

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network:

Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark

Portugal

European Geopark Network (EGN)

Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation

2014

Representative Photo



2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staffs: 7 staffs including 2 geoscientist(s)

Number of Visitors: 6378 Visitors who have carried out educational programs and tourist programs

Number of Geopark events: 82

Number school classes realize Geopark educational programs: 112

Number of Geopark press release – 5

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

MAJOR ACHIVEMENTS IN 2016

- Participation in the Macedo de Cavaleiros Tourism and Hunting Fair and organization of tastings of products of the territory, “Come and taste in the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark”
- Realization and presentation of the documentary “*Murçós Mines – The stories of its people*”
- Involvement of about 5142 students in the educational programmes of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark and other educational activities

CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS GGN - NETWORKING AND PARTICIPATION

- Participation in the 37th European Geoparks Coordination Committee Meeting at the Basque Coast Geopark, Spain
- Participation in the 7th International Conference on Global Geoparks - 27-30th Sept, English Riviera Global Geopark, UK
- Participation in the 38th European Geoparks Coordination Committee Meeting at the English Riviera Geopark, UK
- Celebration of the European Geopark week.
- Celebration of the “Week of Partners of the Mines and Sites of Geological Interest Roadmap in Portugal”
- Submission of an article for the magazine about European Geoparks – “*Murçós Mines – The stories of its people*” - and participation with a text for the 6th EGN newsletter
- Organization and promotion of the UNESCO contest “*GEA Mother Earth*” with the Portuguese Forum of Geoparks
- Participation in the conference “UNESCO Global Geoparks –Sciences Territories”, Lisbon.
- Lanzarote y Archipiélago Chinijo UNESCO Global Geopark – Translation of website content in Spanish

MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL STATUS

- Project application “Treasures and Knowledge of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark”

- General Assembly of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark Association, where activities and financial plan for 2016 were approved
- Project application “Geopark Terras de Cavaleiros – Internationalization of tourist promotion”
- Financing protocol with the municipality of Macedo de Cavaleiros.

GEOCONSERVATION

- Development of the management planning for eight geosites, including the definition of the geosites protection area and buffer area
- Monitoring of the geosites and regular conservation
- Awareness raising activities in five civil parishes of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM (GEOTOURISM)

- Lodgement of a section with local products for sale, such as handcraft products, olive oil, honey and liquors, in the Information Center of the Terras de Cavaleiros UNESCO Global Geopark
- 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
- Presentation of a magazine for tourism with 7 touristic programmes

NEW EDUCATION PROGRAMMES ON GEOCONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND DISASTER RISK

REDUCTION

- Development of 17 educational programs, essentially in the field of geology and geoconservation

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

- Establishment of partnerships with local tourism companies, like “My Best Hotel” and regional tourism companies like “GoSeeTry”
- Participation in the Blue Flag Programme and Eco-Schools programme promoted by the ABAE (European Blue Flag Association)
- Partner of the project “Partners of the Mines and Sites of Geological Interest Roadmap”, with 31 partners in Portugal
- Development of a documentary about the Murçós Mines geosite, in partnership with the University of Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro and the University of Minho
- Participation in the national programme “Life Science in summer”, in partnership with the Centre of Life Science of Bragança, with 9 activities

PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

- A painting exhibition on 8 of the 42 geosites of the territory painted by the local community
- Participation in the Lisbon Tourism Fair
- Participation in 7 fairs of the territory
- Publication of the Geopark’s monthly electronic newsletters
- Participation in the SIBTUR, S.Pedro do Sul, Portugal
- Participation in the Festival of the Iberian Mask, Lisbon

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