

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark, Portugal.

European Geoparks Network

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation:
2014 /2018



Meetings, open to the whole community, with the theme

"Do you know what a Geopark is?"

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 7 staffs including 3 geoscientists

Number of visitors: 5650 Visitors who carried out educational and tourist programs and other activities.

Number of Geopark events: 125

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 51

Number of Geopark press release: 12

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Collaboration in the “UNESCO Global Geoparks Orientation and Knowledge Exchange Program - Portugal and Colombia”, monitoring and guidance of two representatives from the Los Nevados National Park and the El Ruiz Volcanic Aspirant Geopark in Colombia.
- Monitoring of two students, the Master in Geology, University of Molise, Campobasso, Italy.
- Meetings, open to the whole community, with the theme "Do you know what a Geopark is?", carried out in all the parishes of Terras de Cavaleiros territory.
- Action on the documentary “Minas de Murçós - The Stories of its people”, in Murçós.
- Presentation of the “Pedestrian Route Network, of Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark”, at FNAC do Porto.
- Conference on Intangible Cultural Heritage at Casa do Careto.
- Commemoration of the International Day for Monuments and Sites with the holding of a workshop “Transmontanian Houses - shale application in rural landscape”.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GGN - NETWORKING AND PARTICIPATION

- Participation in the 43th European Geoparks Coordination Committee Meeting at the Swabian Alb UNESCO Global Geopark, Germany.

- Participation in the Meeting of the Portuguese Geoparks Forum, Lisbon
- Participation in the 44th European Geopark Network Meeting at the Natural Park Sierra Norte de Sevilha, Spain. Participation in the 15th European Geoparks Conference at the Natural Park Sierra Norte de Sevilha, Spain. Two articles accepted for presentation in 15th European Geoparks Conference at the Natural Park Sierra Norte de Sevilha, Spain.
- Celebration of the European Geopark week (753 participants).
- Visit to Arouca Geopark, activity included in the European Week of Geoparks. Participation in the Conference Geonatura - Arouca Geopark
- Celebration of the “Week of Partners of the Mines and Sites of Geological Interest Roadmap”.
- Participation with a text for the EGN and GGN newsletters.
- Participation in the GEOfood Project, developed by Magma Unesco Global Geopark, Norway with products dynamization of the project "Rocks on the Table". (last year continuation)

MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL STATUS

- Participation in the national programme “Life Science in summer”, in partnership with the Centre of Life Science of Bragança, with 6 activities, June-September 2019.
- General Assembly of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark Association, where activities and financial plan for 2019 were approved.
- Development of the Project “Improvement of the Enjoyment and Valuation of the Natural and Cultural Heritage”. (last year continuation)
- Development of the Project “ Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark - Internationalization of the tourist promotion of Macedo de Cavaleiros. (last year continuation)
- Application to Valorizar Program, the responsibility of Portugal Tourism. "Appreciation of the tourist visitation of the Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark territory", whose main objectives are the improvement of communication and promotion of the territory and the intervention in 4 geosites. It is the name of the operation whose main objectives are the improvement of communication and promotion of the territory and the intervention in 4 geosites.(Awaiting approval)

GEOCONSERVATION

- Cleaning, replacement, updating of panels in several geosites.
- Application made for intervention in 4 geosites.
- Monitoring of the geosites and regular conservation.

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM (GEOTOURISM)

- Participation in national and international fairs in the field of tourism, for promotion of the territory (Lisboa Tourism Exchange; Greenfest in Braga, ITB, Berlim; XVI Nanterre Fair; Rural Tourism Fair Transfrontier, Zamora; among others).

- Visits and promotion of artisanal food factories located in the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark territory, in the context of the tourism and educational programmes.

NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON GEOCONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

- Educational programmes (1064 participants), guided geotours (332 participants) and pedestrian trails (374 participants), organized by the Terras de Cavaleiros Unesco Global Geopark.
- Workshop on “Sowing today to plant tomorrow”, with the participation of students from the schools of Macedo de Cavaleiros, in a total of 331 students.
- "Geology teacher training course in the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- Participation in the Blue Flag Programme and Eco-Schools programme promoted by the ABAE (European Blue Flag Association).
- Implementation of activities in the Azibo's Protected Landscape, in partnership with Macedo de Cavaleiros Municipality and CERCIMAC (Association for the protection of disabled people), under the Blue Flag program.
- Implementation of activities under the project "Near to the Earth", under the responsibility of EDP and in partnership with the Alfândega da Fé, Mogadouro and Torre de Moncorvo Municipalities.
- Partner of the project “Partners of the Mines and Sites of Geological Interest Roadmap”, with 31 partners in Portugal
- Participation in the national programme “Life Science in summer”, in partnership with the Centre of Life Science of Bragança, with 6 activities.
- Presence and realization of educational activities in the “Solstice Festival”, in partnership with the Torre de Moncorvo Municipality.

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Participation in the International Bloggers Meeting, in Zamora
- Participation in Rural Tourism Transfrontier Congress, Zamora.
- Participation in the 3rd International Summer University in Geoparks, Desenvolvimento Regional Sustentado e Estilos de Vida Saudáveis na UTAD, Vila Real.
- Participation in the meeting to present the 3D project (Geoconservation, Geotourism and Geo-education) in Arouca
- Publication of the Geopark's monthly electronic newsletters.
- Participation 1st National Forum of Unesco Networks, in Batalha.

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