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# Danube GeoTour Plus Boosting opportunities for more inclusive, valuable, and balanced

Geopark Communities.

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Meeting

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# **Danube GeoTour Plus**

### **Our challenges:**

- Outmigration & lost of local engagement
- Increasing tourism demand
- Outdated visitor management practices















Experiences & 10 Criteria (heritage focus, accessibility, job creation potential, VG inclusion) - *local products, traditional experiences, stories* 

## What are we doing?

#### **1. Engagement of local community**

Support of vulnerable groups (e.g. women in rural areas, elderly isolated people) - Interviews, Strategy, Action Plan (Workshops, Pop-up Cafés, Campaigns)

# 2. Development of Geopark

#### **3. Sustainable Visitor Management**

(innovative monitoring-tools, visitor management/distribution on open routes, larger territories, hot spots areas infrared counter + App Technical University of Kosice & prototype by Hungary/BÜKK



# **Geopark Experiences**

BÜKK (mobile Exhibition) PAPUK (rural Women showing their traditions) HATEG (painting)

NGSE (catholic monuments/local stories for long hiking distance trail)

# IDRIJA (outdoor escape room)









# **Synergy Building Possibilities**

### **Share experiences**

1. Community Involvement how to involve local communities, special target groups

**2. Geopark Experience criteria** catalog with 10 criteria & indicators

**3. Share prototype experiences,** max. carrying capacity calculations, visitor counting innovations

# **Looking for Synergies**

Future Project possibilities, local communities, sustainable tourism practices & opportunities, rural development, social aspects

Planned online meeting to exchange with Danube Interreg and other relevant project - connect to stay in touch







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# Thank you for your participation

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**Projekt Webseite**: https://interreg-danube.eu/projects/danube-geotour-plus

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