

GGN – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2021

Portugal

1. IDENTITY

The official Portuguese Geoparks Forum was inactive during 2021 and it was extinguished by UNESCO Commission in 2022. However, the five Portuguese UGGps worked together throughout 2021.

In June 2022 a new Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks was created.

2. MEMBERS

Members: Naturtejo UGGp, Arouca UGGp, Azores UGGp, Terras de Cavaleiros UGGp and Estrela UGGp

3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

Active application in your country:

Oeste, geral@geoparqueoeste.com, <https://www.geoparqueoeste.com/>

Territories that you are advising:

Algarvensis, info@geoparquealgarvensis.pt, <https://geoparquealgarvensis.pt/>

Litoral Viana do Castelo, geral@geoparquelitoralviana.pt, www.geoparquelitoralviana.pt/

4. ACTIVITIES

4.1. **Projects:**

- Adoption of the *Clean & Safe 2021 seal for Geoparks*, with Turismo de Portugal (Tourism National Authority)

<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/Gerir/selo-clean-safe/Paginas/selo-clean-safe-geoparques.aspx>

- Participation in the *'Tourism + Sustainable Plan 20-23'*, strategic action plan for Tourism in Portugal, promoted by the National Tourism Authority

<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/crecer/sustentabilidade/Paginas/plano-sustentabilidade-turismo-2020-2023.aspx>

- *Catalogue of Scientific Research in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks*

<https://www.naturtejo.com/ficheiros/gb-web.pdf>

- *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>

. LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/geoparquespt/>

- *1st Photography Contest of Portuguese Geoparks:*

<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/SiteCollectionDocuments/geoturismo/regulamento-1-concurso-fotografia-geoparques.pdf>

Awarded Photos: <https://www.facebook.com/GeoparquesPT/posts/307805697864199>

- Development of a *National strategy for GEOfood*: translation of documents and promotional

material adaptation of national regulation and procedures, promotion and creation of the GEOfood consumer club on the SmartFarmer ecommerce platform (<https://bit.ly/3tHhDGw>, https://naturtejo.com/plugins/kcfinder/upload/files/GEOfood_online.pdf, <https://cutt.ly/VTrx3fc>)

- Participation in the research *project IGCP 726 GEOfood* - for sustainable development in UGGps

- *GEOfood Christmas Baskets*, sold with SmartFamer social ecommerce platform: <https://smartfarmer.pt/600-milhoes-de-anos-a-mesa-campanha-de-natal-smartfarmer/>

- selection of the *Portuguese representative for the 'Geoparks Youth Forum'* – Rita Santos <https://www.facebook.com/GeoparquesPT/posts/pfbid02zEqfsLXrm5j3sB1h17JLVL22WwsEzFepSkoMDBm4tN58kDHC1T9UkWpniw5fyqkaI>

4.2. Events:

- May 25th – June 25th - *Executive Training 'Geotourism by Geoparks'*, the first course of Geotourism in Geoparks in Portugal, with 36 hours of capacity building, promoted by National Tourism Authority, Porto Hospitality and Tourism School and the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks

<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/SiteCollectionDocuments/geoturismo/geoturismo-by-geoparques-turismo-de-portugal-mai-2021.pdf>

- June 13th - *Webinar 'Geoparks: territories of sustainability'*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mJPdxqRGgj8&list=PLU1ajMh5qpt1YqPMOivJLk6aOqSqkda81>

- November 25th – *Gastronomic event 'Vinhos e Petiscos'* (= Wine and Snacks), in Lisbon, to present the GEOfood Christmas Baskets, together with the social ecommerce platform SmartFarmer of the NGO Oikos - Cooperation and Development

<https://www.facebook.com/terras.cavaleiros/posts/pfbid02nb14TRzEwR11tXH2FQRwjVTc5Wrq9iaBwFDSJqCDC33r4amoB12mq3yjE4TT7brsl>

- December 12th-16th – Participation in the *Digital 9th International Conference on UNESCO Global Geoparks*, with the oral communication 'Geotourism Strategy in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks'

4.3. Working groups:

- Tourism
- Education
- Communication
- Biennium for climate action (2022/2023)
- GEOfood

October 11th, 2022

Joana Rodrigues (Naturtejo UGGp), Daniela Rocha (Arouca UGGp), Manuel Paulino Costa, Salomé Meneses (Azores UGGp), Antónia Morais (Terras de Cavaleiros UGGp) and Emanuel Castro (Estrela UGGp)