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Subject: *Application letter of the Apuan Alps Regional Park for membership in the European and Global Geoparks Network, under the auspices of UNESCO*

European Geoparks Network
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The Regional Park of the Apuan Alps has been promoting, for years, actions and initiatives with the aim of becoming member of the European and Global Geoparks Network, which operates under the auspices of UNESCO.

The Park Authority believes that this international membership would provide further impulse to the growth of the Park itself, in terms of new relations it can establish, as well as the required development of effective initiatives and the achievement of socio-economic objectives in the management of the protected area.

To achieve this goal, the Park Authority has carried out many and complex actions aimed at local communities and territorial bodies. These projects are described in the dedicated website (www.apuanegeopark.it) which also explains the reasons for the application and the actions and initiatives implemented so far with a view to membership.

Today the Regional Park of the Apuan Alps submits all the necessary documents for its recognition as Geopark belonging to the European and Global Network. This application letter is accompanied by the application dossier, annexes, an appendix with letters supporting the application, and the self-evaluation document.

Yours faithfully,



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