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MODULE 1: Basic Concepts of Geological Heritage

MODULE 2: Management and conservation of Geological Heritage in Europe

MODULE 3: Particularities and Situation of the European Geological Heritage

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## **MODULE 1: Basic Concepts of Geological Heritage**

**Geodiversity**: <u>variety</u> of geological elements and processes, comparable to Biodiversity

**Geological Heritage**: <u>The most important</u> elements and processes, meaningful to be worthy of conservation measures





## **MODULE 1: Basic Concepts of Geological Heritage**

### Types of GeoHeritage

Palaoeontological Mining and Archaeo- Industrial

Geomorphological

Hydrogeological

**Tectonics** 

Stratigraphy

Volcanic





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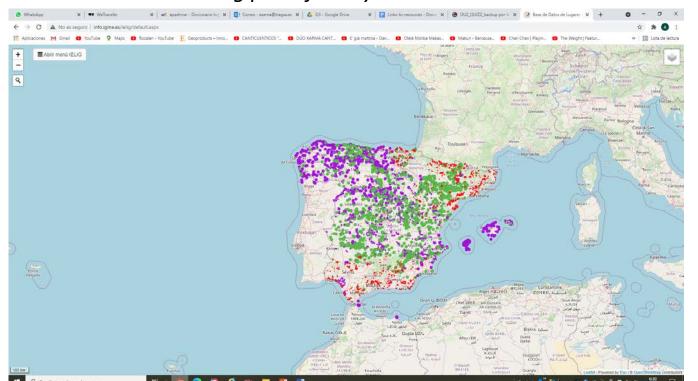
**Geoconservation** measures and actions aimed at maintaining and/or recovering the natural value of a particular place or natural element, being these place or element of geological nature.



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#### *Inventories*

### Starting point for any conservation measure







## **MODULE 1: Basic Concepts of Geological Heritage**

#### **Geoconservation**

Geological resource State of conservation Natural Integrity Sensitivity

Modification

Potentially Damaging Operations (PDO) Environmental Stress

Mitigation

**Impact** 

Recovery Restoration Reference conditions Regeneration Resilience

Maintenance Preservation Degradation Degraded Areas Reclamation

Protection Replication Leave no trace

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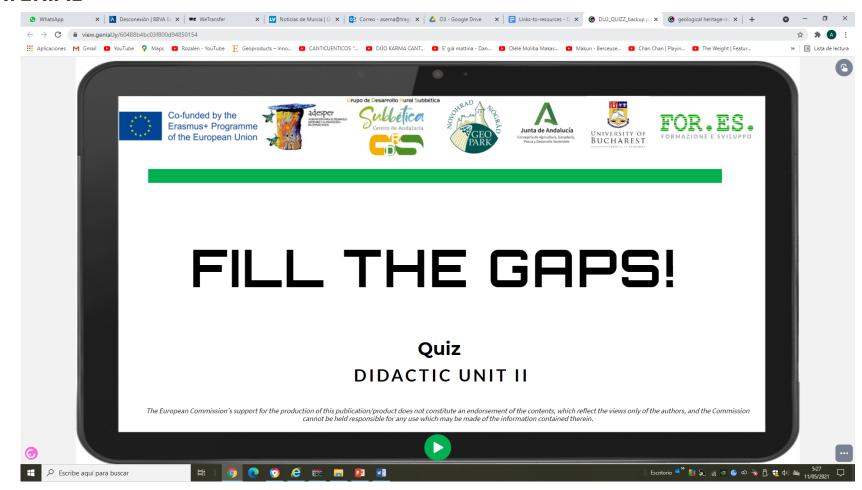
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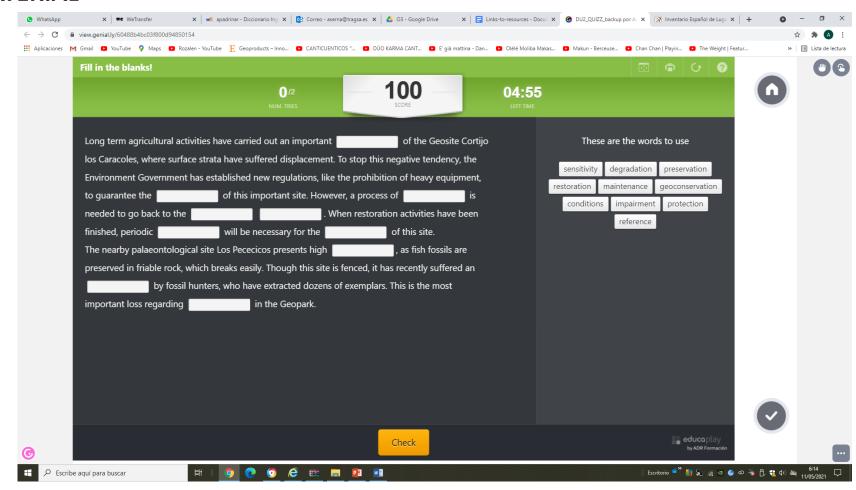
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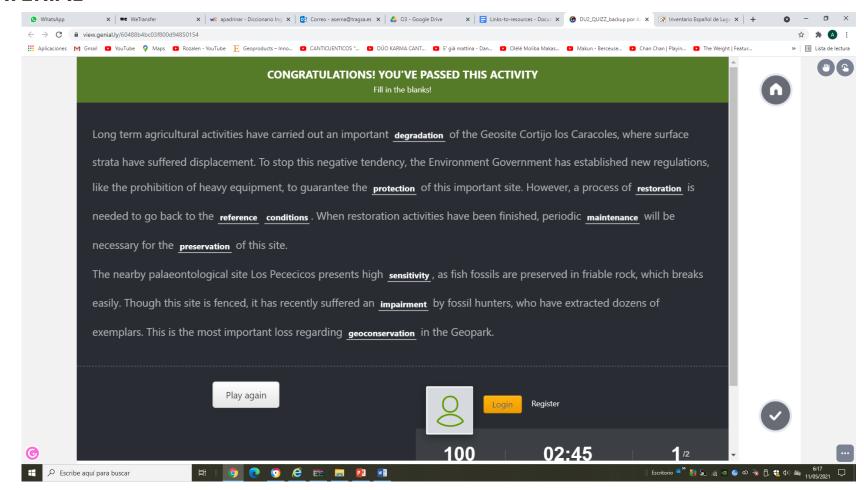
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## **MODULE 2: Management and Conservation of Geological Heritage in Europe**

In Europe, there are as many organizational forms and polices of Geoheritage management as countries

Regulations on geoconservation usually subordinated to bioconservation.

Management sectors	
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the governmental sector

the non-governmental sector

**Management Areas** 

Already existing Natural Protection Figures (measures focused on Biodiversity)

Non previously protected (New measures can be designed)





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Ideal situation

Generalized deficit of knowledge and awareness regarding Geoheritage
Lack of protection of isolated geosites or sites located outside previously protected areas
Necessity of revision and unification of geosite inventories, because many European countries have
obsolete lists or have national and regional geosites inventories excessively overlapped. There are even
countries with geosites located in already protected areas that still requires protection assessment.
Need for regulation and personnel devoted to the systematic physical management of the Geoheritage.
To increase the communication with other geological scientific and educational communities.
To extend the stimulus that Geoparks represent in terms of protection, education, awareness and
sustainable development to other territories, in order to establish a solid connection between protected
geosites and geotourism.

To extend more widely the use of the geoheritage in education, outside or inside a Geopark, because geoheritage has a great potential for the development of case studies, field trips, interpretive.







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Critical areas of action for the promotion of geoconservation and its integration within the environmental policies:

- 1. Integration of Geoconservation into Civil Society.
- 2. Improvement of the scientific basis for Geoheritage conservation.
- 3. Integration of Geoheritage conservation Nature conservation, ecosystem approach and sustainable development.
- 4. Integration of Geoheritage conservation in protected areas, planning and management.





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#### 1. Integration of Geoconservation into Civil Society

To progress from geoconservation being an activity interesting only for Geoscientists and people with professional training and knowledge to one of broader interest, the following actions are required:

- a) The use of intelligible language when interpreting geoheritage to the widest audience.
- b) The continuous adaptation of Geoheritage to the values and demands of a continuously changing society.
- c) Increase the level of interaction with other conservation experts and with civil society, promoting participation in debates on conservation and environmental management or facilitating citizen participation in geo-environmental volunteers.
  - d) Ensure that the Geosciences are an integral part of the educational curriculum in primary and secondary school.
  - e) Promote Geoheritage integrating geotourism into the tourism strategies and policies of the different territories.





## **MODULE 3: Particularities and situation of European Geological Heritage**

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ProGEO

European Geoparks Network

**European Geosites: Global Geosites** 





# The geotourism Guide Interpreter



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## **Awareness**



A guide sensitive to heritage





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And how to get all these?

Apart from the theoretical training?









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Connect Geoheritage with daily life





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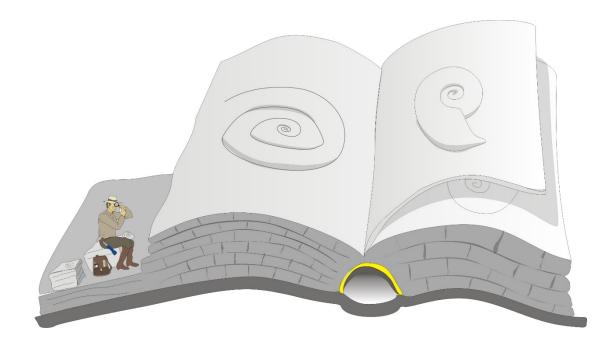
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They represent scientific and didactic resources, which permit not only to interpret the past of the Earth and life evolution, but also to better understand current processes and to elaborate management strategies for future foreseeable situations.





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They represent habitats, ecosystems and landscapes support, as well as of the relationships and dynamic processes that

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They are socioeconomic assets for sustainable development in rural areas.





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They are fundamental part, since their origin, of human culture and their activities in the territory.









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**Involvement in Geoconservation** 





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**Volunteering** 









https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yFw2PrWRyoo

Use of shocking images





### **IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUOUS STUDY**

Geoconservation is a very young science, and much work is still to do







Thank you for your attention!