

# GGN – National Network / National Fora Committees Annual Report 2024

## Portugal

### 1. IDENTITY / GGN NATIONAL NETWORK

**National Fora/Committee:** Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks, Portugal

**Year of inscription:** 2022

### 2. MEMBERS

**Chair:** Ambassador José Filipe Moraes Cabral, President of the Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO, [cnu@mne.pt](mailto:cnu@mne.pt)

**Members of the Monitoring Committee of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks Network:**

- 3 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;
- 2 representatives of Oeste UGGp;
- 2 representatives of aspiring Algarvensis Geopark (observers);
- 2 representatives of aspiring Viana do Castelo Geopark (observers);
- 1 representative of the Portuguese Biosphere Reserves (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);

### 3. ACTIVE APPLICATIONS

**Active application in your country:**

Algarvensis, [info@geoparquealgarvensis.pt](mailto:info@geoparquealgarvensis.pt), <https://geoparquealgarvensis.pt/>

**Territories that you are advising:**

Litoral Viana do Castelo, [geral@geoparquellitoralviana.pt](mailto:geral@geoparquellitoralviana.pt), [www.geoparquellitoralviana.pt/](http://www.geoparquellitoralviana.pt/)

**4. ACTIVITIES**

- Adoption of the logo proposed by GGN
- - Boosting social media (#GeoparquesPT/@GeoparquesPT) through the Communication WG of Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks:  
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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvbnqQ8QVik5rmS_BXwaNUw)  
LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/geoparquespt/>
- January 24th to 28th – Participation in the FITUR (Madrid), at the invitation of colleagues from the Spanish Geoparks Network
- January 25th to 28th – Participation in the Hunting and Tourism Fair, in Terras de Cavaleiros UGGp
- February 22th to 23th – “Youth Meeting on Climate Change” at the Forest Science Centre (Naturtejo), within the scope of the Biennium for Climate Action
- 28<sup>th</sup> of February to 3<sup>rd</sup> of march - Participation in BTL
- Launch of the program with Oestetur - Travel Agency
- Launch of the 2nd Photography Competition of the Portuguese Geoparks
- 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> of march - Participation in the 44th EGN CC Meeting in Kula Sahili (Turkey)
- Capacity building actions for geopark teams, within the scope of the Biennium for

## Climate Action.

- World Water Day - Awareness session on water resources in Portugal for 3rd Cycle students, within the scope of the Biennium for Climate Action
- Accredited training for teachers on the theme "Climate Change", within the scope of the Biennium for Climate Action
- Exhibition on UNESCO Global Geoparks (production of the updated version)
- Update of the brochure on UNESCO Global Geoparks
- Celebration of World Environment Day
- Joint event between Biosphere Reserves and UNESCO Global Geoparks: meeting between Managers, under the theme 'UNESCO designations as territories for sustainable development' 2024
- Participation in the 1st Geoparks Forum of Portuguese-Speaking Countries (Seridó UNESCO Global Geopark) - Celebration of World Portuguese Language Day
- Final conference "UNESCO Global Geoparks and Climate Change" (Estrela), within the scope of the Biennium for Climate Action Climate Action.
- Launch of the “White Paper on climate change in Portuguese Geoparks”.
- Celebration of World Tourism Day
- Participation in the 17th EGN Conference in Reykjanes Geopark (Iceland)
- Geodiversity Festival (Celebration of the International Day for Geodiversity)
- Celebration of the Anniversary of the International Geoscience and Geoparks Programme

- Native Forest Week
- Celebration of Mountain Day
- Capacity building of populations as Local Guides: creation of a Local Guides course in the Geoparks
- Science Routes Cycle / Interpreted walks, in each of the territories – Birdwatching
- Presentation of the Knowledge and flavors Routes, within the framework of the Biennium for Climate Action
- Mobilization of the population in alerting to potential natural or "man-made" risks: dissemination and implementation of the joint Educational Program 'Natural Risks in UNESCO Global Geoparks'
- Teacher Training (focused on sustainability projects in Geoparks, involving and stimulating UNESCO Associated Schools)
- Meetings of the Monitoring Committee
- Youth Forum of the Portuguese Geoparks (adaptation of the criteria of the Global Geoparks Network)
- Meetings of the Coordination Committee of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks (Naturtejo and Lisbon)
- Meetings of the Advisory Committee of the Global Geoparks Network – participation of the network representative
- Meeting of the National Committee of the MaB Program – participation of the network representative
- Monitoring of applications for UNESCO Global Geopark status and revalidation processes