

CONCILIAR SUCESSO ESCOLAR E DESPORTIVO

<u>UAARE</u> - Units of Support of High Performance in Schools

Reconciling school and sports success in Portugal



Políticas Desportivas de Carreira Dupla em Portugal

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# What do we mean by dual career?

The term 'dual career' should mean that an athlete can combine, without unreasonable personal effort, their sporting career with education and/or work in a flexible way through high-quality training in order to protect their moral, health, educational and professional interests, without compromising either objective, with a particular focus on the continued formal education of young athletes.

Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on dual careers for athletes, Official Journal of the European Union, 14.6.2013 2013/C 168/04



### The double life of UAARE students means:

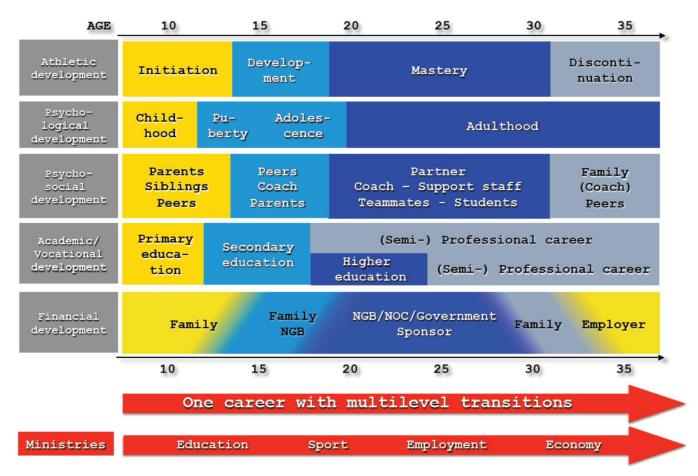
#### **LACK OF TIME + HIGH PRESSURE TO PERFORM**

- 10 hours working days (School and Sports)
- Intensive training (twice/three times a day)
- Transitions (in the timeline of an athlete's careers)
- Competitions and Internships: National and International
- School absence (with increased frequency and duration)
- Demands on family and social life (relocation)

This situation can have a strong influence in their global success and requires systematic articulation between school and sports agendas!



### What is like being a student-athlete?



Wylleman, P., De Knop, & Reints (2011). Career transitions in sport: European perspectives, Psychology of Sport and Exercise, 5 (1), pp. 7-20.

#### TRANSITIONS IMPLY

- 1. More stress on studentathletes and families...
- 2. Dropout situations (School or Sports)

What happens in the transition periods?

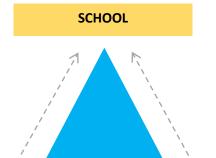
- 1. Changes in education levels;
- 2. Career stages;
- 3. Relocations;
- 4. Change of coach;
- 5. Injuries;
- 6. Psychological maturity;
- 7. (...)

#### It's **urgent** to:

- 1. Coordinate dual careers;
- 2. Keep the talent in the educational and sports systems;
- 3. Promote the benefits of a dual career (formal support and structural support, according to the EU guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes)

# SCHOOL SUCCESS





#### **LACK OF TIME + HIGH PRESSURE TO PERFORM**

ATHLETE COACH

SPORTS SUCCESS

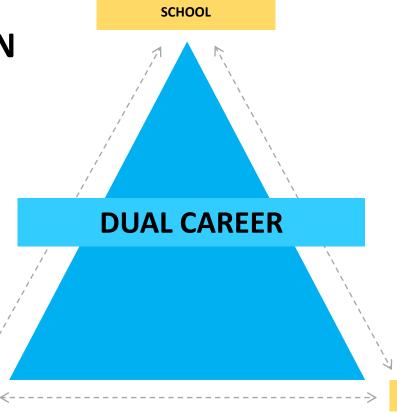
# SCHOOL SUCCESS



WHAT IS THE SOLUTION FOR THIS PROCESS!?

**ATHLETE** 

Structural support, combined with formal support, provide solutions for an effective DC, developing the benefits of a dual career.



The benefits of a dual career:

- 1. Health, life, social, employment opportunities)
- 2. Prevention of school and sport droput
- 3. Attraction of studentathletes
- 4. Preparation of the post-career

(according to the EU guidelines on Dual Careers of Athletes)

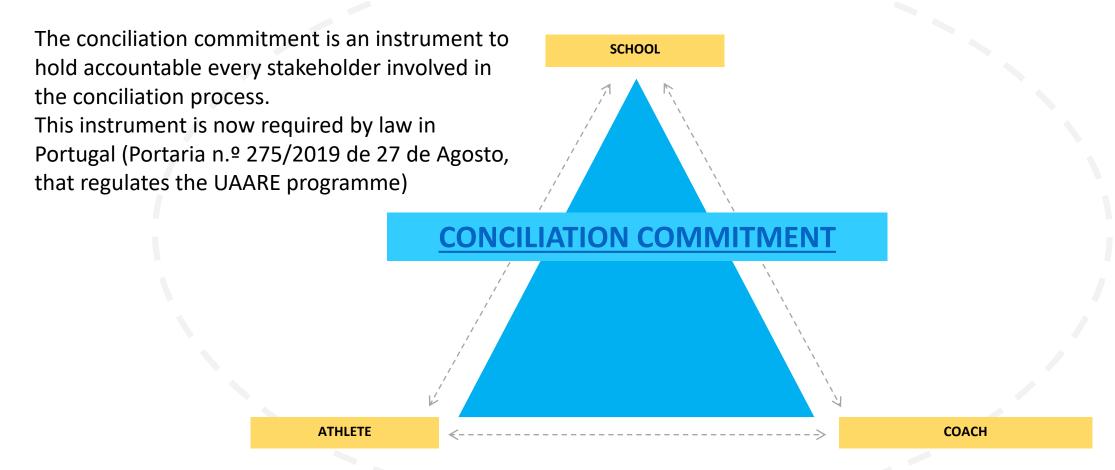
**COACH** 

SPORTS SUCCESS

### What can be done?

SCHOOL SUCCESS





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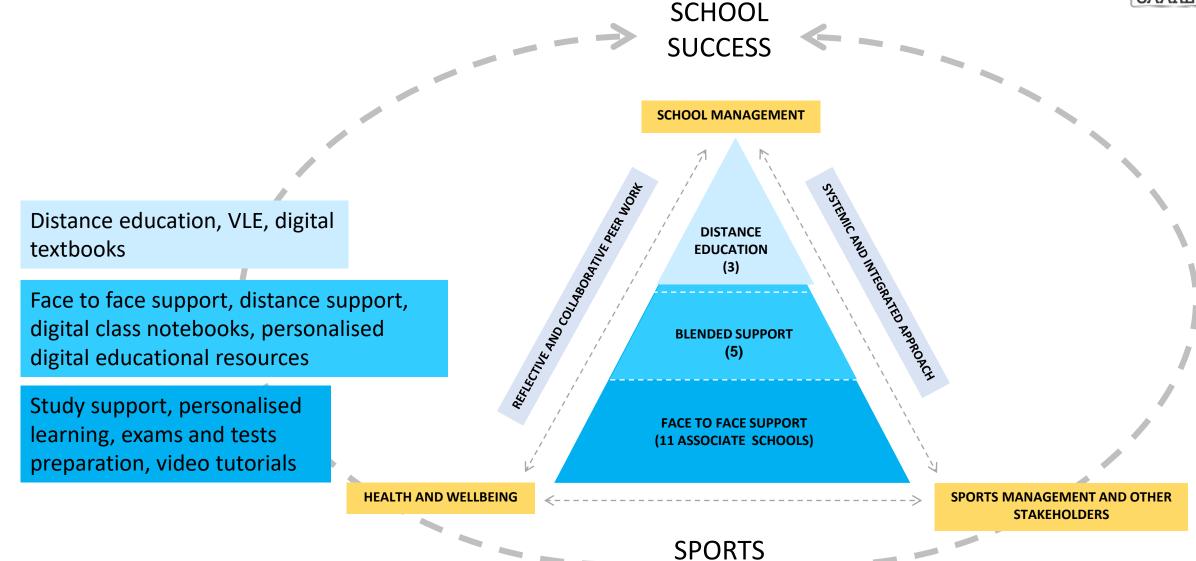


"According to international research, one-third of all participants between the ages of 10 and 17 withdraw from sports each year as they consider that sport takes up too much of their time and prevents them from pursuing other things in life (e.g. to study)" (p.7 of the EU Guidelines on Dual Career Athletes).

Can European States afford these dropout rates? How many of these dropouts could be Olympic medalists?

### Our answer is The UAARE National Model





**SUCCESS** 



### **Actors**

### **UAARE PEDAGOGICAL TEAMS**

Headteacher; School tutor; Support teachers / Study Room Learn More; Form tutor; Parents; Subject-specific teachers; School psychologist, UAARE Ambassadors

### **STAKEHOLDERS**

Sports Federations/Associations/Clubs (director, coach, tutor); Health support team (medical and psychological); Local authorities; High performance/Training Centres

This participation is important because there are factors that determine school success that the school does not control - external factors.

Then, it is fundamental a systemic and integrated approach.



### School tutor ("Professor Acompanhante")

- 1. Designs students' personalised learning paths, with the feedback of other teachers and taking into account their continuing assessment;
- Articulates with all stakeholders (parents, coaches, federations, subject-specific teachers and UAARE support teachers) and the national and regional coordinators;
- 3. Arranges support lessons to compensate students' absences or study needs;

The school tutor manages the arrangements between the school and sports agendas: **Green** and **Red** agendas



### School Team ("Sala de Estudo Aprender +")

- 1. Personalises learning for student athletes, in a collaborative and reflexive way;
- 2. Helps student-athletes through face-to-face and distance learning, designing educational plans, producing innovative digital educational resources, and working collaboratively with subject-specific teachers.



# School psychologist

- Develop emotional management, coping strategies, motivation, self-knowledge, self-confidence, self-efficacy, and time management;
- Support career and vocational development, future-oriented, supporting information management, decision-making and change management;
- 3. Develop a positive learning environment, personal wellbeing and teacher, family and coach relationships.

They provide psychopedagogical support, working by **anticipation**, reinforcing **social and emotional competences**.



# Sports tutor (mentors)

- 1. Promote the articulation with the school tutor, through an open comunication channel that:
  - a. compatibilises the school and sports calendar;
  - informs of school absences due to sports events, planning when necessary face to face or distance support by the school pedagogical team;
  - c. informs about the sports and school performance and achievements.

It's urgent the training and recognition of sports tutors for the success of the DC



### **UAARE** Ambassadors

- "Counsellors may well be former elite athletes who qualified for the job through an adapted educational pathway recognising learning experiences of the former athletes themselves." (pp. 15-16, EU Guidelines...);
- Give motivational lectures on the benefits of a dual career departing from their exemplary life histories.



Tarantini
http://tarantini.pt/embaixador-uaare/



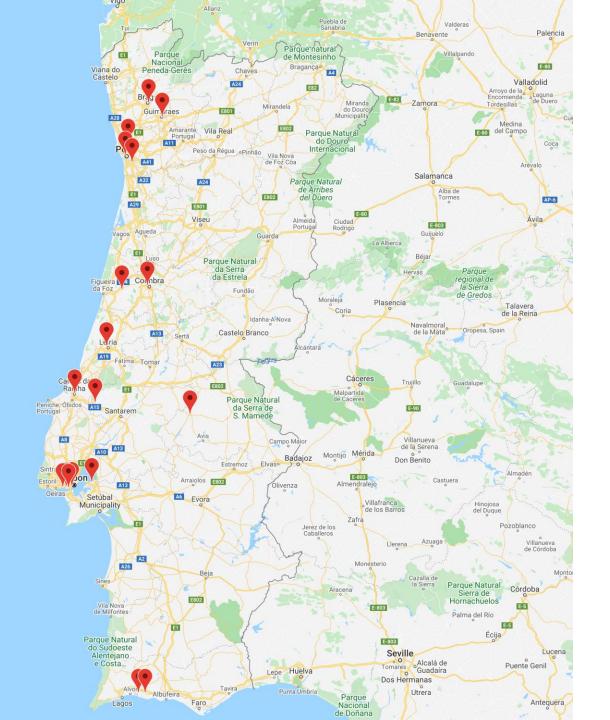
Nuno Delgado

http://www.nunodelgado.net/nunodelgado-embaixador-da-uaare/



**Inês Henriques**http://www.regiaoderiomaior.pt/index.php/27664-ines-henriques/

Map Satellite





# National network of UAARE schools

- 19 schools
- 41 sports modalities
- 30 federations
- 693 students
  - 17.2% elite athletes
  - 39.2% national teams athetes
  - 43.6% talented athletes



# The main elements of the UAARE strategy

- 1. Predict student-athletes absences due to competitions and internships (In the start of the school year, together with sports federations, identifying assessment moments, red agendas and recovery plans);
- 2. Characterize, inform and disseminate the challenges of the double life of student-athletes in school (Identifying students' difficulties, flexibilizing and adjusting the school intervention (leadership, pedagogical bodies teachers, school bodies, peers);
- 3. Monitor the learning process (once a month, involving tutors / coaches, teachers, uaare regional and national coordination and parents and students);
- 4. Adjust the learning process and the opportunities available (Involving the students, parents, sports federations and clubs and school psychologists in an efficient information exchange process).

### A systematic articulation between school and sports agendas!





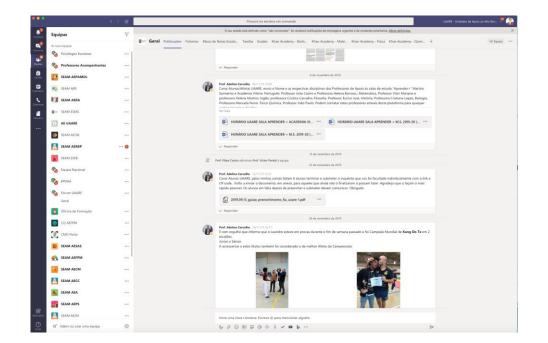
Sala de Estudo Aprender +

Inclusion, Autonomy, Flexibility

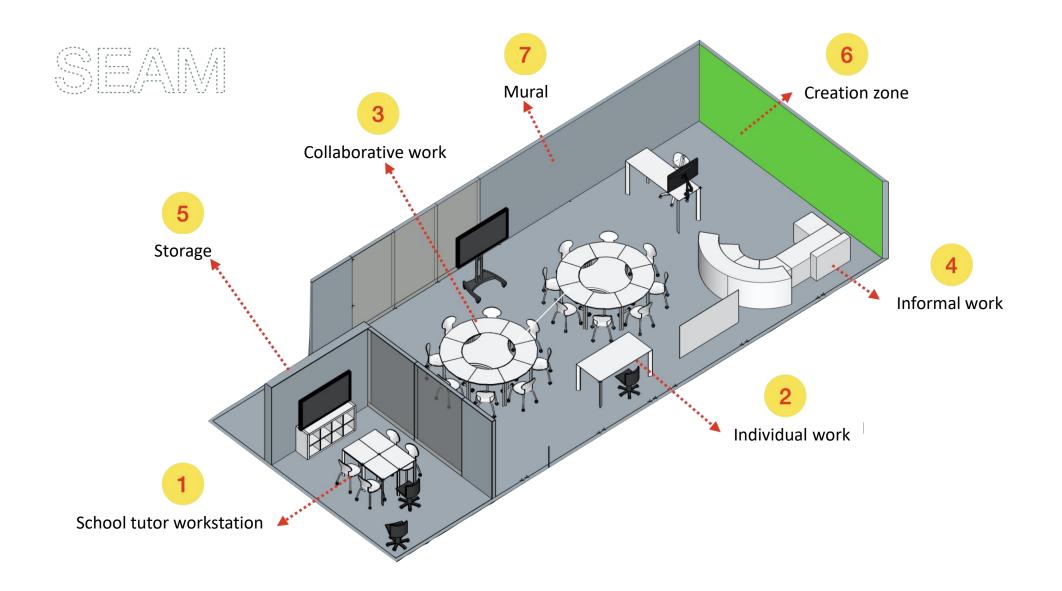


# The Study Room Learn + SEAM

- A student-athlete centred learning environment, with a digital environment integrated with a physical environment;
- Privileges the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century skills for students-athletes;
- Promotes peer learning and tutoring, communication and self-regulated learning, based on evidence-based teaching and learning strategies.



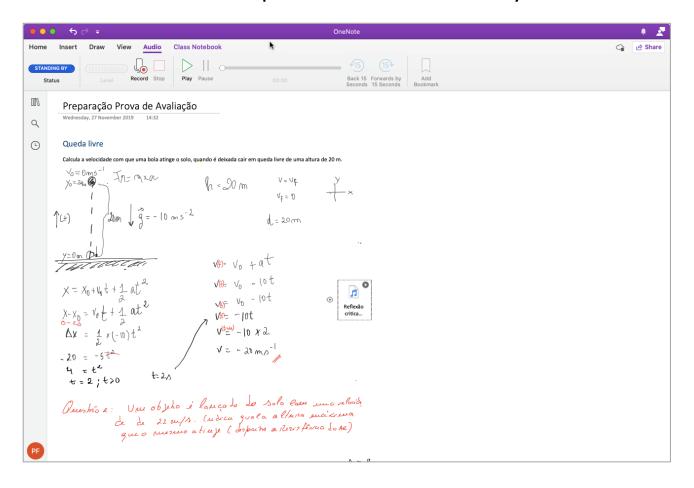






## Digital notebooks

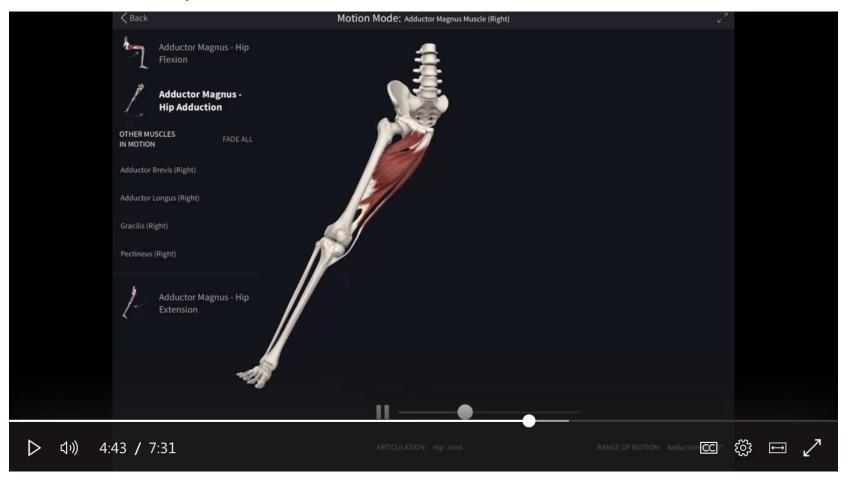
Offline and online students notebooks, that combine digital ink, multimedia, photos and other elements and allow specific feedback and asynchronous work between teachers and students





# Digital educational resources

Video tutorials personalised to students' needs



### Teacher Training

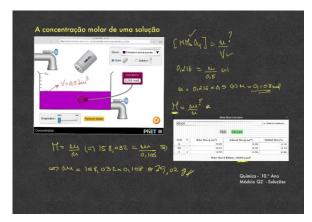
### Teaching for the 21st century

- 1. Short teacher training courses in every school
  - a. Synchronous and asynchronous models of teaching
  - Digital notebooks for teacher-student interaction, instruction, assessment and feedback
  - c. Collaboration across UAARE schools
- 2. 50-hour workshop for all the pedagogical teams in the school year 2019-2020





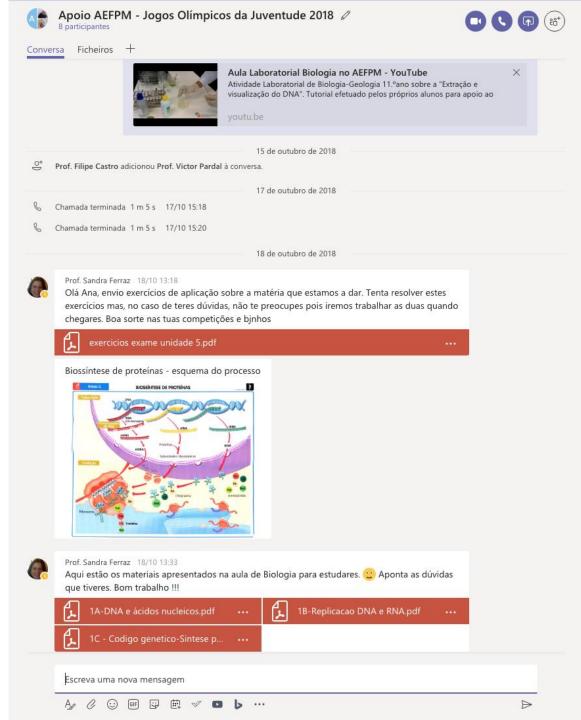


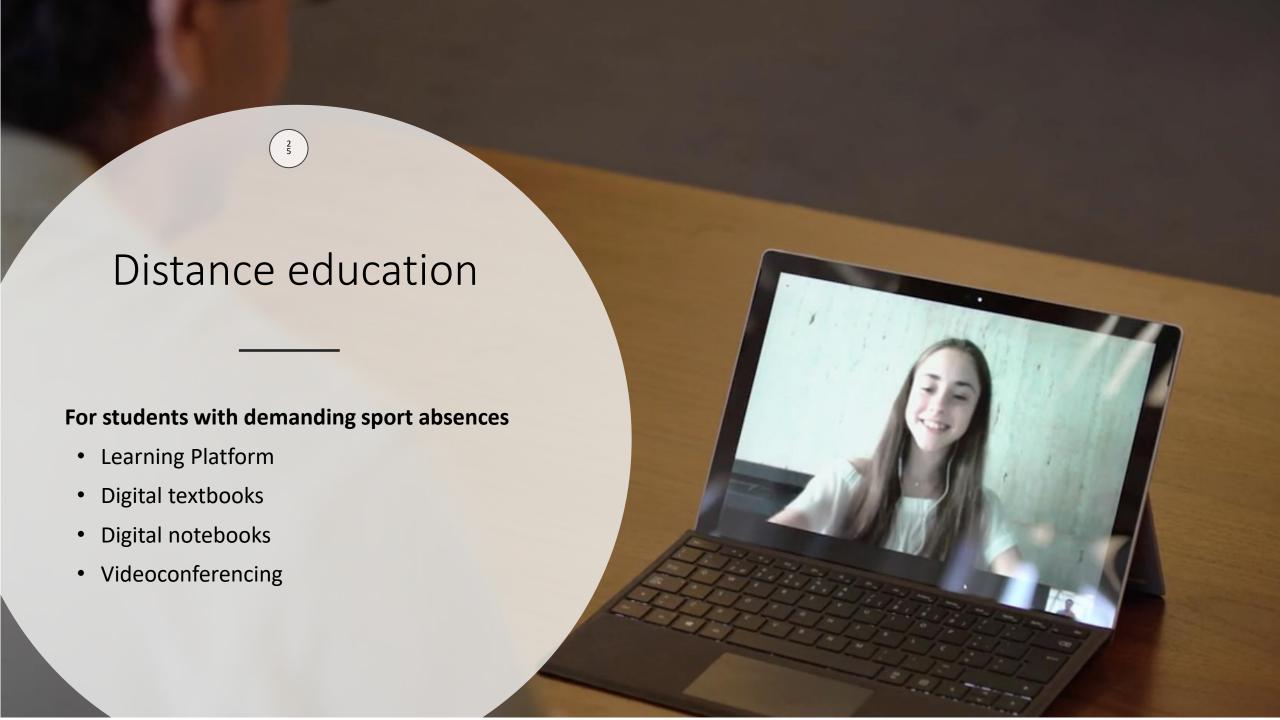


### Distance support

(a message from a student in the Youth Olympic Games 2018 in Buenos Aires)

"Hi Mrs Isabel Prata [Portuguese teacher]! First of all, let me thank you the availability and the help given. The competition is going well, I ran yesterday and got the 5<sup>th</sup> place in my series. (...). I already accessed the documents [you shared in Teams UAARE] but synchronous communication will be difficult right now because the internet signal is very weak. If possible, send me all the information as shared documents or private conversation as it is easier for me to access. To finish, once again, I thank you for the support you have provided, as in this way I can keep up with the subject matter and when I return to school, things will be a lot easier! Kisses!"









Thematic case study – UNESCO best practice in mobile learning 2018

"Dear Mr. Pardal,

Congratulations! UNESCO is pleased to inform you that your school's case submitted to our Call for proposals on Best practices in mobile learning has been accepted as a thematic case for our publication.

Of the over 100 proposals UNESCO evaluated, yours is one of 6 thematic cases to be selected for inclusion in our upcoming publication. Thematic cases will be featured as one-pagers to highlight the features of your school's practice in line with SDG4's goals in the 2030 Development Agenda, just as gender equality, literacy, teacher training, etc.

At this point there is no action needed from your side, as the drafting of the one-page thematic cases will take place in August/September 2018. We will get in touch with you, once we identify what kind of information we need from your school."



United Nations
Educational, Scientific and
Cultural Organization

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### European public sector award 2019

Dear Applicant / Dear EPSA Friend,

(...)

In this respect, I am particularly glad to inform you that your application is among the 40 short-listed projects that will receive a **Best Practice Certificate** (BPC) from among all eligible applications submitted to EPSA 2019.

(...)

We would like to thank you once again for having submitted an impressive application and to congratulate you for this outstanding achievement!

Kind regards,

On behalf of the EPSA 2019 Team,







### Gold medal Microsoft Case Study 2020







### International indicators of success

#### Indicators of success



Dr Sabine Radtke, Freie Universität Berlin (Germany) Prof Fred Coalter, University of Stirling (Scotland/UK) 6th EAS Conference
"Breaking down the barriers between high performance sport and education"
Aarhus, 11/09/09





#### Academic achievement

- Above the national average (AUS, CAN, NED, SWE)
- No difference between pupil athletes and non-athletes (FIN)
- Below the national average (FRA)

#### Sporting achievement

#### GER: between 2001 & 2004

- 683 medals at junior world & European championships
- 327 medals at Olympic
  Games, world & European
  championships
   82% of Olympic medals

#### **Drop-out rates**

GER: 18 per cent
BEL: 9 - 23 per cent
SWE: 5 - 10 per cent
FIN: 3 per cent

#### Swedish approach:

Attending a sports school in order to learn to set goals and to develop achievement orientation (regardless of the pupil athletes' sporting achievement)

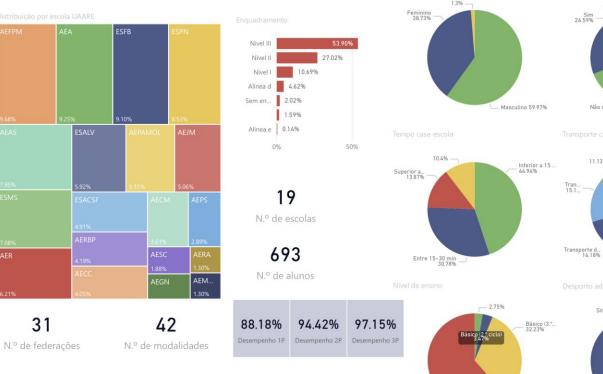


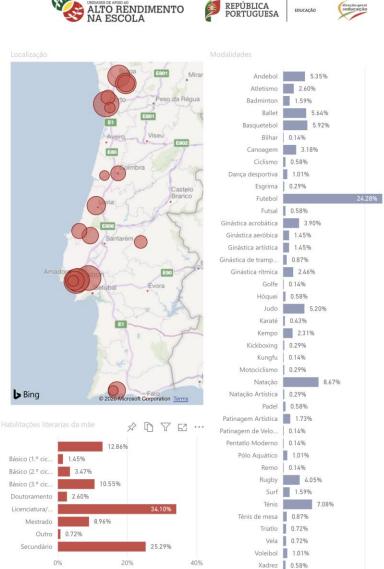
### UAARE success indicators 2020

- Academic achievement 97.15%
- Dropout rate 0.43%
- Sports success (July-December 2019):
  - 64 World and European titles
  - 236 participations in international competitions
  - 272 medals in national championships
  - 204 calls to national teams



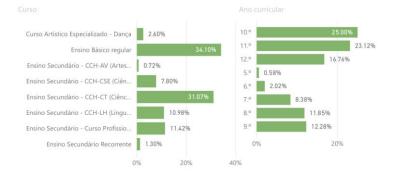
### Data UAARE (2019-2020)

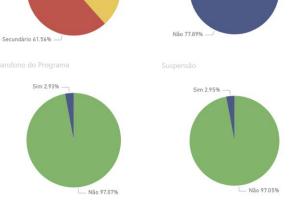




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A pé 17.34%

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- 1. In the current school year, broaden and consolidate in the UAARE network of schools the access to the VLEs supporting distance education and personalised digital educational resources;
- 2. The new Decree-Law n. 55/2018 regulating the national curriculum opens the possibility to all schools of autonomously managing 25 % of the curriculum (personalisation, new subjects, interdisciplinary coordination). The UAARE schools will proactively engage with these pedagogical goals;
- 3. Develop blended learning and personalised technical courses for elite student-athletes, with the support of local autorities, inspired by the Johan Cruyff Institute;
- 4. Special project Norway 2020-2021, with two athletes of the handball portuguese national team playing in clubs in Norway, enrolled in technical courses in portuguese schools, involving a cooperation between several stakeholders in both countries;
- 5. Participate in international networks and programmes to improve the dual career practice with our student-athletes





