

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ON PORTUGAL / UNESCO COOPERATION

I. COOPERATION WITH UNESCO

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:** yes, term expires in 2021
3. **Membership on Intergovernmental Committees, Commissions** (by year of end of term):
 - 2023: Intergovernmental Council of the Management of Social Transformations Programme
 - 2023: Council of the UNESCO International Bureau of Education (IBE)
 - 2021: Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be responsible for seeking the settlement of any dispute which might arise between States Parties to the Convention
 - 2021: Executive Council of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
 - Permanent membership in the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
4. **The Director-General's visits to Portugal:** none
5. **The Former Director-General's visits to Portugal:** none
6. **Permanent Delegation to UNESCO:**
 - H.E. Mr António Manuel Seixas Sampaio da Nóvoa, Ambassador, Permanent Delegate to UNESCO (since 3 April 2018)
 - Staff: Mr Pedro Manuel Oliveira, Deputy Permanent Delegate
 - Previous Permanent Delegates: H.E. Mr José Filipe Moraes Cabral (2013-2017)
7. **Portuguese National Commission for UNESCO:**
 - Date of establishment: 17 July 1979
 - President: Mr José Filipe Moraes Cabral (since February 2018)
 - Secretary-General: Mr Sérgio Gorjão (since April 2021)
8. **Personalities linked to UNESCO's activities:**
 - Ms Maria de Medeiros, UNESCO Artist for Peace (2008)
 - 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 2019)
9. **UNESCO Chairs:** 14
 - 2020: UNESCO Chair on Education and Science for Equitable Development and Human Welfare, University of Évora
 - 2019: UNESCO Chair on Heritage, Cities and Landscapes. Sustainable Management, Conservation, Planning and Design, University of Porto
 - 2018: Chair on Intercultural Dialogue on Heritage with Portuguese Influence, University of Coimbra
 - 2018: Chair in Arts, Cultural Management, Cities and Creativity at the Polytechnic Institute of Leiria

- 2018: Chair in Humanities and Integrated Cultural Landscape Management at the Tomar Polytechnic Institute
- 2018: Chair on Life and Land at the University of Porto
- 2018: Chair on Education, Citizenship and Cultural Diversity at the Portuguese-speaking University of Humanities and Technologies in Lisbon
- 2018: Chair on Education for Global Peaceful Sustainability at the University of Lisbon
- 2016: Chair on Geoparks, Regional Sustainable Development and Healthy Lifestyle at Trás-os-Montes e Alto Douro University
- 2016: Chair on the Cultural Heritage of the Oceans at the Nova University of Lisboa
- 2016: Chair in Ecohydrology: Water for Ecosystems and Societies at the University of Algarve, Faro
- 2013: Chair in Biodiversity Conservation for Sustainable Development at the University of Coimbra
- 2013: Chair in Intangible Heritage and Traditional Knowledge at the University of Évora
- 2009: Chair in Bioethics, at the Portuguese Catholic University

10. Associated Schools: 151 institutions

- 6 pre-primary, 3 pre-primary to secondary, 14 primary, 49 primary/secondary, 40 secondary, 8 vocational schools, 8 teacher training institutions, 23 other institutions
- The country joined the ASP network in 1984

11. UNESCO Clubs: none

12. Category 2 Institutes and Centres: 2

- 2011: International Centre for the Advanced Training of Scientists from Portuguese-speaking Countries in the Basic Sciences, Lisbon (agreement signed on 9 November 2013)
- 2009: International Centre for Coastal Ecohydrology, Faro (agreement signed in 2010; not effective yet)

13. Biosphere Reserves: 12

- 2020: Porto Santo
- 2017: Castro Verde
- 2016: Fajãs de São Jorge
- 2016: Tejo/Tajo - transboundary with Spain
- 2015: Meseta Ibérica - transboundary with Spain
- 2011: Berlengas
- 2011: Santana Madeira
- 2009: Geres /Xures - transboundary with Spain
- 2009: Flores Island
- 2007: Corvo Island
- 2007: Graciosa Island
- 1981: Paúl do Boquilobo

14. UNESCO Global Geoparks Network: 5

- 2020: Estrela
- 2015: Naturtejo Global Geopark
- 2015: Arouca Global Geopark
- 2015: Azores Global Geopark
- 2015: Terras de Cavaleiros Global Geopark

15. World Heritage Sites: 17 sites (16 Cultural and 1 Natural)

Cultural

- 2019: Good Jesus Shrine of the Mount in Braga
- 2019: Royal Mafra Building - palace, basilica, convent, Cerco garden and hunting park (*Tapada*)
- 2013: University of Coimbra – Alta and Sofia
- 2012: Garrison Border Town of Elvas and its Fortifications
- 2004: Landscape of Pico Island Vineyard Culture
- 2001: Historic Centre of Guimarães
- 2001: Alto Douro Wine Region
- 1998: Prehistoric Rock-Art Sites in the Côa Valley
- 1996: Historic Centre of Oporto
- 1995: Cultural Landscape of Sintra
- 1989: Monastery of Alcobaça
- 1988: Historic Centre of Evora
- 1983: 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

Natural

- 1999: Laurisilva of Madeira

16. Tentative List: 19 sites (all elements refer to 2017)

- Historic Centre of Guimarães and Couros Zone (extension)
- Historical Lisbon, Global City
- Mértola
- Montado, Cultural Landscape
- Route of Magellan. First around the World
- Vila Viçosa, Renaissance ducal town
- Selvagens Islands
- Bulwarked Fortifications of the "Raia" (Border)
- Águas Livres Aqueduct
- Routes of Santiago de Compostela: Routes in Portugal
- Roman Production Centre of Fish Salting and Conservation in Tróia
- Ensemble of Álvaro Siza's Architecture Works in Portugal
- Southwest Coast
- Pombaline Lisbon
- Desert of the Discalced Carmelites and Built Ensemble of the Palace-Hotel in Bussaco
- Head Office and Garden of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation
- Levadas of Madeira Island
- Mid-Atlantic Ridge
- Sites of Globalization

17. Intangible Heritage Lists: 8 elements

Representative List

- 2017: The craft of Estremoz clay figurines
- 2016: Falconry, a living human tradition together with the United Arab Emirates; Austria; Belgium; Czechia; France; Germany; Hungary; Italy; Kazakhstan; Republic of Korea; Mongolia; Morocco; Pakistan; Portugal; Qatar; Saudi Arabia; Spain; Syrian Arab Republic; Germany
- 2014: The cante alentejano, polyphonic song from the Alentejo (south of Portugal)
- 2013: Mediterranean Diet (jointly with Cyprus; Croatia; Spain; Greece; Italy and Morocco)
- 2011: Fado, urban popular song of Portugal

List of heritage in need of urgent safeguarding

- 2016: Bisalhães black pottery manufacturing process
- 2015: Manufacture of cowbells

18. Register of Best Practices in Underwater Cultural Heritage: 1 element

- 2019: Subaquatic Archaeological Charter of the Azores

19. Memory of the World Register: 10 inscriptions

- 2017: Official Macao documents during the Qing dynasty (1693-1886), jointly with China
- 2017: The registration book of visas issued by the Portuguese consulate in Bordeaux, Aristides de Sousa Mendes, 1939-1940
- 2017: The Codex Calixtinus of Santiago de Compostela and other medieval copies of the Liber Sancti Jacobi: The Iberian origins of the Jacobean tradition in Europe, jointly with Spain
- 2015: The Manuscripts of the Commentary to the Apocalypse (Beatus of Liébana) in the Iberian Tradition, jointly with Spain
- 2013: Journal of the first voyage of Vasco da Gama to India, 1497-1499
- 2011: Arquivos dos Dembos / Ndembu Archives, jointly with Angola
- 2011: First flight across the South Atlantic Ocean in 1922
- 2007: Corpo Cronológico (Collection of Manuscripts on the Portuguese Discoveries)
- 2007: Treaty of Tordesillas, jointly with Spain
- 2005: Letter from Pêro Vaz de Caminha

20. Creative Cities Network: 6 cities

- 2019: Leiria, City of Music
- 2017: Amarante, City of Music
- 2017: Barcelos, City of Crafts and Folk Art
- 2017: Braga, City of Media Arts
- 2015: Idanha-a-Nova, City of Music
- 2015: Óbidos, City of Literature

21. Legal instruments: 26 ratified and 14 non-ratified

| Date of deposit | Ratified Conventions | Type of deposit |
|------------------------|---|------------------------|
| 09/04/2018 | Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 26 March 1999. | Adhésion |
| 21/05/2008 | Convention for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage. Paris, 17 October 2003. | Ratification |
| 30/04/2007 | International Convention against Doping in Sport. Paris, 19 October 2005 | Ratification |
| 16/03/2007 | Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions. Paris, 20 October 2005 | Ratification |
| 21/09/2006 | Convention on the Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage. Paris, 2 November 2001. | Ratification |
| 18/02/2005 | Protocol to the Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict. The Hague, 14 May 1954. | Adhésion |
| 17/04/2002 | International Convention for the Protection of Performers, Producers of Phonograms and Broadcasting Organizations. Rome, 26 October 1961. | Adhésion |
| 15/10/2001 | Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region. Lisbon, 11 April 1997. | Ratification |
| 04/08/2000 | Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict with Regulations for the Execution of the Convention. The Hague, 14 May 1954. | Ratification |
| 11/12/1995 | Convention relating to the Distribution of Programme-Carrying Signals Transmitted by Satellite. Brussels, 21 May 1974. | Adhésion |
| 09/12/1985 | Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property. Paris, 14 November 1970. | Ratification |

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| 18/12/1984 | Protocol to amend the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Paris, 3 December 1982. | Signature sans réserve de ratification |
| 29/08/1984 | Convention on the Recognition of Studies, Diplomas and Degrees concerning Higher Education in the States belonging to the Europe Region. Paris, 21 December 1979. | Ratification |
| 11/06/1984 | Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to E and Protocol annexed. Florence, 17 June 1950. | Adhésion |
| 11/06/1984 | Protocol to the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials, with Annexes A to H. Nairobi, 26 November 1976. | Adhésion |
| 11/01/1982 | Protocol Instituting a Conciliation and Good Offices Commission to be Responsible for Seeking the Settlement of any Disputes which may Arise between States Parties to the Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 10 December 1962. | Ratification |
| 30/04/1981 | Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Paris, 24 July 1971. | Adhésion |
| 30/04/1981 | Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to work of stateless persons and refugees. Paris, 24 July 1971. | Adhésion |
| 30/04/1981 | Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention as revised on 24 July 1971 concerning the application of that Convention to works of certain international organizations. Paris, 24 July 1971. | Adhésion |
| 08/01/1981 | Convention against Discrimination in Education. Paris, 14 December 1960. | Ratification |
| 24/11/1980 | Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat. Ramsar, 2 February 1971. | Ratification |
| 30/09/1980 | Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage. Paris, 16 November 1972. | Ratification |
| 25/09/1956 | Universal Copyright Convention, with Appendix Declaration relating to Article XVII and Resolution concerning Article XI. Geneva, 6 September 1952. | Ratification |
| 25/09/1956 | Protocol 1 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of stateless persons and refugees. Geneva, 6 September 1952. | Ratification |
| 25/09/1956 | Protocol 2 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the application of that Convention to the works of certain international organizations. Geneva, 6 September 1952. | Ratification |
| 25/09/1956 | Protocol 3 annexed to the Universal Copyright Convention concerning the effective date of instruments of ratification or acceptance of or accession to that Convention. Geneva, 6 September 1952. | Ratification |

22. Anniversaries with which UNESCO is associated in:

2020-2021: 1

- 100th anniversary of the birth of Amália Rodrigues, fado singer, composer and actress (1920-1999) (with the support of Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Spain, France and Mozambique)

Proposal for 2022-2023, approved by the 211th session of the Executive Board: 1

- 100th anniversary of the birth of José Saramago, Writer and Thinker (1922-2010) (with the support of Angola, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Equatorial Guinea, Mozambique and Spain)

23. Participation Programme:

- 2016-2017: US\$ 25,000 for the least developed Portuguese-speaking countries
- 2010-2011: US\$ 30,000 for the promotion of World Heritage of Portuguese origin

24. Fellowships: no requests since 2010

25. NGOs in Official Partnership with UNESCO: none

26. Representation within the Secretariat: normally represented with 3 professional staff in geographical posts (min. 3, max. 5)