

# Global Geoparks Network – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2023

## Portugal

### 1. IDENTITY

Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks  
Created on 2022

### 2. MEMBERS

**Chair:** Ambassador José Filipe Moraes Cabral, President of the Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO,

**EGN/GGN Representative:** Joana Rodrigues, Naturtejo UGGp

Members of the Monitoring Committee of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network:

- 2 representatives of National Commission for UNESCO;
- 2 representatives of Naturtejo UGGp;
- 2 representatives of Arouca UGGp;
- 2 representatives of Azores UGGp;
- 2 representatives of Terras de Cavaleiros UGGp;
- 2 representatives of Estrela UGGp;
- President of MAB Portuguese Committee (observer);
- 1 representative of the Portuguese Biosphere Reserves (observer);
- 1 representative of the Network of World Heritage Sites in Portugal (observer);
- 1 representative of the Directorate-General for Cultural Heritage (DGPC) (observer);
- 1 representative of the Directorate-General for Energy and Geology (DGEG) (observer);
- 1 representative of the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests (ICNF) (observer);
- 1 representative of the National Laboratory of Energy and Geology (LNEG) (observer);
- 1 representative of the National Tourism Authority (Turismo de Portugal) (observer);
- 1 representative of the Portuguese Group of the International Association for the Conservation of Geological Heritage (ProGEO) (observer);
- 1 representative of Oeste Aspiring Geopark (observer);
- 1 representative of Algarvensis Aspiring Geopark (observer);
- 1 representative of Litoral Viana do Castelo Aspiring Geopark (observer).

### 3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

**Active application in your country:**

Oeste, [geral@geoparqueoeste.com](mailto:geral@geoparqueoeste.com), <https://www.geoparqueoeste.com/>

Accepted by the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council in September 2023. Decision of the UNESCO Executive Board expected for March 2024.

**Territories that you are advising:**

Algarvensis, [info@geoparquealgarvensis.pt](mailto:info@geoparquealgarvensis.pt), <https://geoparquealgarvensis.pt>

Litoral Viana do Castelo, [geral@geoparquelitoralviana.pt](mailto:geral@geoparquelitoralviana.pt), [www.geoparquelitoralviana.pt/](http://www.geoparquelitoralviana.pt/)

## 4. ACTIVITIES

### 4.1. Projects:

- Implementation of the Biennium for Climate Action in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoaaR0xKJ5Y&t=32s>
- Implementation of the National Strategy for GEOfood
- Participation in the research project IGCP 726 GEOfood - for sustainable development in UGGps
- Implementation of the Geotourism Strategy in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks, with the National Tourism Authority: <http://rb.gy/po9l0>
- Implementation of the 'Tourism + Sustainable Plan 20-23', strategic action plan for Tourism in Portugal, promoted by the National Tourism Authority: <http://rb.gy/btg5r>
- Implementation of '100% Responsible Programs, by Geoparks': <https://cutt.ly/AIRwvzQ>
- Follow up of the application process of Oeste aUGGp and of the revalidation processes of Azores, Naturtejo and Estrela UGGps
- Production of a new leaflet 'Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks' (in Portuguese): [https://unescoportugal.mne.gov.pt/images/Ci%C3%Aancia/panfleto\\_geoparques\\_pt\\_-\\_revisao\\_2\\_impressao.pdf](https://unescoportugal.mne.gov.pt/images/Ci%C3%Aancia/panfleto_geoparques_pt_-_revisao_2_impressao.pdf)
- Celebration of the International Geodiversity Day with children's testimonies videos:
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPrx2h9GC6g>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRaAUQ9Hgnk>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHDMjzFmM6w>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mZO1yglolw&t=19s>
  - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ITbGB4M7kao>
- Translation to Portuguese of the GGN video for International Geodiversity Day: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XN09fioKDjc>
- New joint educational programme on risks and natural disasters, launched at the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Digital communication (#GeoparquesPT/@GeoparquesPT):
  - . Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GeoparquesPT>
  - . Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/geoparquespt/>
  - . Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GeoparquesPT>
  - . Youtube: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvbnqQ8QVik5rmS\\_BXwaNUw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvbnqQ8QVik5rmS_BXwaNUw)
  - . LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/geoparquespt/>

### 4.2. Events:

January 12th – participation in GGN Advisory Committee Meeting

January 26th-29th – Participation in the Hunting and Tourism Fair, in Terras de Cavaleiros UGGp <https://shorturl.at/otFZ7>

Included the III Seminar on Inland Tourism - Structuring and Promoting Tourism Products' and Public discussion of the preliminary results of the Biennium for Climate Action in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks <https://t.ly/bliQt>

February 13th – participation in the online Meeting of national representatives of European UNESCO Global Geoparks

February 28th - participation in GGN Advisory Committee Meeting <http://rb.gy/wb8u1>

March 1st to 5th – Participation in the Lisboa Tourism Trade Fair (BTL), with a common stand The stand received the special visit of the President of the Republic and Secretary of State for Tourism <https://t.ly/eEZ2h>

Included the meetings:

- March 1st – Meeting between the Presidents of the Portuguese Geoparks and the Governor of Rio Grande do Norte state (Brazil) and representatives of the Seridó Geopark to discuss the creation of a Forum of UNESCO Global Geoparks in Portuguese-speaking Countries, <http://rb.gy/opuz9>, <https://cutt.ly/ZwQl67sK>
- March 2nd – Technical meeting between representatives of Portuguese and Brazilian Geoparks, Tourism of Portugal, Brazilian International Tourism Promotion Agency and the Secretary of Tourism of Rio Grande do Norte state (Brazil) <https://t.ly/1CpRh>

March 12th – 16th Technical visit to the GEOfood strategies of Portuguese UGGps (Naturtejo, Estrela, Terras de Cavaleiros, Arouca), from Lauhanvuori - Hämeenkangas UGGp and Kraatterijärvi - Impact Crater Lake aUGGp (Finland)

March 20th, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24th - Capacity Building on 'Accessible Tourism in the Geoparks', promoted with Tourism of Portugal, under the All for All Programme: <http://rb.gy/u61ut> (in Portuguese)

May 10th-11th – Participation of the Portuguese UGGps representative as an observer, in the 16th Meeting of the National Committee of UNESCO "Man & the Biosphere" (MaB) Programme at the Castro Verde Biosphere Reserve

May 19th, Webinar 'Management of Invasive Species in Geoparks' (in Portuguese)

May 27th – June 5th - Cycle of Science Routes and Interpreted Walks, in each Geopark, under the European Geoparks Week

May 29th - 1 June - Meeting of Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks, in Estrela UGGp. Including Open Day, projects meetings and 3rd Coordination Committee Meeting of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network <https://tinyurl.com/5dxf7jzp>

July 11th / 27th November - Preparatory technical online meeting for the Forum of UNESCO Global Geoparks in Portuguese-speaking Countries, with representatives of the 5 Portuguese and 5 Brazilian UGGps <https://tinyurl.com/2znwe49k>

October 24th, Webinar '100% Responsible Programs, by Geoparks', promoted in cooperation with Turismo de Portugal (National Tourism Authority): <https://rb.gy/h2a32c>

November 10th – Celebration of the World Science Day for Peace and Development, with the event 'Contributions of UNESCO Global Geoparks to Peace, cooperation and development of territories', in Arouca UGGp <https://tinyurl.com/nhvhr2bz>

November 14th - Presentation session of the Portuguese UGGps to the Tourism of Portugal

teams abroad (17 teams operating in 25 tourism markets all over the world)

November 23th – Participation of the Portuguese UGGps representative as an observer, in the 17th Meeting of the National Committee of UNESCO "Man & the Biosphere" (MaB) Programme, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Lisbon

December 11th – 4th Coordination Committee Meeting of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Lisbon

#### **4.3 Presentations**

*July 17-19th – XI National Geology Congress, University of Coimbra*

- Contribution of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks to the protection and enhancement of national geological heritage

*September 7-9th - 10th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks, Marrakech*

- Code of conduct and good practices in Portuguese Geoparks

- The support of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network to the Portuguese Aspiring Geopark Territories

- Programs 100% Responsible – touristic programs for sustainability in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks

- Promoting the UNESCO Global Geoparks Label and geotourism destinations in Portugal

*October 12-13th - 14th Annual Meeting of Partners of the Guide of the Portuguese Geological and Mines Sites, Estrela UGGp*

- Geological Heritage of Portuguese UNESCO World Geoparks and the Challenges of the 2030 Agenda

#### **4.4. Working groups:**

- Monitoring Committee of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network (monthly meeting)

- Tourism (monthly meeting)

- Education

- Communication (monthly meeting)

- Biennium for climate action (2022/2024)

- GEOfood

December 29th, 2023

By the Monitoring Committee of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network