

# Transnational Global Geopark in Hungary and Slovakia

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# Novohrad - Nógrád Global Geopark, Hungary and Slovakia

**Geology:** The comprehensive scientific value and Earth heritage of the area are present through the following topics: geological structure/description of the formations, neogene palaeogeography, volcanology, mineralogy and petrology, palaeontology, Nature Reserve, Ipolytarnóc Fossils, caves, topography, engineering geology, hydrology/hydrogeology, climatic conditions, pedological conditions, preservation of landscape, and mining.

**Geography:** Novohrad - Nógrád Global Geopark is located in Central Europe, across the border of Hungary and Slovakia. It comprises the administrative area of 64 settlements in Hungary (including urban county Salgótarján) and 28 settlements in Slovakia. The total area is 1.610 km<sup>2</sup> (1. 272 km<sup>2</sup> in Hungary and 338 km<sup>2</sup> in Slovakia). The number of inhabitants is close to 150,000. The Southern part of the Global Geopark can be reached by car in an hour from the Hungarian capital Budapest. Lučenec is the biggest Slovak city in the area. Novohrad - Nógrád Global Geopark comprises the settlements of two micro-regions in Hungary (Salgótarján and Szécsény) and some of the micro-regions of Balassagyarmat, Bátorfőnyenyé, and Pásztó. In Slovakia it comprises the southern parts of the districts Rimavská Sobota, Lučenec and Veľký Krtíš, the settlements of micro-regions of Velické jazera, Obručná, Pod Bučeňom and Medveš.

**Education and Sustainable Development:** The Global Geopark delivers educational presentations for the general public, enhancing consciousness for the value and protection while also promoting cultural (intellectual, physical and built) heritage. Its emphasis is on the complementarity between natural and cultural landscape, and the harmonization between different projects, the development of new geosites and their interpretation. The Global Geopark maintains existing geosites in good condition, promotes them and includes them in the touristic supply of the micro regions. It constructs and maintains interpretive infrastructure facilities at the geosites, new study trails, trails for hikers, bikers and horse riders. The Global Geopark supports landscape revitalisation programmes, with special regard to wet habitats and contributes to the implementation of the national programme of the European Landscape Convention.

## Dates

Year of GGN membership entry: 2010

Subsequent Revalidation: 2018

## Official Website

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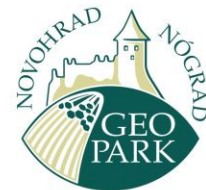
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## Municipalities of the Novohrad - Nógrád Geopark



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Map of Slovakia and Hungary showing location and size of Novohrad - Nógrád Global Geopark

