

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PORTUGAL / UNESCO COOPERATION

1. **Membership in UNESCO:** Portugal joined UNESCO in 1965. It withdrew on 31 December 1972 and rejoined the Organization on 11 September 1974.
2. **Membership on the Executive Board:** not currently (last term: 2007-2009)
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions, etc.:**
 - Headquarters Committee (term expires in 2017)
 - Conciliation and Good Offices Commission Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Member: Mr Antonio Pedro Barbas Homem (term expires in 2015)
 - Intergovernmental Committee on World Heritage (term expires in 2017)
 - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
5. **The Director-General's visits to Portugal:** none yet
6. **The former Director-General's visits to Portugal:** 4
 - 20-21 May 2009: to meet Mr António Ramalho Eanes, former President of Portugal (1976-1986) and to visit four World Heritage sites
 - 5-7 March 2006: Lisbon, to open the World Conference on Arts Education
 - 27-31 December 2005: private visit
 - 19-21 May 2003: official visit
7. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H. E. Mr José Filipe Mendes Moraes Cabral , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Portugal to France, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 11/02/2013)
 - Staff: Mr Israel Saraiva, Deputy Permanent Delegate; Ms Teresa Salado, Attaché
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr Luís Filipe Carrilho de Castro Mendes (February 2011 – February 2012); H.E. Mr Duarte Ramalho Ortigao (January 2005 – February 2009); H.E. Mr Marcello Mathias (January 2001 – December 2004); H.E. Mr Jorge Leitao Ritto (July 1996 – December 2000)
8. **UNESCO Office:** none
9. **Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 17 July 1979
 - President: H.E. Amb. Ana Martinho (since March 2013)
 - Secretary-General: Ms Rita Brasil de Brito (since May 2013)
10. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Ms Maria de Medeiros, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2008)
 - Former Portuguese President Mario Soares is Vice-President of the Jury of the UNESCO Houphouët-Boigny Prize
 - Mr Antonio Pedro Barbas Homem, member of the Conciliation and Good Offices Commission Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may arise

between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education (term expires in 2013)

11. UNESCO Chairs: 3

- UNESCO Chair on Sustainable Energy Management, established at the Technical University of Lisbon (1997)
- UNESCO Chair in Bioethics, established at the Universidade Católica Portuguesa (2009)
- UNESCO Chair on Biodiversity Safeguard for Sustainable Development, University of Coimbra (2013)

12. Associated Schools: 87 (2 nursery and pre-schools, 17 primary, 17 primary and secondary, 41 secondary schools, 6 teacher training and 4 vocational and technical institutions). Portugal joined the ASP Network in 1984.

13. UNESCO Clubs: 3

14. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 2

- International Centre on Coastal Ecohydrology, Faro (2009)
- International Centre for Advanced Training of Scientists from Portuguese Speaking Countries in Areas of Basic Sciences, Lisbon (2011)

15. Biosphere Reserves: 8

- Paúl do Boquilobo (1981)
- Corvo Island (2007)
- Graciosa Island (2007)
- Flores Island (2009)
- Berlengas (2011)
- Santana Madeira (2011)
- Geres /Xures (2009) - transboundary with Spain
- Meseta Ibérica, 2015. Transboundary BR (Portugal/Spain)

16. World Heritage Sites: 15 sites (14 Cultural and 1 Natural)

Cultural: 14

- Central Zone of the Town of Angra do Heroísmo in the Azores (1983)
- Monastery of the Hieronymites and Tower of Belem in Lisbon (1983)
- Monastery of Batalha (1983)
- Convent of Christ in Tomar (1983)
- Historic Centre of Evora (1988)
- Monastery of Alcobaça (1989)
- Cultural Landscape of Sintra (1995)
- Historic Centre of Oporto (1996)
- Prehistoric Rock-Art Sites in the Côa Valley (1998)
- Historic Centre of Guimarães (2001)
- Alto Douro Wine Region (2001)
- Landscape of Pico Island Vineyard Culture (2004)
- Garrison Border Town of Elvas and its Fortifications (2012)
- University of Coimbra – Alta and Sofia (2013)

Natural: 1

- Laurisilva of Madeira (1999)

17. Tentative List: 11 sites

- Historic Centre of Santarem (1996)
- Algar do Carvão (1996)
- Furna do Enxofre (1996)

- Town of Marvão and the craggy mountain on which it is located (2000)
- Ilhas Selvagens (Selvagens Islands) (2002)
- The Southwest Coast (2004)
- Pombaline 'Baixa' or Downtown of Lisbon (2004)
- Mafra Palace, Convent and Royal Hunting Park (2004)
- Forest Park of the Discalced Carmelites, Bucaco (2004)
- Arrábida (2004)
- ICNITOS de Dinossáurios (2008)

18. Intangible Heritage Lists: 3 elements on the Representative List

- Fado, urban popular song of Portugal (2011)
- Mediterranean Diet (2012)
- City of Traditions ("Cidade das Tradições") (2013)

19. Memory of the World Register: 6 inscriptions

- Letter from Pêro Vaz de Caminha (2005)
- Corpo Cronológico (Collection of Manuscripts on the Portuguese Discoveries) (2007)
- Treaty of Tordesillas (2007), jointly with Spain
- Arquivos dos Dembos / Ndembu Archives (2011), jointly with Angola
- First flight across the South Atlantic Ocean in 1922 (2011)
- Journal of the first voyage of Vasco da Gama to India, 1497-1499 (2013)
- The Manuscripts of the Commentary to the Apocalypse (Beatus of Liébana) in the Iberian Tradition (2015), jointly with Spain.

20. Creative Cities Network: no appointments

21. Legal instruments: 25 ratified and 15 non-ratified

- Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions: ratified (16 March 2007)
- International Convention against Doping in Sport: ratified (30 April 2007)
- Convention on the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage: ratified (21 May 2008)
- Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage: ratified (21 September 2006)

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in 2012-2013: none

23. Participation Programme:

- 2014-2015: no requests submitted
- 2012-2013: no requests submitted
- 2010-2011: 1 request approved for US\$ 30,000 ('Second International Meeting on World Heritage of Portuguese Origin')
- 2008-2009: 6 requests (in favor of CPLP countries) submitted for a total sum of US\$ 168,852. Only one retained for US\$ 30,000, following the former Director-General's decision to allocate only US\$ 30,000 to OECD-DAC members.

24. Fellowships: 1 fellowship awarded since 2005, for US\$ 16,017

25. Payment of assessed membership fees 2015: Fully paid

- Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: rate: 0.474%
- Contributions assessed for 2014-2015: US\$ 3,095,220

26. Voluntary contributions (expressed in US\$):

Year	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Total	15,476	49,480	147,580	132,789	308,623	483,469

28. Representation within the Secretariat: under-represented

- 2 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 5)