

Erasmus Staff Week Program

## Development Unit for Local Learning Centers (UMCLA)

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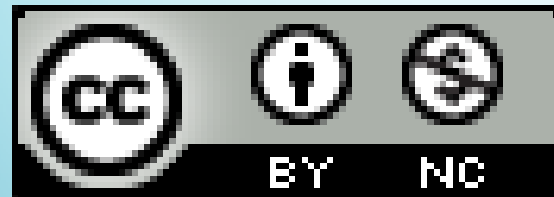
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## Who we are:

UMCLA – Development Unit for Local Learning Centers works with UAb's Rectory since 2007 for the coordination of CLAs – Local Learning Centers

UMCLA members are the Vice-Rector of Academic Management & Interaction with Society, the Administrator, five professors and three superior technicians.

CLAs coordinators are highly qualified professionals who have specialized training.



UMCLA and CLAs work closely together in the UAb's virtual environment (Moodle), as a community of practice.

## UAb network structure

UAb promotes a decentralized organizational structure, which favors a large contact or proximity with society and with its students and trainees:

- 2 Regional Delegations: Coimbra and Porto;
- **17 Local Learning Centres** (CLAs) resulting from partnerships established with different Portuguese City Councils;
- A network of facilities for presence-based examinations in Portugal and abroad (44 countries).

UAb' students are **anywhere in the world**.



Students with residence in the areas  
served by the Local Learning Centres  
– 2015/2016:

	Total
CLA - Abrantes	127
CLA - Cantanhede	112
CLA - Coruche	147
CLA - Grândola	87
CLA - Mêda	17
CLA - Peso da Régua	142
CLA - Ponte de Lima	260
CLA - Reguengos de Monsaraz	164
CLA - Sabugal	85
CLA - S. João da Madeira	190
CLA - Silves	226
CLA - Montijo	577
CLA - Porto de Mós	163
CLA - Madalena	90
CLA - Praia da Vitória	138
CLA - Ribeira Grande	121
CLA - Moçambique	52



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See more about CLAs:

<http://www.uab.pt/web/guest/organizacao/servicos/servicos-desconcentrados/cla>

## What do we do:

CLAs are oriented to the promotion of activities guided by the principles of Lifelong Learning.

Their action focuses on the acquisition of skills in the use of Digital Technologies and the development of other skills - academic, professional, cultural and civic - in different areas.

The coordinators give support and advice to students in their area, help them to solve problems and work through any motivational issues.

Their function also includes the dissemination of UAb's educational opportunities using the specific nature of their teaching-learning system.

The coordinators are also responsible for the organization of the examination process during the whole year.



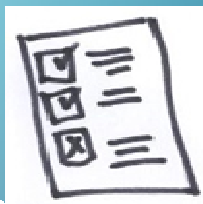
# The Virtual Pedagogical Model®

**Student-Centered Learning**

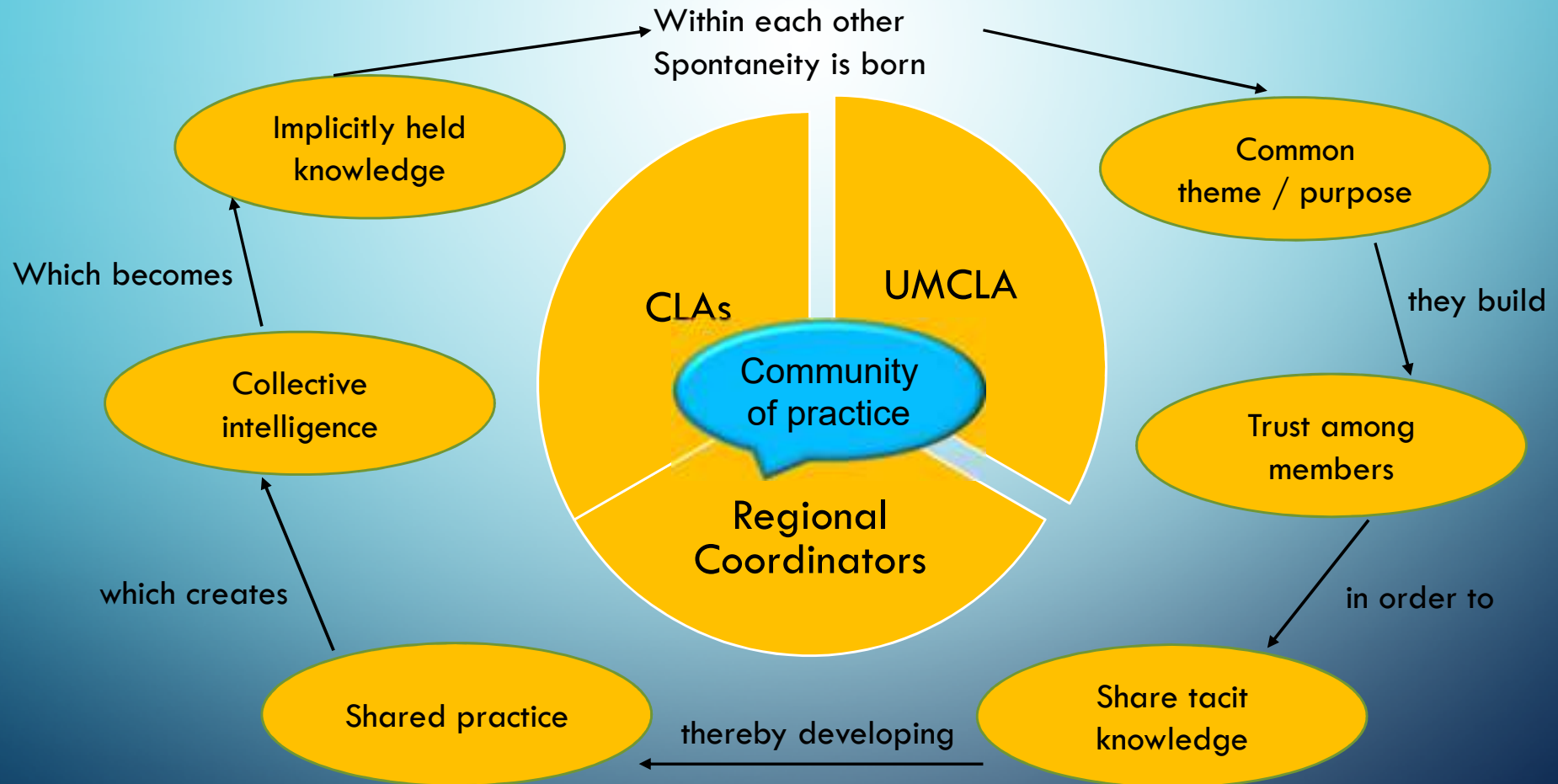
**Flexibility**

**Interaction**

**Digital Inclusion**



# Community of Practice - how do we work



## Community of Practice - knowledgeability

ELO - Research Unit for Local Studies, is dedicated to promote, coordinate and develop research-action to deal with local issues.

<http://umielo.uab.pt/>

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