

# UNESCO Global Geopark

*Šiatorská Bukovinka - Šomoška*

## Novohrad- Nógrád



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On 27 March **2010** in Luberon, France, **Novohrad-Nógrád UNESCO Global Geopark** was admitted by the UNESCO Steering Committee as the world's first international geopark, **as the 38<sup>th</sup> member of the European Geoparks Network**, and in April **2010** it was admitted at the **World Geopark Network** conference in Malaysia as its **67<sup>th</sup> member**. Since **2016**, the geopark has been established as the national geopark of the Slovak Republic, included in the **Slovak Geoparks Network**. It spreads over an area of **1,619 km<sup>2</sup>**, of which **336 km<sup>2</sup>** are in the territory of the Slovak Republic, and it represents a territory rich in unique geological and natural values, cultural-historical heritage, folk traditions, modern culture and gastronomy.



**1** *Photo panorama from Steblová rock*

In Slovakia, the geopark is spread over the territory **of the district of Lučenec** (the town of Filakovo and municipalities: Belina, Biskupice, Čakanovce, Čamovce, Filakovské Kováče, Lipovany, Kalonda, Mučín, Pleš, Prša, Radzovce, Rapovce, Ratka, Šiatorská Bukovinka, Šurice, Šíd, Trebelovce) and **Rimavská Sobota** (municipalities: Blhovce, Dubno, Gemerský Jablonec, Hajnáčka, Nová Bašta, Petrovce, Stará Bašta, Studená, Tajchy and Večelkov), **where a total of 53 sites are located**: geological sites (15), cultural-historical (11), mining (3), archaeological (3),



**2** *Castle of Hajnáčka*



**3** *Castle of Filakovo*



**4** *Photo panorama of Soví castle*

natural (2), recreational (1), mixed (18) geological and mining (9), geological and natural (6), geological, natural and archaeological (2), geological, natural, cultural-historical (1) and the **Protected Landscape Area of Cerová vrchovina**.

In the territory of Hungary, Novohrad-Nógrád geopark includes 64 municipalities with a total of 167 sites. Due to the relatively young geological age as well as the great variability, local volcanic structures are suitably usable not only for a scientific research but also for educational purposes for a wider range of stakeholders.



5 *Mučinská cave*



6 *Čakanovský shape*

**The most important sites of Slovak part of geopark are:** Castle of Filákovo (National Cultural Monument), Šomoška (National Nature Reserve) with Šomoška castle, stone waterfall and stone sea, Pohanský castle (National Nature Reserve), Ragáč (National Nature Reserve), Castle mountain Hajnáčka (Nature Reserve), Steblová rock (Nature Reserve), Soví castle (Natural Monument).



Geopark construction is sponsored by **the Geopark Novohrad-Nógrád Association of Legal Entities**, established in 2008. The association covers strategic, planning, development-educational and presentation activities within the UNESCO geopark. It is a part of cross-border management and participates in activities within international structures.

In the interest of sustainable development, the association actively cooperates with local self-government, primary, secondary and higher education institutions, professional and development organizations, civic associations and local entrepreneurs.



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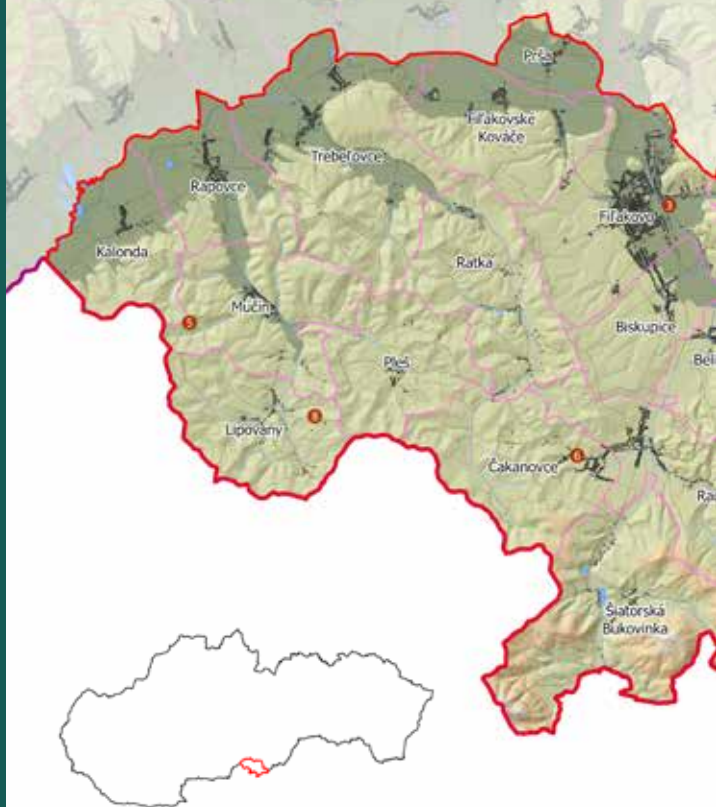
7 *Pohanský castle*



8 *Lipovany*



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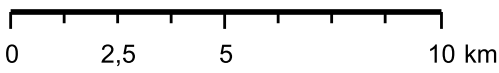
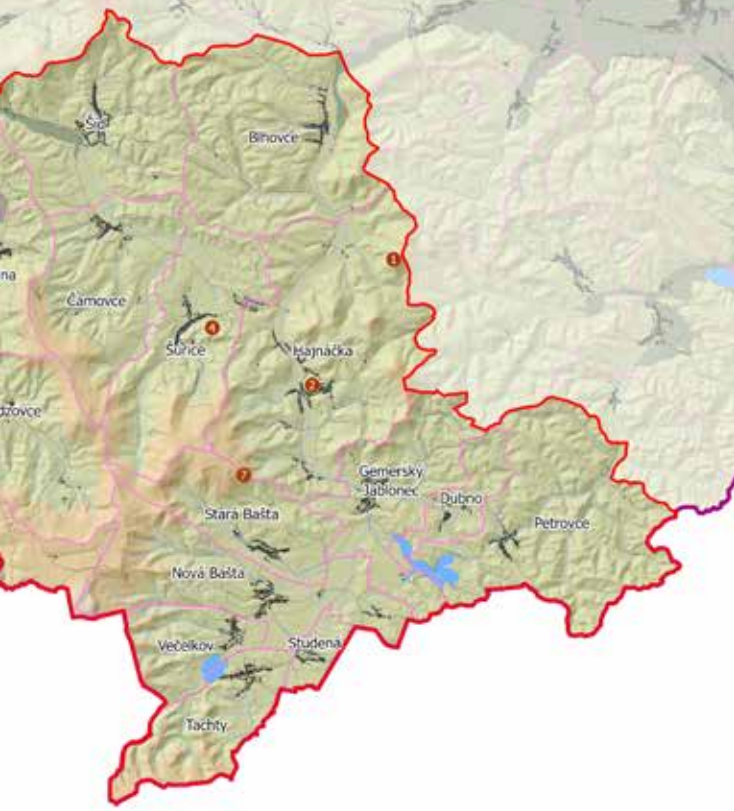


## Explanatory notes

Geopark border	Altitude (m above the sea level)
Municipality border	162.6 - 200
Built-up area	200.1 - 400
Water body	400.1 - 600
Road section	600.1 - 725.1
Watercourse	



# SLOVAK GEO PARK NETWORK



The activity has been implemented within the framework of national project **Information and providing advice on improving the quality of environment in Slovakia.** The project is cofinanced by Cohesion Fund of the EU under Operational programme Quality of Environment.

