

**Partnership agreement
Between
M'Goun Geopark MOROCCO
And
Aspiring GEOPARC ALGARVENSIS -
PORTUGAL**

BETWEEN THE UNDERSIGNED:

- The M'goun Geopark Association
Represented by Mr. Driss Achbal, President of the M'Goun Geopark association, hereinafter referred to as "AGM"
- Aspiring GEOPARK ALGARVENSIS - PORTUGAL
Represented by Mr. Vítor Aleixo, Mrs Rosa Palma and Mr. José Carlos Rolo, mayors of Loulé, Silves and Albufeira respectively

Together, hereinafter referred to as "the Parties" and individually and indistinctly a "Party".

It has been decided and mutually agreed as follows:

Article 1: Purpose of the agreement

This agreement between the M'goun Geopark association and the aspiring Geopark ALGARVENSIS Portugal, covers a variety of collaboration themes, the implementation of which will be carried out according to various methods, shared strategic reflection, co-organization of meetings, publication joint, communication actions with the aim of acting together to protect, preserve, restore, enhance the natural and cultural heritage of two territories through an ethical vision.

Article 2: Priority strategic axes

With regard to the projects of two territories and respective competences of the two partners, five priority thematic axes have been identified on which the partners wish to develop a common action in areas cooperation:

- Communication and education on the environment and sustainable development
- Exchange, networks
- Expertise, research, training and technical support
- Community, socio-economic development
- Sustainable tourism

Article 3: communication and education on the environment and sustainable development

- The two parties combine their efforts to carry out a set of communication actions, environmental education awareness and citizen mobilization of the two territories;
- The two parties are thinking about the levers to encourage the involvement of biodiversity to limit the impacts on climate change or to adapt to its effects;
- The two parties mutually relay their communication tools on their websites, exchange of publications and coordinate their communication actions on joint operations or campaigns;
- Both parties undertake to educate and train local people on the values of biological diversity and the steps they can take to conserve and use it sustainably;

Article 4: Exchange and networks

- Both parties promote the development of cooperation between their technicians, facilitators and their networks of geo-partners;
- The two parties organize a review and prospective meeting each year to present the actions carried out and discuss those that could be undertaken;
- The two parties are mobilizing their Geo-partners (guides, cooperatives of crafts, local products and tourist services) for a better adhesion to their common activities.

Article 5: Expertise, research, training and technical support

The two parties promote an exchange between the M'goun Geopark scientific council and the team of aspiring Geopark ALGARVENSIS Portugal in particular:

- Pedagogical exchanges between schoolchildren from the two territories;
- The development of participatory science, and issues related to climate change and forward thinking for adaptation to it;
- Prospecting and mobilizing sources of funding from other partners, in particular elected councils and local territorial authorities, institutional bodies, national and international cooperation bodies, private operators, etc.
- The possibilities of exchange of scientists and students for study stays in Moroccan and Portuguese establishments.

Article 6: community and socio-economic development

The two parties are cooperating to carry out joint actions to improve the livelihoods and food security of small agricultural producers and to help professional organizations in the two territories become more stable and responsible organizations and increase their income at through joint actions, in particular:

- Support for professional organizations in promoting local products;
- Support in marketing;
- Organization of exchange trips;
- Support for the marketing of agricultural and handicraft products;
- Networking of development actors from the two territories;
- Creation of a platform of proposals that can feed the action plans of both parties and development actors, with ideas for projects and proposals that can contribute to the improvement of economic and social development.

Article 7: sustainable tourism

- Organization of joint events on geotourism themes (geology, geo-ecotourism circuits, land, landscape, etc.);
- Sharing of experience, exchange of expertise and capacity building of tourism stakeholders from both;
- The exchange to develop sports initiatives;
- Organization of exchange trips between tourism stakeholders;

Article 8: Monitoring of the agreement implementation

The parties will monitor the implementation of this agreement through biennial meetings to assess issues and achievements in the partnership, identify actions to be taken and make necessary adjustments.

Article 9: Entry in force, duration, termination

- a) This agreement will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in affect for five years. It may be renewed for a similar period, unless one of the parties notifies to the other, by serving a 30 days prior written notice, its intention to not extend the Agreement.
- b) Either party may terminate the present Agreement at any time by six months prior written notice to the other Party.

- c) Termination of this agreement will not affect the completion of cooperation activities that have been made under this agreement unless determined otherwise by written consent of the parties.

Article 10: Settlement of dispute


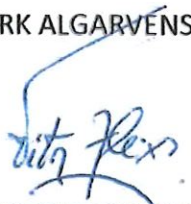
Any difference or dispute arising out of the interpretation or application on any of the provisions of this agreement shall be settled amicably by consultation or negotiations, directly between the parties.

Article 11: Revision

The conditions of application of this agreement are revisable at the request of one of the parties and after consultation and agreement with the other party.

The changes thus agreed must be validated and recorded by amendment to be concluded between the two parties.

Done in duplicate, on 9th September 2023

Signed by:	
Mister President of the Regional Council of Béni-Mellal-Khénifra, Morocco	
	Mister President From the M'Goun Geopark Association
Sir Vítor Aleixo Aspiring GEOPARK ALGARVENSIS - PORTUGAL	
	

Madam Rosa Palma

Aspiring GEOPARK ALGARVENSIS – PORTUGAL

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Sir José Carlos Rolo

Aspiring GEOPARK ALGARVENSIS – PORTUGAL

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