

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2023

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 / 2022



Geoscience Refresher Course for Teachers: "From the mantle to the top of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark", organized by the Portuguese Association of Geologists in partnership with the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 7 staffs including 2 geoscientists

Number of visitors: 4344 Visitors who carried out educational and tourist programs and other activities.

Number of Geopark events: 106

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 46

Number of Geopark press release: 10

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2023

- The UNESCO Global Geopark Council has approved the revalidation of Terras de Cavaleiros as a UNESCO Global Geopark
- Guiding a trainee in environmental education and control at the Lanzarote Vocational Training Center;
- Guiding two volunteers who came as part of UNESCO's Kulturweit program in Germany;
- Guidance for the final work placement of a UTAD student on our Geofood producers;
- A visit by Philandan businessmen to the Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark to meet some of our Geofood partners;
- Boost of the Gastronomic Weekends to promote the products and the local restaurants.

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GGN - NETWORKING AND PARTICIPATION

- Meeting of the Portuguese Network of UNESCO World Geoparks, in Manteigas;
- 10th International Conference of UNESCO World Geoparks, in Morocco;
- Presentation of the Terras de Cavaleiros Geopark swot analysis as part of the "Biennium for Climate Action in Portuguese Geoparks" project, a partnership with the Portuguese Geoparks and Turismo de Portugal;
- Participation in the celebrations of the World Science Day for Peace and Development, in the Arouca Geopark;
- Participation in the Science Days in Foz Côa;
- Thematic workshops as part of the celebration of CIARA's 6th anniversary in Torre de Moncorvo;
- Participation in Science Week in Murça;
- Participation in the 14th annual meeting of the "Partners of the Mines and Sites of Geological Interest Roadmap".
- 47th EGN Coordination Committee meeting in Hateg Country UNESCO Global Geopark, Romania.
- Celebration of the European Geopark week (965 participants).
- Participation with a text for the EGN and GGN newsletters.
- Monthly meetings with Turismo de Portugal to debate existing problems.
- Project "Climate Action Biennium" in partnership with National UNESCO Commission
- GEOfood Project
- Educational Program: GEOfood: Sustainable food in Geoparks.
- Scientific Research Catalogue
- 100% Responsible Programs by Geoparks
- Communication and management of the social networks of the 5 portuguese Geoparks

MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL STATUS

- Participation in the national programme "Life Science in summer", in partnership with the Centre of Life Science of Bragança, with 3 activities, July-August 2023.
- General Assembly of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark Advisory Board, where activities and financial plan for 2024 were approved.
- Conclusion of a protocol between the National Commission for UNESCO and the management structures
- 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.(last year continuation)

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 (BTL, Hunting and Tourism Fair, Agriculture Fair, INTUR - International Indoor Tourism Fair in Valladolid ,S.Pedro Fair, 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 (1085 participants), guided geotours (342 participants) and pedestrian trails (437 participants), organized by the Terras de Cavaleiros Unesco Global Geopark.
- Training sessions for teachers, organized and supported by Geopark Terras de Cavaleiros (290 participants);
- -Awareness-raising sessions for educational assistants on the subject of recycling (20 participants);
- Workshop on “Recycling”, with the participation of students from the schools of Macedo de Cavaleiros, in a total of 628 students.

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 training actions in partnership with the company “Resíduos do Nordeste”.
- Implementation of training actions in partnership with the company “Águas do Norte”
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PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- Participation in BTL
- Participation in S.Pedro Fair
- Participation in the Agriculture Fair
- Participation in INTUR - International Indoor Tourism Fair in Valladolid

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