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MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

October 12th to November 12th - Sounds of Autumn travels through the villages. The Autumn Sounds is an initiative of the Idanha a 1000 project and aims to energise the villages of the municipality of Idanha-a-Nova through music. Once again, performances took place in four villages in the municipality.



November 2nd to 6th - Workshop 'Geoheritage Management in UNESCO Designated Sites' in Azores Geopark. The Azores Geopark hosted the Workshop 'Geoheritage Management in UNESCO Designated Sites', promoted by UNESCO International Geosciences and Geoparks Programme (IGGP) and University of Minho. Coordinated by Professor José Brilha, one of the world's leading experts on Geological Heritage, and Özlem Adiyaman Lopes, IGGP Programme Specialist, the workshop aimed to train managers and members of technical teams from UNESCO Global Geoparks, World Heritage Sites and Biosphere Reserves. Several international experts conducted training modules on the latest scientific methodologies and the best approaches for inventorying, evaluating, monitoring and managing Geological Heritage. Joana Rodrigues taught a module on 'Interpreting and Communicating Geological Heritage'. The course took place on Terceira and Graciosa islands and was attended by 19 trainees from 13 countries.



November 7th - Meeting of the National Partners of the Cultural Itineraries of the Council of Europe.

Organised by the Directorate General for Cultural Heritage, this meeting brought together partners representing the Council of Europe's 17 thematic Cultural Itineraries. The meeting took place at the National Museum of Ethnology and aimed to bring partnerships closer together and strengthen the national network of cultural itineraries. Naturtejo Geopark was present with three of these itineraries: the European Itinerary of Historic Thermal Towns, the Megalithic Culture Route represented by archaeologist João Caninas and the Transhumance Route represented by Carlos Neto de Carvalho. The last two itineraries have as only representatives in Portugal entities from Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark.

November 8th and 9th - Online meeting of the European Geoparks Network. Another biannual meeting of the Coordination Committee of the European Geoparks Network was held, with representation from all the UNESCO geoparks in Europe. These meetings are fundamental to maintain the momentum of the UNESCO Geoparks. Once again, Naturtejo Geopark was represented by its scientific coordinator Carlos Neto de Carvalho. The Action Plan was discussed and approved and meetings were held to reflect on various topics. Carlos Neto de Carvalho gave his contribution to the discussion on the impact of major infrastructure projects on geopark landscapes, coordinated by Origens Geopark. The Tourism Working Group discussed the development of UNESCO Geoparks Geotourism Guide, coordinated by Naturtejo Geopark, and there is now increased interest in this project from European geoparks.



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The Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks jointly celebrated World Science Day for Peace and Development in Arouca Geopark, reinforcing their strong sense of commitment and responsibility to the theme. At the round table 'Contributions of UNESCO Global Geoparks to Peace, Cooperation and Development of territories', representatives from each Geopark discussed the role of territories and the importance of science as catalysts for positive change in the world. As we unfortunately see on a daily basis, peace is not a given and every day we witness a lack of dialogue, intolerance, misunderstanding and polarisation. The importance of science, especially geosciences, in resolving many of the current international conflicts related to energy resources or water, for example, was emphasised. The main conclusion of the round table was that promoting dialogue is absolutely crucial and the basis for promoting peace.

Present at the event were students and teachers from Arouca Secondary School and from the ERASMUS+ project 'EU maze for sustainability' who shared their experience of participating in the project, as well as the cooperation work they have been doing with the Lesvos Geopark (Greece).



November 13th to 15th - 8th International Seminar of the Transhumance Routes and Rural Paths Association in Naturtejo Geopark.

The 8th International Seminar on Transhumance Routes and Rural Paths was held at MUTEX - the Textile Museum. Organised by Naturtejo with the municipalities of Castelo Branco and Idanha-a-Nova, Rosmaninhal Parish Council and partners, the seminar presented the European Route of Transhumance and Rural Paths. Naturtejo, as a founding member of the International Association of Transhumance Routes and Rural Paths, recently saw its application to become a Cultural Itinerary certified by the Council of Europe.

Valuing traditional practices in transhumance and pastoralism, as well as current and future challenges and opportunities, are part of a territorial and socio-economic strategy that must be implemented with increasing relevance. The certification granted last May to the Transhumance and Rural Paths Route as a Cultural Itinerary of the Council of Europe brings greater value and institutional support, which should help to enhance the memories of transhumance, sustainable practices and products linked to pastoral culture in the geopark's municipalities, as well as the millenary importance of rural paths as a means of connecting communities and, today, of enjoying the landscape and heritage.

Finally, this type of international event, which was organised in Castelo Branco and Idanha-a-Nova for the eighth time, is an initiative for scientists, technicians, university representatives and organisations from the world of pastoralism and transhumance, as well as walking trails, to meet and share. The European Cultural Itinerary Transhumance Routes and Rural Paths should be seen as a line of work and international collaboration that brings together strategic allies and territories in favour of the development of local European and Ibero-American communities with a culture that has multiple dimensions of relationship and where different generations have a meeting point to exchange experiences and good practices.

The aim of the International Seminar on Transhumance Routes and Rural Paths was to bring together representatives of the organisations and institutions associated with TT&RR, and those aspiring to become part of this association, to present the results of good practices and experiences within the scope of the certification of Transhumance Routes as a Council of Europe Cultural Itinerary.

The seminar was preceded by a visit to MUTEX - Cebolais de Cima's Textile Museum. This hybrid event was broadcast online by the Municipality of Castelo Branco. Representing the territory were Carlos Neto de Carvalho, from the geopark, Eddy Chambino, an anthropologist collaborating with the project from Naturtejo Geopark, and Jorge Gouveia, from the High Tejo Studies Association, a future member organisation of the European Cultural Itinerary. The mayors of Castelo Branco and Idanha-a-Nova, Leopoldo Rodrigues and Armindo Jacinto, welcomed the seminar participants, most of whom came from Spain and Mexico. The excursion to the territory allowed archaeologist José Cristovão to discover the Historical Village of Idanha-a-Velha, as well as the sustainable agriculture company Real Idanha, producer of the famous Egitânia olive oil, a Geoproduct and Geofood from Naturtejo Geopark. Finally, the participants were welcomed by the village of Rosmaninhal, which hosted them and its president, Joaquim Chambino, with a magnificent community meal.



November 14th - Presentation of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks to the Tourism abroad teams of Tourism of Portugal. Tourism of Portugal organised a Presentation Session of the Portuguese UNESCO Global Geoparks to Tourism Teams Abroad (EdTs).

The aim of this session was to present each Geopark, highlighting their specific characteristics as UNESCO-listed territories, as well as their tourism offer and business partnerships. In the course of networking with Turismo de Portugal, the Geoparks presented their sustainable tourism structures, associated with low population density, strong links with local communities, as well as natural and cultural resources. Joana Rodrigues presented Naturtejo Geopark, highlighting the territory's tourism potential and distinctive geotourism experiences. The session helped to align strategies between the Geoparks and the EdTs, considering Tourism of Portugal's international presence in 25 tourism source markets. These teams work to promote the Portuguese destination and support companies' businesses, carrying out institutional promotional activities and facilitating the internationalisation of Portuguese companies.

The 17 teams are spread across the following markets: Germany (including Switzerland and Austria), the Netherlands (including Belgium), Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark (including Sweden, Norway and Finland), Spain, the United States of America, France (including Luxembourg), India, Ireland, Italy, Japan (including South Korea), Poland, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic and Russia.

In addition to the EdTs, representatives from the Regional Tourism Entities, Regional Tourism Promotion Agencies, the Directorate for Valorisation of Supply and the Sales Support Directorate of Tourism of Portugal also took part.

This session helped to improve direct communication channels and strengthen co-operation between the Geoparks and Tourism of Portugal in the international promotion of the territories.



November 14th - FUSILLI Team visit Vale de Alfaia. Naturtejo Geopark joined the FUSILLI team from Castelo Branco on a visit with 34 Fusilli partners from 13 European countries to our Partner Vale de Alfaia. The group also visited an olive grove and olive oil mill in Salgueiro do Campo. The visit was accompanied by Carla Jacinto.



November 16th - Reflecting on the importance of Geodiversity. We challenged the 4th grade students at Oleiros Primary School to reflect on the importance of geodiversity in everyday life. The group immersed themselves in a lively discussion, moderated by geologist Joana Rodrigues, about how the various geological elements shape our ecosystems, influence natural resources and leave a unique mark on our historical narrative. The group carried out some activities on the main elements of Geodiversity and in the end Naturtejo Geopark gained 19 more Geodiversity ambassadors! This initiative was part of the Blue Flag Environmental Education Programme, this year dedicated to Geodiversity and, despite the delay, it also made it possible to celebrate International Geodiversity Day.



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November 17th to 19th - i-Danha Food Lab Annual Event in Monsanto. Naturtejo Geopark was once again involved in organising the i-Danha Food Lab together with BGI, Food4Sustainability and Idanha-a-Nova Municipality. The main aim of this three-day conference is to highlight and celebrate innovation and the work done to drive the transition of food systems towards more sustainable chains that foster economic and social development while protecting our planet. Just after the world's biggest technology event, the Web Summit, players from the agri-food sector gathered to provide a unique networking and knowledge-sharing experience, set against the backdrop of the historical village of Monsanto, in Idanha-a-Nova. The event began with the emblematic train journey that brought the participants from Lisbon to the territory on the "Green Train", accompanied by the Secretary of State for Tourism, Nuno Fazenda. The main conference on sustainable food and agriculture in Portugal was once again a success, bringing together more than 100 national and international participants. Naturtejo Geopark was represented by Carla Jacinto.

November 17th to December 2nd - 12th Out of Place - Ancient Music Festival. Out of Place - International Festival of Ancient Music once again occupied the most "unexpected" places in Idanha-a-Nova. The 12th edition of the event featured musicians, consorts and projects from Ukraine, Israel, Germany, Spain, France, Belgium, Greece and Portugal, proposing dialogues between the erudite and the popular, the old and the new. Out of Place is produced by Arte das Musas, in partnership with the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, and funded by the Directorate-General for the Arts.

The festival includes music, talks, walks, meetings between musicians who visit us and those who live here, exhibitions, nature, cinema, gastronomy and an educational programme, with a total of 27 proposals over 9 days of programming.

The mayor of Idanha-a-Nova says that Out of Place "is an event made up of encounters, of culture, of the intersection between ancestral legacies and the boldness of modernity, which is shown to the world from an innovative rurality". Armindo Jacinto says that the "challenge is to reinvent the concept of place. And Idanha is the stage that invites us to share new landscapes, where creativity, innovation and sustainability take on a social dimension."

This year, the festival once again has strategic programming partnerships with the Raiano Cultural Centre, the Portuguese Society for the Study of Birds, CineEco Seia - Serra da Estrela International Environmental Film Festival - and DocLisboa - International Film Festival.



November 21st and 22nd - Spain's UNESCO Geoparks visit Naturtejo Geopark. Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark welcomed a delegation of entrepreneurs, managers and mayors from the territories of the Cabo de Gata-Níjar, Sierras Subbéticas, Las Loras and Villuercas - Ibores - Jara Geoparks in Spain.

This technical visit took place as part of a LEADER co-operation project involving five Local Action Groups from the regions of Andalusia, Castilla y León and Extremadura, aiming to promote the socio-economic development of these rural territories in the context of UNESCO Global Geoparks.

One of the goals of this project is to structure and promote geotourism as a prominent tourism product in these territories, and it therefore included a visit to the Portuguese geoparks Naturtejo and Arouca, in order to diagnose good practices and experiences in different sectors. Particular interest was shown in analysing partnerships established with companies, with a view to identifying successful collaboration models that could be replicated. To this end, the visit included partners in accommodation, catering, Geoproducts and GEOfood, namely Monsanto GeoHotel School, GeoRestaurante Petiscos & Granitos and Atelier Geocakes.

The results of these technical visits will be included in a catalogue of good practices in geoparks, which we hope will contribute to the effective integration of geotourism products into the territories' strategic plans, significantly boosting this differentiated tourism offer with a special focus on sustainability.

Armindo Jacinto, President of the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova and Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark, discussed the main challenges of creating the first Geopark classified in Portugal in 2006 and also emphasised the importance of collaboration with the Spanish Geoparks, which has been constant and fundamental in promoting sustainable development in both regions.

The visit included a walk through the Boulders and the Historical Village of Monsanto, a visit to the Tourism Office and the Interpretation Centre, as well as a workshop on adufe construction at the Traditional Arts Centre in Idanha-a-Nova, and was accompanied by Joana Rodrigues.

Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark reaffirms its commitment to promote international collaboration and share experiences that boost geotourism and strengthen links between UNESCO Global Geoparks.

November 21st - CIRAN European Project Focus Group Meeting. CIRAN is a European Horizon project that aims to promote sustainable development through a new approach to the supply of critical raw materials in protected areas. These resources have been identified by the European Union as crucial for industrial development and the implementation of clean technologies. However, the domestic supply of these materials is often limited by environmental protection laws.

The project's mission is to create innovative policies and regulations that allow the responsible extraction of these resources, while preserving the delicate balance of the protected ecosystems in which they are found. The municipality of Idanha-a-Nova in Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark was chosen by the Portuguese partners of this consortium as the Core Lab. The first meeting brought together a number of organisations from this municipality to reflect on mining in protected areas. The unanimous view of the organisations involved, including Naturtejo Geopark and the Municipality of Idanha-a-Nova, represented by Carlos Neto de Carvalho, was that mining in protected areas is highly damaging to the purposes of conserving and enhancing the ecosystems and landscapes that sustain these territories. All the organisations involved in this meeting concluded that any mining in priority areas for nature conservation is not in the interests of local communities.



November 25th - Workshop on Geodiversity in Naturtejo Geopark. The Portuguese Association of Biology and Geology Teachers organised another set of accredited training sessions for teachers dedicated to Urban Geology. The four-hour online workshop dedicated to the Geodiversity of Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark and Urban Geology in this territory was led by Carlos Neto de Carvalho and allowed around 60 teachers to discover relevant episodes in the history of the Earth in this territory, as well as remarkable episodes in its history that have been forever marked in its landscape.

November 27th - Technical preparatory meeting for the Portuguese-speaking UNESCO Global Geoparks Forum. Another technical preparatory meeting for the Portuguese-speaking UNESCO Global Geoparks Forum was held. The main goal of the meeting was to establish a working basis for the development of networking projects, with a comprehensive plan of joint activities, aimed not only at intensifying relations between the Geoparks, but also at specific projects, namely the holding of the Forum's first meeting in 2024. Specific initiatives related to the Portuguese language were also discussed, recognising it as a cultural link between these and several other countries in the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries.

Representatives of the ten Geoparks and two Portuguese and Brazilian aspirants were present, as well as the participation of Tourism of Portugal and Empresa Potiguar of Tourism Promotion at Rio Grande do Norte, with Naturtejo Geopark represented by Joana Rodrigues and Carla Jacinto.

IMPACT OF GEOPARK IN MEDIA



TV & Radio

November 10th (Rádio Castelo Branco) - International seminar presents new Cultural Route of the Council of Europe for Beira Baixa region

November 10th (Beira Baixa TV) - Cultural Route to Beira Baixa - The 8th International Seminar takes place at the Textile Museum (MUTEX) on November 13th

November 30th (Beira Baixa TV) - Naturtejo Geopark strengthens ties with Spanish Geoparks

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Newspapers & www

November 1st (Gazeta do Interior) - Idanha and Penha Garcia host the Villages of Portugal Forum

November 1st (Diário Digital de Castelo Branco) - Idanha-a-Nova: Government at the 2nd Forum of the Villages of Portugal

November 9th (turismodocentro.pt) – International Seminar on Transhumance Routes and Rural Paths

November 9th (portugalis.pt) – Castelo Branco and Idanha-a-Nova discuss Transhumance

November 9th (Diário Digital de Castelo Branco) - " European Cultural Itinerary for the Beira Baixa region" presented at MUTEX

November 10th (opcaoturismo.pt) – European Cultural Itinerary to be launched

November 16th (Reconquista) - Municipalities have already identified over a thousand kilometres - Naturtejo wants to give the region's paths a world of their own

November 23rd (Observador) – Best places to touch the stars in Centre Portugal

November 28th (Agroportal) – Crossborder cooperation: Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark strengthens ties with Spanish Geoparks

November 28th (Gazeta Rural) - Crossborder cooperation: Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark strengthens ties with Spanish Geoparks

November 29th (Diário Digital Castelo Branco) – Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark strengthens ties with Spanish Geoparks

November 30th (Reconquista) - Co-management forum in protected areas

November 30th (jornaldenisa.blogspot.com) – Naturtejo UNESCO Global Geopark strengthens ties with Spanish Geoparks

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"Potenciar a Promoção das Áreas Protegidas e dos Territórios"

Fórum da cogestão em áreas protegidas
cogestão e valorização dos territórios em áreas protegidas
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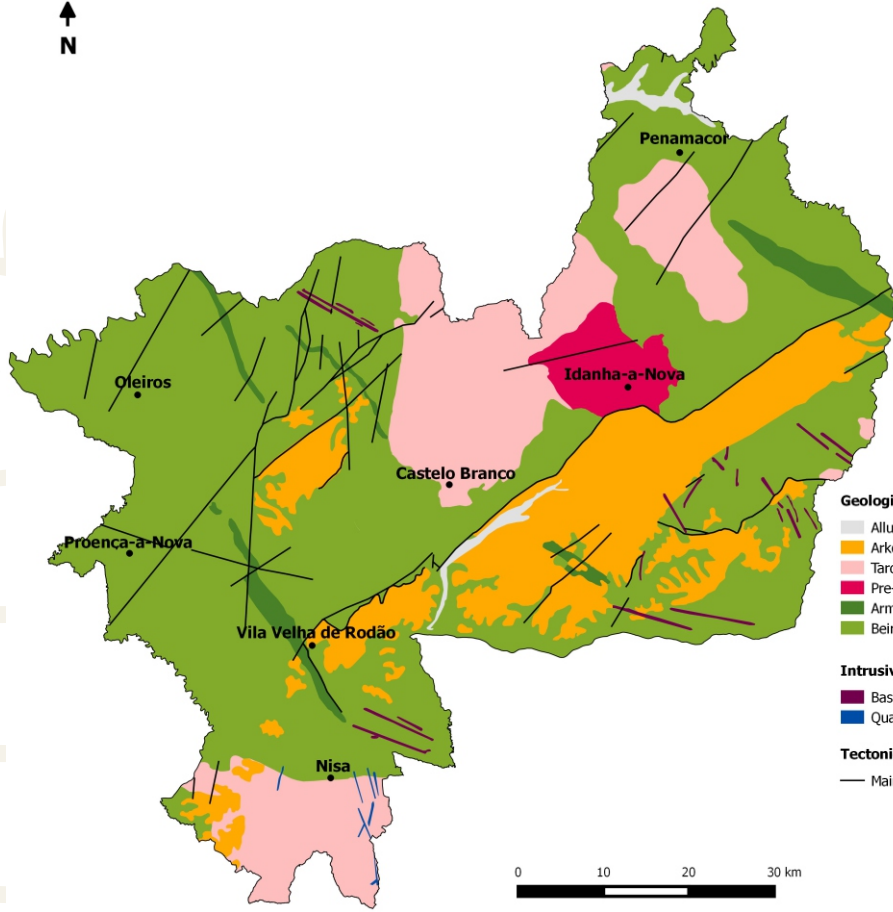
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Geological Formations (Ma-Million years)

- 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)

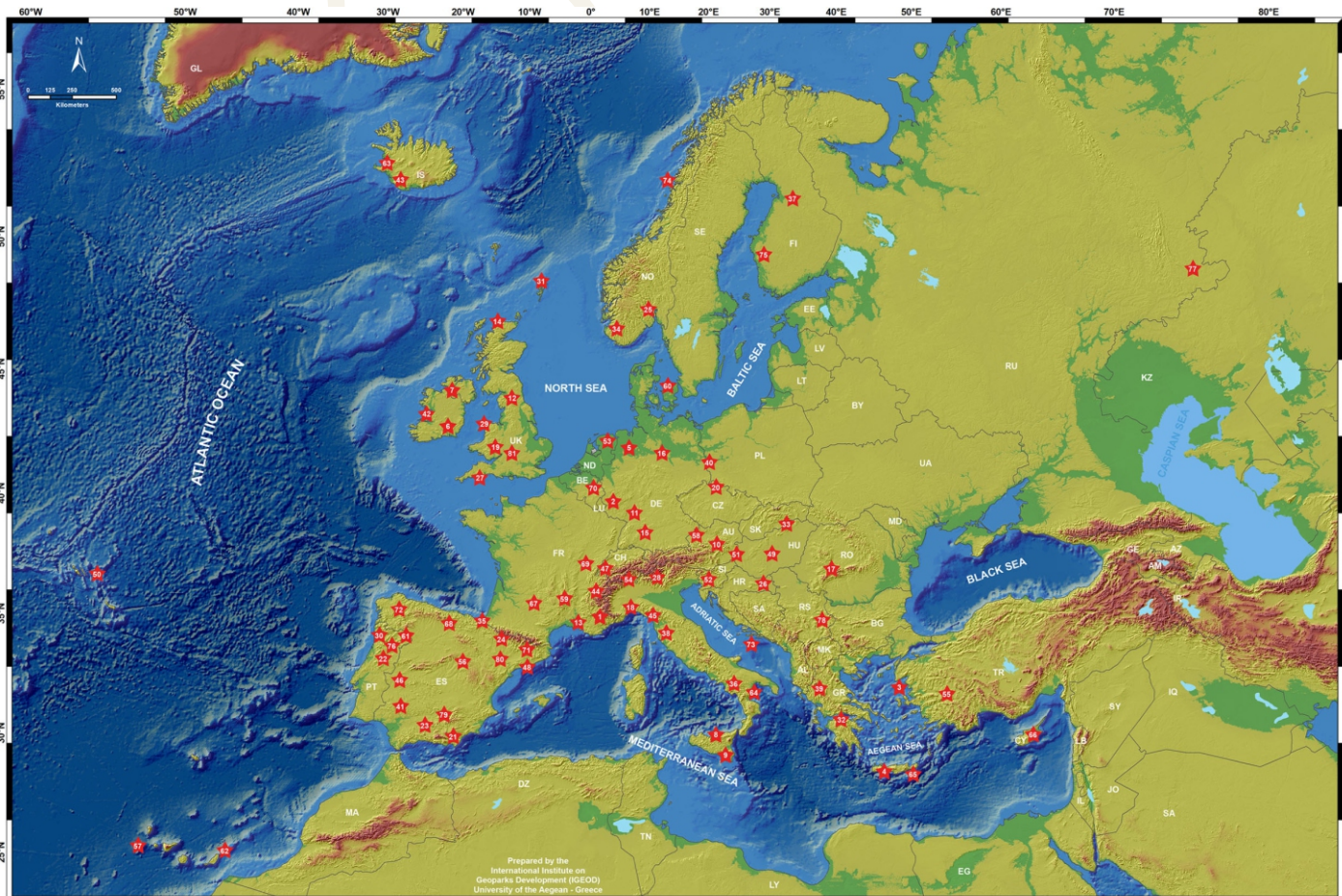
Intrusive rocks

- Basic rocks, aplites and pegmatites
- Quartz

Tectonic

- Main faults

Geoparks: Geology with human face





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