

Global Geoparks Network – National Fora/Committees Annual Report 2022

Portugal

1. IDENTITY

Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks

The previous Portuguese Geoparks Forum (created in 2011) was extinguished by the Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO in February 2022. On June 30th the new Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks was officially created.

Despite this circumstance, the five Portuguese UGGps have also been working together from January to June 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, <https://www.geoparqueoeste.com/>

Submitted on 25 November 2022

- Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks provided the official endorsement of the Oeste Aspiring Geopark application

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:

- Implementation of the Biennium for Climate Action in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks: <https://rb.gy/okdm8t>
- Implementation of the National Strategy for GEOfood
- Participation in the research project IGCP 726 GEOfood - for sustainable development in UGGps
- Joint Educational Program 'GEOfood: Sustainable Food in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks': <http://rb.gy/unmvhm>
- Implementation of the Geotourism Strategy in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks, with the National Tourism Authority
The Portuguese Geoparks were on the short list of 10 finalists for the National Tourism Award, under the sustainability category - <http://rb.gy/4q0gjp>
- Implementation of the 'Tourism + Sustainable Plan 20-23', strategic action plan for Tourism in Portugal, promoted by the National Tourism Authority
<http://business.turismodeportugal.pt/pt/crescer/sustentabilidade/Paginas/planosustentabilidade-turismo-2020-2023.aspx>
- Implementation of '100% Responsible Programs, by Geoparks': <https://cutt.ly/AIRwvzQ>
- Production of the leaflet 'Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks' (in Portuguese): <http://rb.gy/bhlijrs>
- Production of the leaflet 'GEOfood - Sustainable local food from a unique geological area' (in Portuguese): <http://rb.gy/hbs2qf>
- Production of common merchandising: Geoparks' cotton bag
- Participation in the Newsletter of the Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO 3, July-December 2022: <http://rb.gy/a5c7jh>
- *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/>

4.2. Events:

January 6th - Webinar Communication in Geoparks: <http://rb.gy/3ihhky>

January 24th – 18th February - Executive Training 'Geotourism by Geoparks', 36 hours of capacity building, promoted by the National Tourism Authority, Porto Hospitality and Tourism School and the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks <http://rb.gy/dmafeg>

March 16th to 20th – Participation in the Lisboa Tourism Trade Fair (BTL), with a common stand for the five UGGps

The stand received the special visit of the President of the Republic and Minister of Territorial Cohesion. The Minister of Territorial Cohesion recorded a video expressing the Portuguese government's support for Geoparks: <http://rb.gy/la6hqh> | <http://rb.gy/lbmx8t>

March 23rd – Participation of the Portuguese representative, Rita Santos, in the Second UNESCO Global Geoparks Youth Forum

May 25th to 27th - Meeting of Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks, in Arouca UGGp. Included the signing of a cooperation Protocol between the 5 UGGps <http://rb.gy/mlw9x7>

June 1st – Webinar ‘The contribution of Geoparks to climate change’, under the scope of the Biennium for Climate Action: <http://rb.gy/6fnq6z>

June 17th-19th – Joint participation in a GEOfood stand in the Shepherd Festival, Estrela UGGp

June 30th – 1st Coordination Committee Meeting of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network, in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and National Commission for UNESCO, Lisbon. The protocol officially establishing the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network was signed <http://rb.gy/xcsnhh>

September 12th - 14th - Technical visit Oeste Aspiring Geopark

September 13th to 17th – Participation of the Portuguese representative, Rita Santos, in the 1st Youth Forum Seminar and Camp of UNESCO Global Geoparks

September 27th to 30th – Participation in the 16th European Geoparks Conference, in Sesia Val Grande UGGp (Italy), with the joint oral communications:

- Biennium for climate action in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks (Portugal)
- Communication in Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks – the use of social media (Portugal)
- UNESCO Global Geoparks in Portugal: ‘living laboratories’ for research (Portugal)
- GEOfood in the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks (Portugal)

Included the joint participation in the GeoFair

<http://rb.gy/aziao>

September 30th – Joint participation in the European Researchers Night, with an interactive Quizz about Portuguese UGGp, promoted by University of Coimbra

October 13th - Capacity Building ‘The Physics of Climate Change’ for the Geoparks’ staff, under the scope of the Biennium for Climate Action

November 17th – Celebration of the 7th Anniversary of the official creation of the UNESCO International Geosciences and Geoparks Programme with a promotional video, by the Portuguese Geoparks - <http://rb.gy/vhieng>

November 10th - Capacity Building ‘Climate Action in Fire Prevention and Management’ for the Geoparks’ staff, under the scope of the Biennium for Climate Action

November 26th - II National Forum of UNESCO Networks, in Braga (Portugal)

The event included a stand of the Portuguese UGGps with promotional material and Portuguese GEOfood tasting, visited by the President of the Parliament

<http://rb.gy/av17ds>

November 28th to 30th - 2nd Coordination Committee Meeting of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network, in Azores UGGp <http://rb.gy/qivvit>

December 15th - Capacity Building 'Climate Change and Ecosystems' for the Geoparks' staff, under the scope of the Biennium for Climate Action

4.3. Working groups:

- Monitoring Committee of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network (monthly meeting)
- Tourism (monthly meeting)
- Education
- Communication (monthly meeting)
- Biennium for climate action (2022/2023)
- GEOfood

March 14th, 2023