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Day at IMS stations PS19 GERES and IS26 in the Bavarian Forest

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The Primary Seismic Array PS19 GERES and the Infrasound Array IS26 are located in the Bavarian Forest and are operated by the Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources (BGR). From 2017 to 2019 extensive GERES refurbishment and recapitalization construction works were performed in the area which also had an impact for local population and tourists as cabling exchange disrupted hiking trails. After completion BGR organized an Open Day for the local population and tourists on 25 August 2019. Besides the chance to see the station elements, a comprehensive exhibition with information kiosks about CTBT monitoring, seismicity, infrasound sources and many other topics BGR is engaged with was provided. In front of the facility building a little folk festival with regional food and drinks as well as traditional brass music took place. During the day around 600 people visited the site at a remote place which seems kind of mysterious for the normal population. But after the open day they knew more about the purpose of the facility and the whole IMS and how monitoring works.

Parts of the exhibition were also shown several weeks later when Vienna based diplomats were invited to visit the station site and facilities.

Promotional text

Station visits for the public or diplomats enriched with an information programme about the CTBT and its monitoring regime give a extremely valuable hands-on experience!

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