

Regeneration across generations

Socially Inclusive & Sustainable Development of the Atlantic Seaboard

SUPPORT TEAM for the
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Project description

A geopark is based on the geological heritage of a territory, valuing it alongside other patrimonial assets, including the immaterial one, to promote its development. The [Geoparque Viana do Castelo](#) is based on a scientific research into geological heritage initiated 12 years ago.

Supported by the municipality of Viana do Castelo, Portugal, and several local councils, involving 17 institutions representing civil society, supported by 4 research centres and one Advisory Board made up of 57 ambassadors of memory and roots, this multi-stakeholder project focuses on inventory, protection and conservation. This diversity of partners allows cross-usages such as conservation tourism development and education in partnership with the Science School Network and Teacher's training and Educative Program). The ultimate goal is to submit the application of the geopark to worldwide UNESCO recognition.

Outcomes of the project

- Legal classification of 13 geosites.
- Leveraging 680k € from NORTE2020 funding for tourism and educational interpretation.
- Creation of the Network of Science and Scientific Research.
- Development of educational and training programs.

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Lead partner



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