



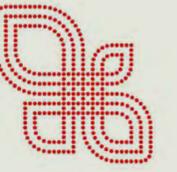
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Polish Presidency
of the Visegrad Group
July 2024–June 2025



June 2-4, 2025

V4 Geoparks Meeting



In light of Poland's Presidency of the Visegrad Group
and the 700th anniversary of the granting of city rights
to Chęciny Town



Venue: European Centre for Geological Education;
Korzecko 1C, 26-060 Chęciny, Poland

Organizers: Polish Geological Institute - National Research Institute;
Holy Cross Mountains Branch in Kielce; Holy Cross Mountains UNESCO Global Geopark



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European Centre for Geological Education is one of the most modern of the research institute and conference facility operating within the structures of the Faculty of Geology University of Warsaw. Beautifully located, right in the heart of an extinct quarry in the Holy Cross Mountains considered to be an unique region of Europe and perfect research environment for geologists.

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Preliminary Agenda:

June 1 Arrival of participants and check-in. Single and double rooms available – limited capacity.

June 2

Official opening of the meeting, panel sessions, workshop, field trip to Chęciny, barbecue dinner.

08:00 – 9:00	Breakfast
09:15 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:45	Official opening ceremony
10:45 – 11:45	Session: Preservation and Conservation of Geological Heritage in the V4 Countries – examples of good practices (each country to prepare a 10-minute presentation)
11:45 – 12:15	Coffee break
12:15 – 13:00	Panel discussion: Possibilities of promotion of V4 geoparks
13:00 – 13:45	Panel discussion: Raising external funds for V4 geoparks
13:45 – 14:45	Panel discussion: Joint projects as an opportunity for the V4 group (During the panel, each country will give a 7-minute presentation: „International cooperation - examples of projects from individual geoparks of the V4 group”)
15:00 – 16:00	Lunch
16:30 – 19:00	Field trip: European Centre for Geological Education – Rzepka Hill – Castle in Chęciny – Old Town in Chęciny
20:00	Barbecue dinner in back of the European Centre for Geological Education

June 3

Field trip (60 km)

08:00 – 8:45	Breakfast at the European Centre for Geological Education
09:00	Departure for the field trip (packed lunch provided)
09:30 – 12:10	Visiting the Geoeducation Center in Kielce - headquarters of the Holy Cross Mts. UNESCO Global Geopark (including presentation, exhibition guided tour, workshops and coffee break)
12:30 – 13:30	Guided tour of the geotourism trail in the former Kadzielnia quarry
14:00 – 14:45	Visit to the Holy Cross Branch of the Polish Geological Institute – National Research Institute and its exhibition
15:15 – 16:15	Lunch featuring regional products at the Museum of Pottery Tradition in Chałupki
16:15 – 17:30	Workshop and tour of the Museum of Pottery Tradition in Chałupki
18:00	Return to the European Centre for Geological Education
19:30	Gala dinner

June 4

Optional field trip (45 km)

7:45 – 8:30	Breakfast
8:30	Departure
9:00 – 10:00	Jan Czarnocki Rock Reserve in Ślichowice
10:15 – 11:30	Botanical Garden in Kielce
11:45 – 12:30	Karczówka Mountain
13:00	Return to the European Centre for Geological Education

On June 2nd, poster stands will be set up in the main hall where you can display your printed posters (we suggest A0 size). We encourage each poster to showcase the geopark from which the representatives come to the meeting. The exhibition will be open all day, including during coffee breaks and lunch.

Travel to the European Centre for Geological Education:

By car: There are no vouchers for using motorways in Poland, as there is in Hungary, Slovakia or the Czech Republic. The viaTOLL fee applies to all vehicles whose total weight exceeds 3.5 tons. These will be tractors, trucks, buses with more than 9 seats, as well as cars with a trailer, even a caravan, or minibuses. There are toll sections of highways and each has a separate payment system.

By bus: The international bus station is in Kielce. Participants arriving by bus will be provided with transportation to the European Centre for Geological Education.

By train: The train station is in Kielce. Participants arriving by train will be provided with transportation to the European Centre for Geological Education.

By plane: The nearest airports are Warsaw-Radom Airport, Kraków Airport, Warsaw-Chopin Airport. Transportation can be organized for participants arriving by plane

Participants:

Representatives of UNESCO Global Geoparks from V4 countries
(2 persons from each geopark)

Representatives of national geoparks from V4 countries
(1 person from each geopark)

Representatives of ministries, organizations managing geoparks and scientific institutes from V4 countries

Costs:

Accommodation (price will be announced in communication number 2)

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