5th Day – Tuesday May 19th, 2026

FIELD TRIP

to the Lesvos Petrified Forest

Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
FIELD TRIP 2				
WESTERN LESVOS:				
GEOPARKS: GEOCONSERVATION AND TERRITORIAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT				
08:30–10:00	Nickolas Zouros University of Aegean, Greece Ilias Valiakos Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest, Greece	The Lesvos Miocene Volcanoes: • Miocene volcanoes and volcanic geosites (Skalochori dome, Ypsilou dome) • Pyroclastic flows and the Petrified Forest	Geodiversity management in Geoparks	FIELD TRIP
10:00–11:30	Lesvos Geopark Team	Creating the Lesvos Petrified Forest Open-Air Museum: Methods, Protection Strategies and Geoconservation along the Kalloni–Sigri Road	Geodiversity management in Geoparks	FIELD TRIP
11:30–12:00	Refreshment break			
12:00–13:30	Lesvos Geopark Team	The Lesvos Petrified Forest Park Geological heritage protection and management Accessibility of geological heritage and disabled people	Geodiversity management in Geoparks	FIELD TRIP
13:30–14:30	LUNCH BREAK		Geopark Gastronomy: Short lunch prepared by the Mesotopos Women Cooperative of Lesvos	



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14:30–16:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	The Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest – Guided Visit to Museum Exhibitions	Guided tour	IN GROUPS
16:00–16:30	Coffee-break and traditional sweet tasting prepared by the Women Cooperatives of Lesvos			
16:30–17:00	Ilias Valiakos Dep. Director of the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest, Greece	The Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest – a green Geopark infrastructure	Geopark Museum – SDG's Connection	Lecture
17:00–18:30	Panel Discussion Moderator Nickolas Zouros Panelists Artur Sá Jianping Zhang Guy Martini Maria Luise Frey Thiago Marinho	UNESCO Global Geoparks - Geoconservation and territorial heritage management	UNESCO Global Geoparks Global Geoparks Network	Workshop
18:30	Nickolas Zouros University of Aegean, Greece	Departure to Antissa Visit the New Educational Center Visit the Hellenic Geoparks Exhibition	Geopark Educational Center	VISIT
19:30	Dinner in Antissa			
21:30	Transfer to Hotel			



6th Day – Wednesday – May 20th, 2026

LECTURES

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Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
UNIT 4				
UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS				
09:00–09:45	Elizabeth Silva & Jutta Weber GGN WG on SDG's	Integrating the Sustainable Development Goals in UNESCO Global Geoparks: Management Planning, Project Implementation and Result Monitoring	UNESCO Global Geoparks – SDG's	Lecture
9:45–11.00	Panel Discussion Moderator: Marie Luise Frey Panelists Kana Furushawa Guy Martini Xiaochi Jin Emmaline Rosado Driss Achbal Kristin Rangnes Martina Paskova John Calder	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Sustainability: Integrating Geoheritage Management, Geotourism and Community Development	UNESCO Global Geoparks	Workshop
11:00–11:30	Coffee break			
11:30–13:30	Guy Martini GGN Treasurer EGN Advisory Committee	How to create a successful Geopark?	UNESCO Global Geoparks	Workshop
13:30–14:30	Geopark Gastronomy With traditional food from Women Cooperatives			



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UNIT 5 GEPARKS BUILDING AND ACTIVITIES CHALLENGES AND OPORTUNITIES				
14:30 -16:15	Participants presentations	WORKSHOPS – PART 1 Coordinators ROOM A: Artur Sá – Guy Martini –John Calder ROOM B: Setsuya Nakada – Xiaochi Jin – Maria Luise Frey	Our Geopark, our geo-identity, our functioning & sustainable development projects	SPLIT IN 2 GROUPS
16:15-16:40	Coffee break	Geopark Gastronomy Traditional cookies from Women Cooperatives		
16:40-18:00	Participants presentations	WORKSHOPS – PART 2 Coordinators ROOM A: Artur Sá – Guy Martini –John Calder ROOM B: Setsuya Nakada – Xiaochi Jin – Marie Luise Frey	Our Geopark, our geo-identity, our functioning & sustainable development projects	SPLIT IN 2 GROUPS
18:00 – 18:30	Q&A Facilitators Guy Martini and Jianping Zhang	Geopark Management	Geopark Management	SPLIT IN 3 GROUPS
18:30	Return to the Hotels – Free time			



7th Day – Thursday – May 21st, 2026

FIELD TRIP

Vatoussa Volcano, Antissa, Nissiopi, Anemotia Volcano

Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
FIELD TRIP 3 GEOPARKS AND GEOHERITAGE MANAGEMENT				
09:00 -10:30	Lesvos Geopark Team	Field trip to the Vatoussa Volcano <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Vatoussa caldera, the post caldera domes and hydrothermal activity • The Voulgaris gorge and the post caldera neotectonic activity • Pyroclastic avalanches, lahars, ash fall layers and palaeosoils. 	Field trip	
10:30-13:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	Nissiopi islet Boat Trip Outdoor activities in Lesvos UNESCO Global Geopark	Field trip	IN GROUPS
10.30-13:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	Geoconservation in action The new petrified forest park FYLAKIO along the Kalloni Sigri Road	Field trip	IN GROUPS
13:00-14:00	Lunch-break at the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest			
14.00-14:45	Jose Maria Barrera Villuercas Ibores Jara Geopark Director Spain UGGp Council Member GGN Education WG Chair	The role of an effective Geopark team and the Geoparks networking Education activities in UNESCO Global Geoparks	Geoparks and Education	Lecture
14.45-15:30	Konstantina Bentana Head of the Education and Communication Section of the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest	Geoparks and Education The Educational activities in Lesvos Geopark. How to transfer SDG topics to children?	Geoparks and Education	Lecture
15.30-16.00	Coffee Break			
16:00-16:45	Miguel Reis Silva Executive Coordinator Oeste UNESCO Global Geopark	12th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks Oeste Geopark – Portugal	Geopark Networking	Lecture
16:45- 17.30	Driss Achbal Mgoun UNESCO Global Geopark AUGG Network Coordinator GGN ExB Member	International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks Facilitating Networking – Inspiring Aspiring Geopark – Managing Crisis: The example of the 11th International Conference on Geoparks in Marakesh Morocco	Geopark Networking	Lecture
17:30	Departure from the Museum to Fylakio Park and Anemotia Volcanoe			
18:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	The Anemotia volcanic center	Field trip	
18:20	Lesvos Geopark Team	The project for the trasformation of a degraded grassland to a productive wineryard	Field trip	
19:00-20:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	Visit the winery of Anemotia Volcano	Field trip	
20:00	Wine and Cheese tasting – Light Dinner			
21:00	Departure to Hotel			



8th Day – Friday – May 22nd, 2026

FIELD TRIP

Kalloni Gulf Wetlands, Lepetymnos Volcano, Petra and Molyvos

Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
FIELD TRIP 4				
GEPARKS: BIODIVERSITY, GEODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT				
08:30–10:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	Visit the Kalloni Environmental Center	Field trip	
10:00–10:30	Lesvos Geopark Team	Wetlands of Kalloni Gulf Kalloni Environmental Information Center Kalloni wetlands	Field trip	
UNIT 9				
GEPARK EVALUATION REVALIDATION				
10:30–11:45	Artur Sá	Assessing the operation of a UNESCO Global Geopark What we expect from Geopark evaluation/revalidation and how should be done?	UNESCO Global Geoparks Evaluation	Lecture
11:45–12:30	Ilias Valiakos	How to prepare and organize a successful Geopark evaluation/revalidation mission?	UNESCO Global Geoparks Evaluation	Lecture
12:30–13:30	Panel Discussion Moderator: Guy Martini Panelists Artur Sá Jianping Zhang Ilias Valiakos	UNESCO Global Geoparks: Evaluation and Revalidation Exercise. Why Quality matters in all fields of Geopark operation?	UNESCO Global Geoparks	Workshop
13:30–14:30	Lunch break Geopark Gastronomy: With traditional food from Polichnitos Women Cooperative			
14:30–15:45	Emmaline Rosado-González National Autonomous University of Mexico, GeoLAC Coordinator Mixteca Alta UGGp, Mexico	Women Shaping Geoparks: Leadership, Innovation and Community Engagement	Geoparks and Gender equality	Lecture
15:45	Departure to Molyvos			
17:00–18:00	LESVOS Geopark Team	Visit Molyvos castle – The Lepetymnos volcano observatory		
18:00–19:00	Coffee break – Enjoy the sunset from Molyvos castle			
19:00–20:00		Molyvos Tourism Association		
20:00	Dinner in Traditional Tavern			
22:00	Return to the Hotels			



9th Day – Saturday – May 23rd, 2026

LECTURES

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Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
UNIT 10				
GEPARKS AND TOURISM				
09:00–09:45	Maria-Luise Frey GGN ExB Member UGGp Council Member GGN IM, Germany	UNESCO Global Geoparks: Sustainable Tourism and Communication	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Tourism	Lecture
09:45 -10:30	Thanasis Kizos University of the Aegean Department of Geography	Geoparks and Tourism, Local development and Local Products	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Tourism	Lecture
10:30–11:15	Azmil Munif Mohd Bukhari GGN ExB Member Malaysian Geopark Network Coordinator	Geoparks and Tourism infrastructure: Langkawi UGGp as a case study	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Tourism	Lecture
11:15–11:45	Coffee-break			
11:45–12:30	Karmah Salman GGN ExB Member Spanish Geopark Network Coordinator	Promoting Geoparks at International Tourism Fairs: The Spanish Geoparks Network Experience at FITUR	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Tourism	Lecture
12:30–13:15	Christian Ciobanu Hațeg Country UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania EGN Vice – Coordinator	The Interreg DanubeGeo Tour Programme: Geopark collaboration and Geotourism development	Geoparks and Tourism	Lecture
13:15–14:15	Panel Discussion Moderator: Maria Luise Frey Panelists Artur Sá Christian Ciobanu Azmil Munif Mohd Bukhari Driss Achbal Karmah Salman Ilias Valiakos	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Tourism services Why Quality matters in all fields of Geopark operation?	UNESCO Global Geoparks and Tourism	Workshop
14:15–15:00	Lunch break Geopark Gastronomy with traditional dishes from Women Cooperatives			

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UNIT 10 GEOPARK ACTIVITIES				
15:00–15:45	Guy Martini GGN Treasurer	Geoparks and Intangible Heritage	Geoparks & Cultural Heritage	Lecture
15:45–16:30	Martina Pásková GGN ExB Member	Geoparks and Indigenous Peoples: Strengthening Cultural Heritage and Community Stewardship of the Land	Geoparks & Indigenous people	Lecture
16:30–18:00	Moderator Nickolas Zouros Panelists Artur Sá Jianping Zhang Marie Luise Frey Guy Martini Thiago Marinho Driss Achbal Christian Ciobanu	Panel Discussion Geopark activities, common projects and networking		Workshop
18:00	Closure of the Course Lectures and Workshops			
19:00	Course Dinner and Party			
21:30	Return to the Hotels			



10th Day – Sunday – May 24th, 2026

FIELD TRIP 5

Central Peninsula Agiassos and Polichnitos Hot springs

Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
FILD TRIP 5 GEOPARK ACTIVITIES				
08:30	Lesvos Geopark Team	Departure to the traditional village of Agiassos		Field Trip
08:40- 9:15		Visit the Geras Hot springs	Partner	
09:15-10:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	GRREN ROUTES: An initiative of the Ministry of Culture realized through the cooperation of the Ephorate of Antiquities and the Natural History Museum of the Lesvos Petrified Forest The Tectonic window of Olympos Mountain		
10:00-11:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	Visit Agiassos village		
11:00-12:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	The Tethys oceanic floor		
12:00-14:00	Lesvos Geopark Team	Visit Polichnitos Hot Springs	Partner	
14:00-15:00	Lunch break	Polichnitos Cultural Center Geopark Gastronomy: With traditional food from Women Cooperatives		
Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
UNIT 11 COURSE ASSESSMENT				
15:00-15:30	Nickolas Zouros Course Director	Assessing Capacity Building Activities in Geoparks		
15:30-17:00	Lecturers & Participants	Intensive Course Evaluation		
17:00-18:00	Course Lecturers	Open discussion on the Course		
18:00	Departure to Hotel Free time			

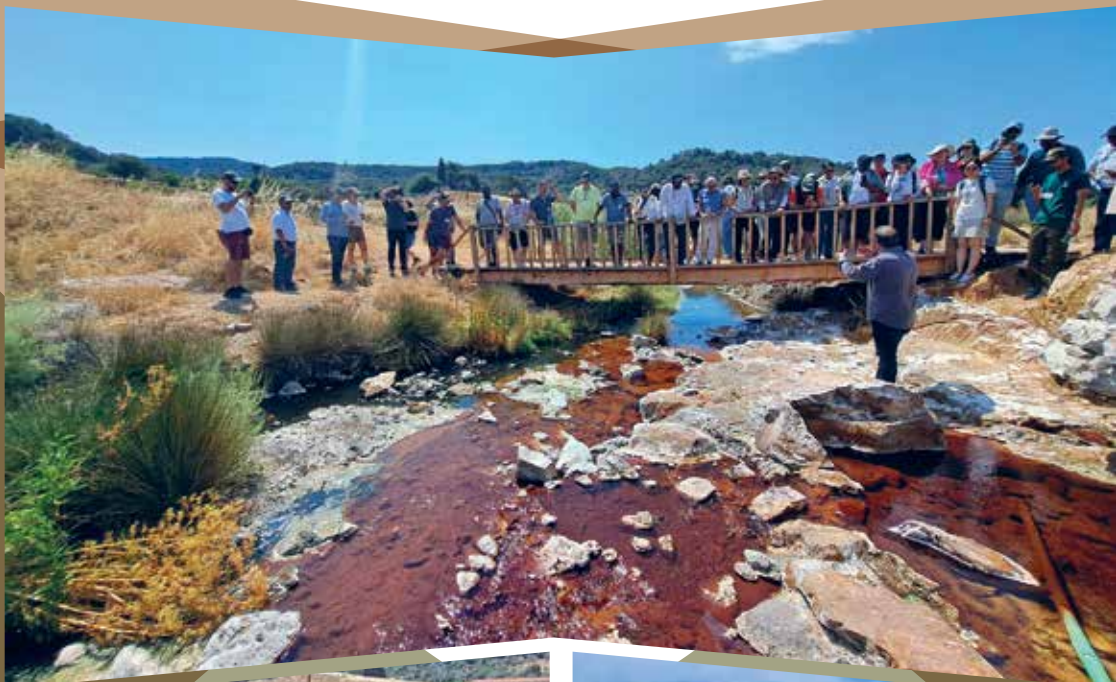


11th Day – Monday – May 25th, 2026

FIELD TRIP 6

Mytilene City: aspects a city 3000 years old!

Time	Tutor	Topic	Thematic	Method
08:30–09:00	Departure from Hotels with the luggage			
FIELD TRIP 6				
MYTILENE CITY TOUR – LESVOS GEOPARK CULTURAL HERITAGE				
09:00–10:30	Lesvos Geopark Team	Visit Teriade Modern Art Museum and Theofilos Folk Art Museum		
10:30–13:30	Lesvos Geopark Team	Visit Mytilene Castle and Mytilene City tour		
13:00–14:30	Lunch in a restaurant close to the airport of Mytilene			
14:30	Departure of the Participants to Mytilene Airport			
	For those who will depart later there is the opportunity for visiting Hot Springs of Yeras for baths, beverages and relaxation			



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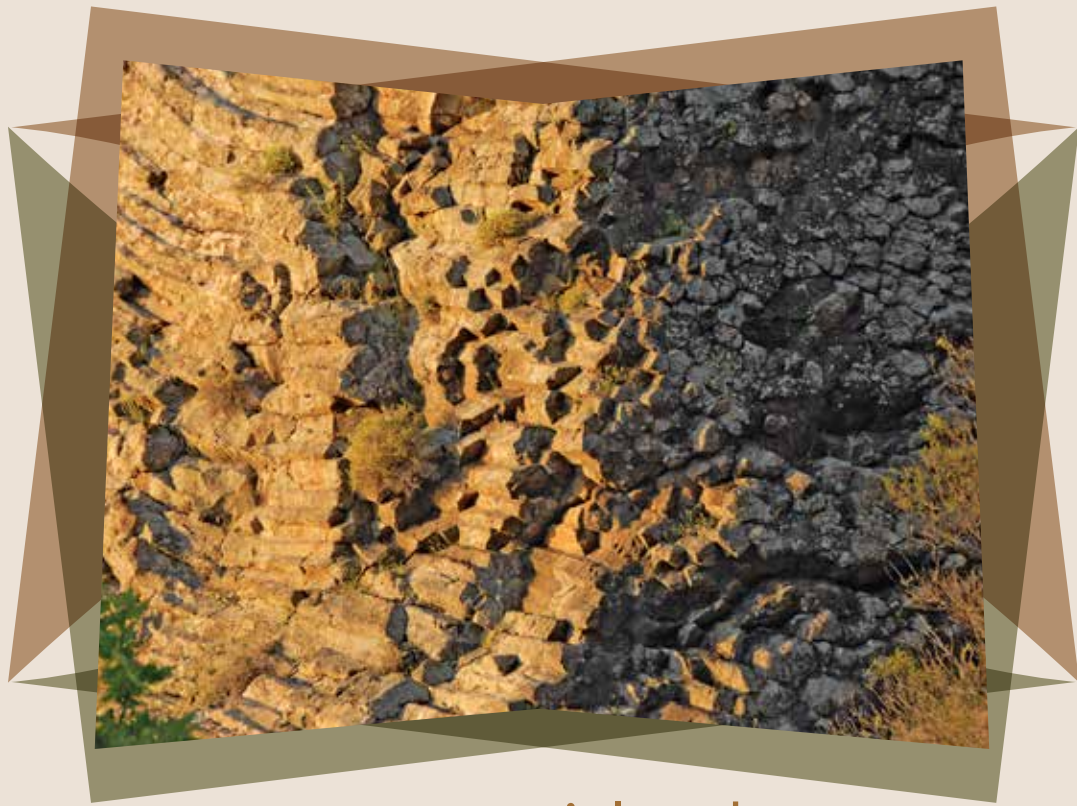
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