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## **MONTHLY ACTIVITIES**



**February 13th - Meeting of national representatives of European UNESCO Global Geoparks.** An online meeting of the national representatives of the European UNESCO Global Geoparks took place aiming to follow up the reflection initiated on new forms of organization, collaboration and work in the European Geoparks Network. The discussion focused on the mission, values and actions to be defined, which will be discussed at the next network coordination meeting, which will take place in March.



**February 14th to 17th - Naturtejo Geopark partners at Biofach in Nuremberg.** The BioRegion of Idanha-a-Nova participated at Biofach 2023 in Nuremberg, Germany, the most important fair of organic food and sustainable production in the world. Several partners from Naturtejo Geopark attended with geoproducts and GEOfood with organic certification: Aromas do Valado, Geocakes, Herdade do Escrivão, Queijo da Fonte, Nature Fields and Gaspar & Fernandes Bakery, which brought flavours and aromas from the geopark.



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**February 24th and 25th - Senior University of Lisbon visiting the geopark's Geomining Heritage.** The use of geological resources during the Roman period was the subject of a weekend dedicated to the Geomining Heritage of the municipalities of Nisa and Vila Velha de Ródão in Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark. Within the discipline of Geology coordinated by Dr. Beatriz Marques, from the Senior University of Benfica, around 55 participants walked with Carlos Neto de Carvalho and Alice Marcelo through the Conhal do Arneiro gold mine. After a typical lunch at a Monte do Arneiro restaurant, the group visited Sítio do Cobre copper mine and the Lameira dam. The following day allowed the discovery of the landscapes of the Tagus River along the Barca da Amieira Trail, culminating with traditional flavors at the partner restaurant of Herdade do Regato, in Póvoa de Rio de Moinhos.

**February 26th – Visit to Monsanto.** Geolife Company guided a group of 30 visitors from the North of Portugal to the Historical Village of Monsanto.

**February 28th - Global Geoparks Network Advisory Board meeting.** The online meeting of the Global Geoparks Network Advisory Committee took place, bringing together 44 representatives of national Geoparks networks and forums from around the world.

At this meeting, the Network's Action Plan for the 2024/2025 biennium was discussed, with strategies for joint promotion, sustainability, training, communication and networking being debated. The Network should favor new ways of functioning and collaboration, adapting to the post-COVID-19 reality.

One of the main points discussed was the role of local languages, fundamental to eliminate language barriers and for greater inclusion and involvement of communities and local agents. A significant part of the Global Geoparks Network's activities take place in English, and there is great demand to diversify. Thus, there was unanimous agreement on the need to reinforce the role of national networks in the development of promotion and training initiatives, as well as the creation of tools in local languages, enhancing the support of communities and local authorities. Joana Rodrigues participated in the meeting on behalf of the Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks.



## **IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA**

#### Newspapers & www

Feb 2023 (National Geographic Portugal) – Naturtejo Geopark 600 Million Years of Landscapes to Discover

#### **PROMOTION FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC**

- NETO DE CARVALHO, C. – A corrida ao volfrâmio em Portugal. National Geographic História, 9, 16-19.









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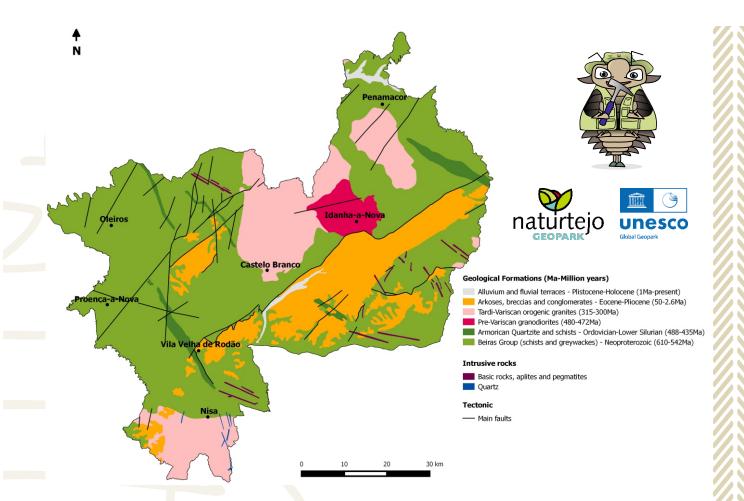
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#### Geoparks: Geology with human face

