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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

April 3rd – Sustainable Tourism and Geotourism in training action in Viana do Castelo School of Hotelry and Tourism. The Municipality of Viana do Castelo and the Viana do Castelo School of Hotelry and Tourism promoted the training action "Aspiring Geopark Litoral de Viana do Castelo - Geological heritage as a touristic resource", under the Training Plan for the Tourism Sector of Viana do Castelo - Seal "Quality Destination".

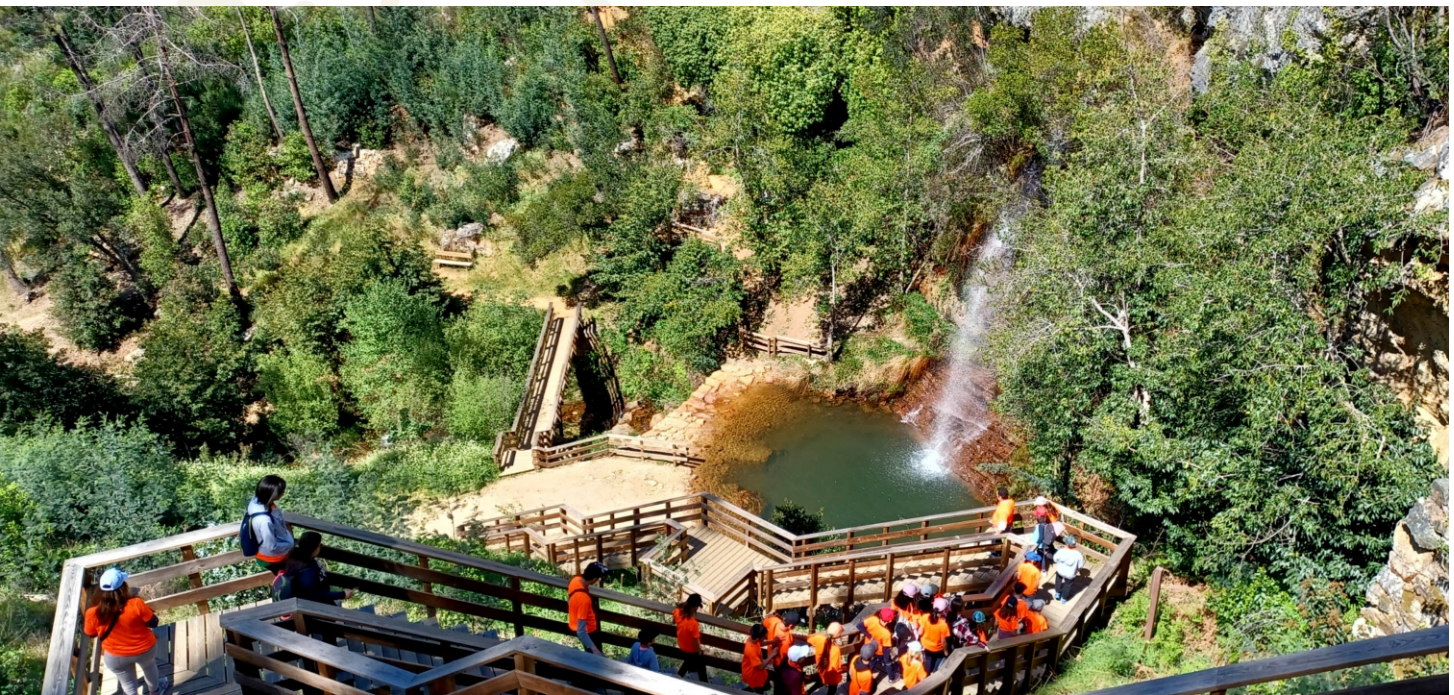
The action was addressed to professionals of the tourism sector, tourism enterprises and other entities that promote the territory and its main goal was to form a network of partners with the technical knowledge to inform and guide visitors and tourists through the territory aspiring to become a Geopark.

Joana Rodrigues lectured the module 'Sustainable Tourism and Geotourism', where the role of Geoparks in the valuation of the Geological Heritage as strategy for territorial development and the case study of Naturtejo Geopark were discussed.

April 4th – UNESCO Global Geoparks in "Regional Interpretive Guides" course at Oeste School of Hotelry and Tourism. The Oeste School of Hotelry and Tourism promoted the 'Regional Tourist Guides' course, a professional training with 600 hours aiming to train professionals to perform the functions of Regional Tourist Guide, within the framework of the specialization of human resources allocated to the tourism sector in the Central Region of Portugal.

Joana Rodrigues taught a class on UNESCO Global Geoparks and on the Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks, within the module 'Natural and Cultural Heritage', of the responsibility of the Aspiring Oeste Geopark.

April 5th – Geodiversity and Naturtejo Geopark in "Sociedade Civil" TV show. The RTP2 show "Sociedade Civil" invited Carlos Neto de Carvalho for an interview about his work for research, conservation and valuation of the Portuguese Geological Heritage. Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark was also addressed in this context. Other guests included Octávio Mateus, palaeontologist from Nova University of Lisbon, as well as other researchers in the areas of Palaeontology and Archaeology.



April 10th – "I live in a Geopark!!!" brings together children, youth and seniors in two field trips. Children from the Sports Holidays and students from the Senior University of Oleiros went to discover geosites in Oleiros, under the scope of the Blue Flag Programme, this year dedicated to Geodiversity.

Under the motto 'I live in a Geopark!!!' two field trips were organized to explore the Geodiversity and the main geosites of Oleiros. Children from 6 to 9 years old, together with students from the Senior University of Oleiros, visited the Cabeço Mosqueiro Viewpoint and Fraga da Água d'Alta and youngsters from 10 to 14 visited the Zebro quarry and Fraga da Água d'Alta cascades, with the geologist Joana Rodrigues.

April 14th - Annual meeting of the project IGCP 726 - GEOfood for Sustainable Development in UNESCO Global Geoparks. The first annual meeting of the project IGCP 726 - GEOfood for the Sustainable Development in UNESCO Global Geoparks took place, in order to discuss the next steps. Followed by the meeting of the international brand GEOfood where the management structure and implementation of the brand was debated, Naturtejo Geopark was represented by Joana Rodrigues.



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April 19th - 'Opportunities in low density territories: endogenous products' presents Naturtejo Geopark in the VII Conference on Secretariat. "Knowledge transfer and employability" was the theme of the VII Conference on Secretariat, in the auditorium of the ESECB-IPCB. The initiative intended to correspond to the purpose of higher education institutions regarding technology management, knowledge transfer and employability, through reflecting with national and international experts on the challenges and opportunities associated with the transfer of scientific knowledge, developed in an academic context, to the economic and social fabric.

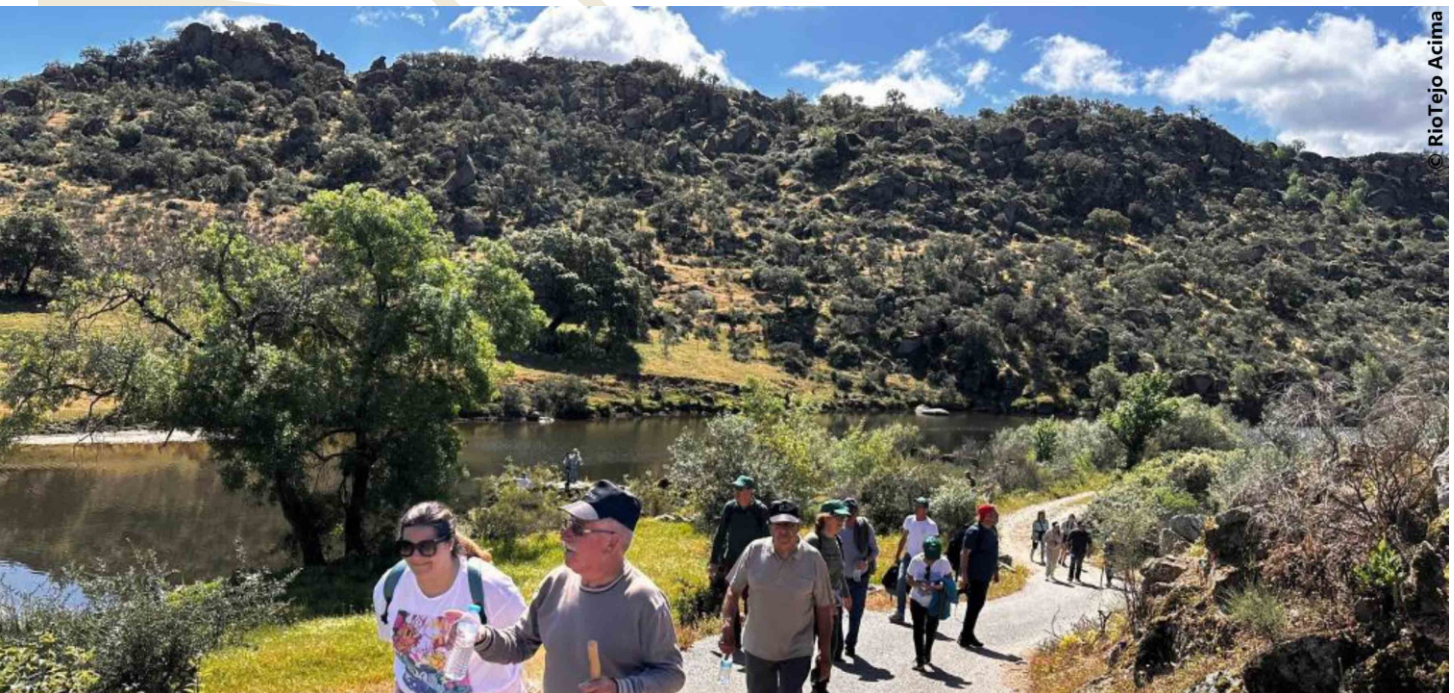
The goals of the Conference were to promote the dialogue between the Degree in Secretariat, companies and other entities, as well as to raise the awareness of researchers, teachers, technicians and students for the development of projects with potential socio-economic valuation. The event was aimed at students, graduates, professionals, teachers, researchers, technicians, companies, institutions, business associations and professionals in secretarial and administrative work.

Joana Rodrigues was invited to share 'Opportunities in low density territories: endogenous products', discussing strategies implemented in Naturtejo Geopark concerning Geoproducts and GEOfood.



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April 21st - Field Trip "The Secrets of Mourão Valey via "Menina dos Medos". This activity was attended by 55 students and 6 teachers from 10th and 11th grade of Biology and Geology, from Campos Melo Secondary School, in Covilhã. The students participated in a journey through time which included fossils, folded rocks, collision of tectonic plates, Roman mines, gold panners and also the sculpture "Menina dos Medos" ("The Fright Girl"). The field trip was organized in partnership with the Living Science Forest Centre, and the activity was led by Marta Palhim.



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April 22nd - Mother Earth Day celebrated along the Erges River . The Erges River in the village of Segura was the context for the celebration of the Mother Earth Day in Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark through the 5th Up this River. Organized by the citizen platform "Rio Tejo Acima" with Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark and the Parish Union of Zebreira-Segura, the day was dedicated to the Erges River and to discover its landscapes. In the afternoon took place the Tertulia Café "By Segura" with the participation of the local authorities and the neighbour Spanish town of Piedras Albas, as well as Rural Move, an association that supports the change of life from urban to rural areas. The experience ended with traditional local music.



April 22nd - Guided visit to the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia for participants of the Erasmus+ Project "UNESCO Cultural Spaces Network".

A "Training Event" was held in the municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, under the scope of Idanha-a-Nova – UNESCO Creative City of Music. This event was attended by 37 commissioners of 7 delegations from 6 countries (Latvia, Estonia, Macedonia, Georgia, Croatia and Italy) participating in the project "UNESCO Network of Cultural Spaces", funded by ERASMUS+. The group was composed by professionals of the culture area, as, musicians, ethnomusicologists, music teachers, among other areas, which had the possibility to verify in loco the work developed by Idanha – UNESCO Creative City of Music. The themes addressed throughout the days were traditional music, customs and traditions, local instruments, heritage, education and gastronomy. On April 22nd, the group visited the Ichnological Park of Penha Garcia and participants met one of the geosites of international relevance, which integrates the territory designated as Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark. Manuela Catana led the participants in this journey through the history of Earth and Life witnessed in the rocks and landscape of the Ponsul Gorge, in Penha Garcia, in the middle of the International Earth Day.



April 25th - Democracy Revolution celebrations in Penha Garcia.

The celebrations of April 25th in the municipality of Idanha-a-Nova took place in Penha Garcia, headed by Armindo Jacinto with the presence of the Municipal Assembly. We relived the historical moment with symbolic presences, through the eyes of the journalist and of those who participated directly in the revolution as unlikely hero. Corporal pointer José Alves Costa went down to Praça do Comércio in an old (already at the time) M47 Patton similar to the one exhibited at Penha Garcia, to defend Marcelo Caetano's regime. The order to fire against the column led by Salgueiro Maia came with the threat of a shot in the head.

The corporal locked himself in his tank and disobeyed the order. It was the most beautiful insubordination of April 25th! Luis Paixão Martins, representing Rádio Renascença, went down the same Praça do Comércio to interview Fernando Salgueiro Maia, the anonymous captain who orchestrated the military revolt that led to the fall of the dictatorial fascist regime. There was also time for speeches by all the political representatives of the municipality of Idanha-a-Nova and for the popular voice. The geologists Andrea Baucon and Carlos Neto de Carvalho also spoke about the work that has been done in Penha Garcia for the benefit of the region.

With 49 years of democracy in Portugal, one more than the oppressive years of the Estado Novo, all those who live here, whether Portuguese by birth or by choice, are expected to continue to actively participate and decide on the construction of a fairer, more inclusive, more egalitarian and more balanced future. Only with the participation of all can we build more opportunities, more sustainable development for all. Only by demanding and participating we will have better governors, regardless of their ideology. Whoever comes for good is welcome. Dictatorship, censorship and persecution never again!



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April 26th - "Themes of Archaeology" at Santos Rocha Museum in Figueira da Foz. The conferences cycle "Themes of Archaeology" organized by the Municipality of Figueira da Foz and the Senior University of this city brought to the Santos Rocha Museum, Carlos Neto de Carvalho, to address the theme "On the Ecological Footprint of men and other animals in archaeological contexts". It is important to highlight the important work that has been carried out in Geoarchaeology in Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark through the Upper Tagus Study Association. To recognize that the scientific coordinator of Naturtejo Geopark, with the researcher Andrea Baucon, now hired by the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, were precursors in the study of evidences of interaction of organisms with substrates in archaeological contexts.

April 26th and 27th - 1st Evaluators' Seminar 2023 promoted by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network. The 1st Evaluators' Seminar 2023, promoted by UNESCO and the Global Geoparks Network, took place in online format.

This training aimed to train the evaluators of UNESCO Global Geoparks, deepening the Statutes and Operational Guidelines of the Programme, the official documents and basic procedures. Joana Rodrigues attended the Seminar.

April 28th - Students of the Master in Geosciences - Geological Heritage and Geoconservation and of Master PANGEA Erasmus Mundus debated the contribution of Geoparks for the preservation of the Geological Heritage and Sustainable Development. In the scope of the subject "Geotourism and Geoparks" at University of Minho, taught by Professor Diamantino Pereira, Joana Rodrigues taught a module dedicated to the UNESCO International Geosciences and Geoparks Programme. The assumptions and functioning of the Programme were discussed, with national and international examples, the Portuguese Network of UNESCO Global Geoparks, with focus on Naturtejo Geopark as case study and its strategies of Geological Heritage inventory, Geoconservation, Spatial Planning, Geotourism and Local Development.

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April 28th - Decentralized City Hall session presents works in progress in Penha Garcia. Researchers Carlos Neto de Carvalho and Andrea Baucon were among the technicians who presented to the governing bodies of Idanha-a-Nova municipality the projects that are underway in Penha Garcia, namely the Palaeobiology Interpretation Centre of Trilobites. The session of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova that took place this time in a decentralized way, joined the Mayor, Armindo Jacinto, the town councillors and the President of the Municipal Assembly, as well as citizens.

IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA



TV & Radio

- April 5th (RTP2) – Sociedade Civil interviews Carlos Neto de Carvalho
- April 12th (Beira Baixa TV) - Kids and adults in the activity "I live in a Geopark"

Newspapers & www

- April 3rd (Mais Beiras) – Finnish entrepreneurs visit Naturtejo Geopark
- April 5th (Gazeta do Interior) –Rosa Albardeira Hike gathers 160 people in Toulões
- April 6th (Reconquista) – Rosa Albardeira gathers 160 people – Toulões fights to protect its plant
- April 11th (Diário Digital de Castelo Branco) – Oleiros: "I Live in a Geopark" mobilises children and adults
- April 11th (Município de Oleiros) – Kids and adults participated in the activity "I live in a Geopark"
- April 12th (Facebook do Município de Oleiros) – Kids and adults participated in the activity "I live in a Geopark"
- April 12th (Gazeta do Interior) – Finnish entrepreneurs visit Naturtejo Geopark territory
- April 12th (Mais Beiras) - Oleiros and Naturtejo Geopark jointly organized "I Live in a Geopark"
- April 19th (<https://viagens.sapo.pt/>) – The Fraga de Água D'Alta waterfall is the largest in Beira Baixa
- April 19th (www.nationalgeographic.pt) –Naturtejo Geopark: The Earth in the Rock
- April 20th (Reconquista) - Fifth anniversary on Earth Day - Up this river... in Segura
- April 24th (SAPO Viagens) – Nature Tourism - Revitalising holidays for body and mind
- April 24th (www.nationalgeographic.pt) – Gold mining in Naturtejo Geopark: the living memory of the last gold panners.
- April 25th (www.nationalgeographic.pt) – Naturtejo Geopark: The Earth in the Rock

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25 de junho a 6 de agosto

- Escavações e Prospecção Arqueológicas
Campo 1: 25 de junho a 9 de julho
Campo 2: 9 a 23 de julho
Campo 3: 23 de julho a 6 de agosto
- Curso de Introdução à Avaliação de Impacte Ambiental (AIA) aplicada à Arqueologia (calendarário a definir)
- Conferências sobre AIA
29 de junho, 13 e 28 de julho
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Os Segredos
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6 de maio



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**Exposição
O Ouro - da
formação do
universo à
conquista do
espaço**
6 de maio

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DIA DE ÁFRICA
25 DE MAIO DE 2023
IDANHA-A-NOVA

PROGRAMA

RECINTO DE FEIRAS	CENTRO CULTURAL RAIANO
15:30: VFCostura - Desfile de Moda	21:30: «Cesária Évora» um filme de Ana Sofia Fonseca EPRIN 2023 CCM ANO Cinema CCM Al-Mosca no Cinema
16:15: "Viagem pelos Sabores Africanos" - Workshop com o Chef Leandro Fans - Degustação	
17:00: São Tomé Dança! - Coreografia por estudantes da EPRIN	
17:35: Matiné de Ritmos Africanos - DJ'S Emanuel & Josimar	

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GEOROTA DO ORVALHO
27 DE MAIO '23
CONCENTRAÇÃO
JUNTA DE FREGUESIA DE ORVALHO
14 H

PROGRAMA
14H00 - Concentração na Junta
15H00 - Início do Passeio Pedestre
19H30 - Ceia Medieval

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"BOAS PRÁTICAS NOS GEOPARKS MUNDIAIS DA UNESCO PORTUGUESES"

AUDITÓRIO DO CENTRO CÍVICO DE MANTEIGAS

29 maio 2023 | 14h30



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PROGRAMA | Dia 29 de maio
Auditório do Centro Cívico de Manteigas

14h30 | Abertura - Presidente do Estrela Geopark Mundial da UNESCO, Flávio Massano

14h45 | Geoparks Mundiais da UNESCO em Portugal - Emanuel de Castro

15h00 | Contributos para a redução do risco de incêndios florestais: a experiência do Geopark Naturtejo Mundial da UNESCO - Joana Rodrigues

15h25 | As atrações turísticas, Passadiços do Paiva e Ponte 516 Arouca no contexto do Arouca Geoparque Mundial da UNESCO - Daniela Rocha

16h15 | Cabazes 100% GEOfood no Geopark Terras de Cavaleiros - Antónia Morais

16h40 | As designações UNESCO nos Açores - atividades conjuntas que valorizam o território - Salomé Meneses

17h05 | Estratégia de sustentabilidade do Estrela Geopark: O exemplo do cartão REFLORESTAR - Emanuel de Castro

17h30 | Debate



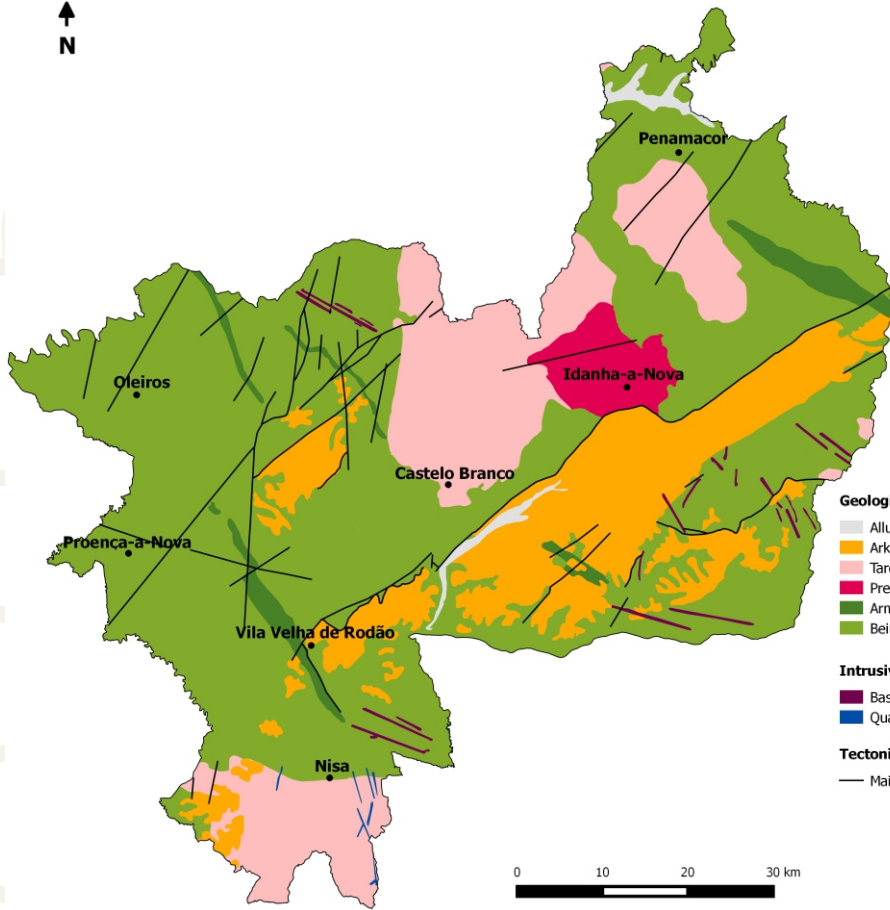
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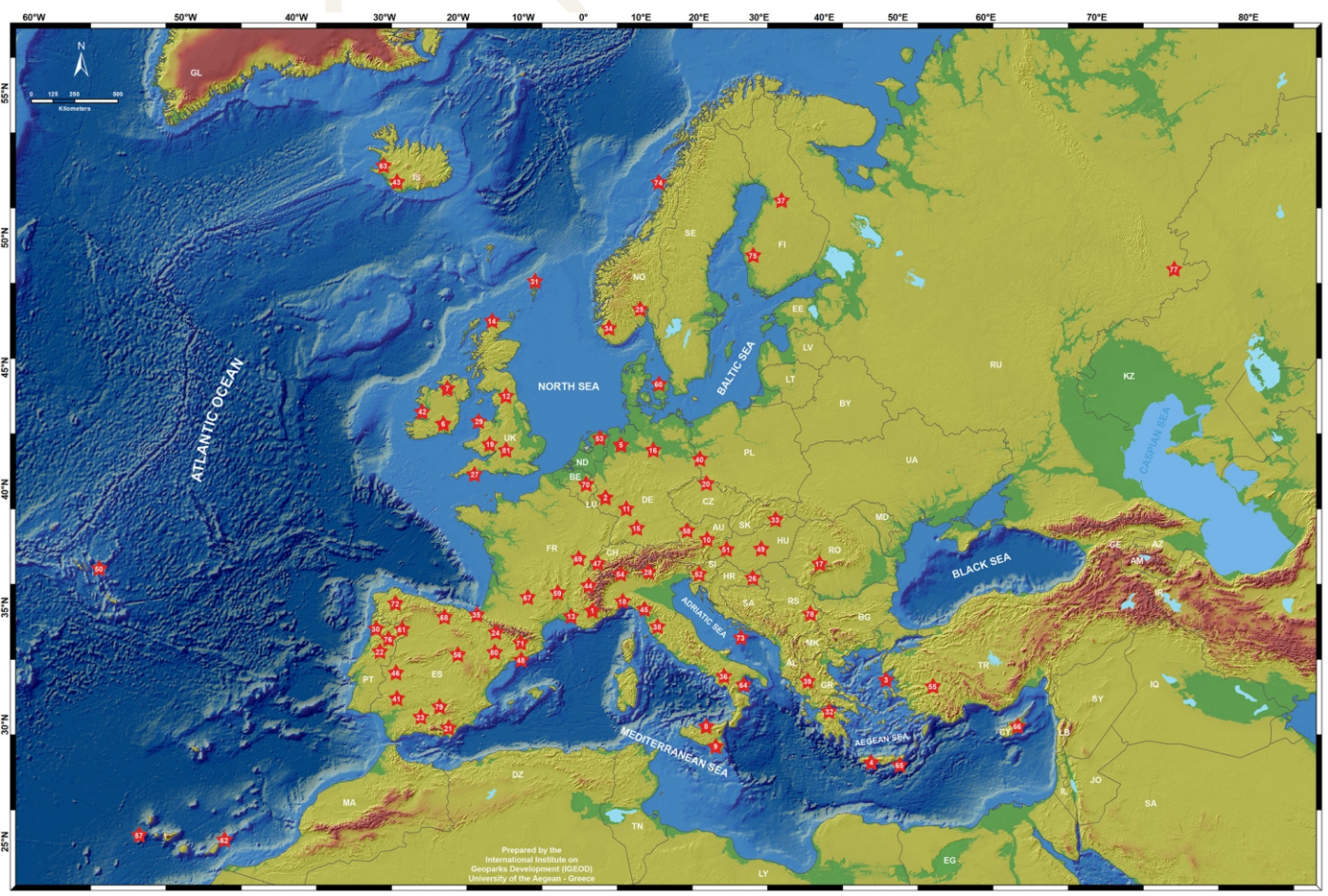
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- █ Alluvium and fluvial terraces - Plistocene-Holocene (1Ma-present)
 - █ Arkoses, breccias and conglomerates - Eocene-Pliocene (50-2.6Ma)
 - █ Tardi-Variscan orogenic granites (315-300Ma)
 - █ Pre-Variscan granodiorites (480-472Ma)
 - █ Armorican Quartzite and schists - Ordovician-Lower Silurian (488-435Ma)
 - █ Beiras Group (schists and greywackes) - Neoproterozoic (610-542Ma)
- Intrusive rocks**
- █ Basic rocks, aplites and pegmatites
 - █ Quartz
- Tectonic**
- Main faults

Geoparks: Geology with human face





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