

# GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

## 1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

**Geopark name, country, regional Network:** Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal, European Geoparks Network

**Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:** 2006 / 2019



## 2. GEOPARK FIGURES

**Number of Geopark staffs:** 22 staffs including 4 geoscientist(s)

**Number of visitors:** around 300,000 (official numbers still not available).

**Number of Geopark events:** Events held by management body: 39 and cooperative organization: 89.

**Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes:** 33

**Number of Geopark press release:** 160

## 3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

### Major achievements in 2019

- Revalidation of the Geopark with Green Card
- Organization of the International Forum of Relevant Territories for Sustainable Food Systems together with FAO. The Forum is a plural space housing a set of knowledge exchanges aiming to obtain policy recommendations and new knowledge for the construction and implementation of initiatives related to the promotion of sustainable food systems in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Decade of Family Farming, the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) and Food and Nutrition Security Strategy. FISAS was a plural space, sheltering the International Seminar Important Systems of the World Agricultural Heritage, the International Congress of Bio-Regions, the World Forum for Rural Innovation and the Workshop Local Public Policies for Sustainable Food, in addition to knowledge exchanges, field visits and exposure of good practices.

### Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Participation in the 41<sup>st</sup> EGN Meeting at Swabian Alb, Germany
- Organization of the Unesco Global Geoparks stand in FITUR Madrid together with Spanish Geoparks
- Organization of the Unesco Global Geoparks stand in ITB Berlin together with 26 Geoparks

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- Expert partner in INTERREG Danube Geotour
- INTERREG Transborder Project with Villuercas
- Erasmus+ Project with Idrija and Magma UGGps
- Participation in the International Meeting Geoparks, Sustainable Tourism and Local Development at Comarca Minera UGGp, Mexico
- Participation in the 42<sup>nd</sup> EGN Meeting in Sierra Norte de Sevilla, Spain
- Participation in the 15<sup>th</sup> EGN Conference (including Scientific Committee)
- Cooperation visit organized for the authorities of the Fermanagh and Omagh District (Northern Ireland)

#### **Management and Financial Status**

- No major changes. Participation in three INTERREG projects and one Erasmus+ project

#### **Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)**

- Organization of dozens of tours in the Geopark
- Organization and participation in local and national workshops, seminars and conferences on tourism

#### **New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction**

- TeachOUT App
- EMINE Virtual visit to Segura mines
- Educational book What's Around Us? Landscape Exploration Guide
- Celebration of the Autochthonous Forest Week with reforestation activities across the territory
- Educational Project with the School of Applied Arts of Castelo Branco "Mata da Rainha – the Mines of Fernando Namora"

#### **Strategic partnership**

- Protocol for cooperation and visit of Mixteca Alta UGGp
- New partner Trevo Extravangante (local company geoproducts)

#### **Promotional activities**

- Participation with stand in FIO Birdwatching International Festival, Cáceres (Spain)
- Participation with stand in Lisbon International Tourism Festival
- Participation in the UNESCO Geoparks stand at FITUR Madrid
- Participation in the UNESCO Geoparks stand at ITB Berlin
- New Spanish documentary "The Importance of Being Hard"
- Exhibition "The Forest that Unites Us" at Moeda Caves (Fátima)
- Participation in Qualifica Fair of Education, Training, Youth and Employment
- INFOTEC XII Open Day at the School of Technology of Castelo Branco
- See Portugal Forum on Domestic Tourism
- Documentary "In Alice's Country"
- Participation with booth in Flavours of Tejo Fair of Vila Velha de Ródão
- Participation with booth in the Lynx Land Fair of Penamacor
- New promotional flyers
- New book Objetivo Geopark for the Spanish Market
- Participation with booth in the Pinewood Fair of Oleiros
- National RTP1 TV station live show of six hours on the Naturtejo Geopark as example of tourism regional networking

#### **4. CONTACTS**

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