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Asier Hilario is a **PhD Geologist** with a broad International expertise on Geoheritage, Geoparks, Geoconservation and Geotourism. His professional career is especially linked to the Basque Coast UNESCO Global Geopark since 2005 but he has participated in many national and international projects.



He made his phd (2001-2004) in the **University of the Basque Country** about the structural geology in the Axial Zone of the Pyrenees and continued his academic research as part of prestigious **Swiss Federal Institute of Technology**, ETH Zurich.

His main activity is related to the **communication, assessment and management of geological heritage** at national and international level. He has published more than 50 national and international papers and 6 scientific and dissemination books. He has given more than 100 conferences and participated in more than 20 training courses about **Earth sciences communication, Geoheritage, Geoparks and Geotourism** mainly in Europe and South America.

At national level he is part of the executive board of the Geoheritage Working Group of the Spanish Geological Society (2016 – 2020) and coordinator of the Spanish Geoparks Forum (2016 – 2020).

Since 2012 he is part of the Coordination Committee of the European Geoparks network and belongs also to the **Advisory committee of the European and Global Geoparks network**. Since 2016 he serves like a **senior evaluator for UNESCO Global Geoparks** roster of evaluators.

Since 2016 he is part of the **Geoheritage specialist group** of the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**

At present he is **chairman of the Geoheritage Commission of the International Union of Geological Sciences IUGS**. Redefining, reactivating and leading the IUGS Global Geosites program and strengthening the collaboration with UNESCO Global Geoparks Program and other international associations are within the main goals of this position.

He is an active member of the **Scientific Board of the International Geosciences Program (IGCP)** in the following themes: *Geodynamic: Control our environment* and *Global Change and Evolution of Life: Evidence from the geological record*