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# Story of a network weaving experience – Management report on the program for the promotion of Service- Learning in Central and Eastern Europe 2016 - 2022

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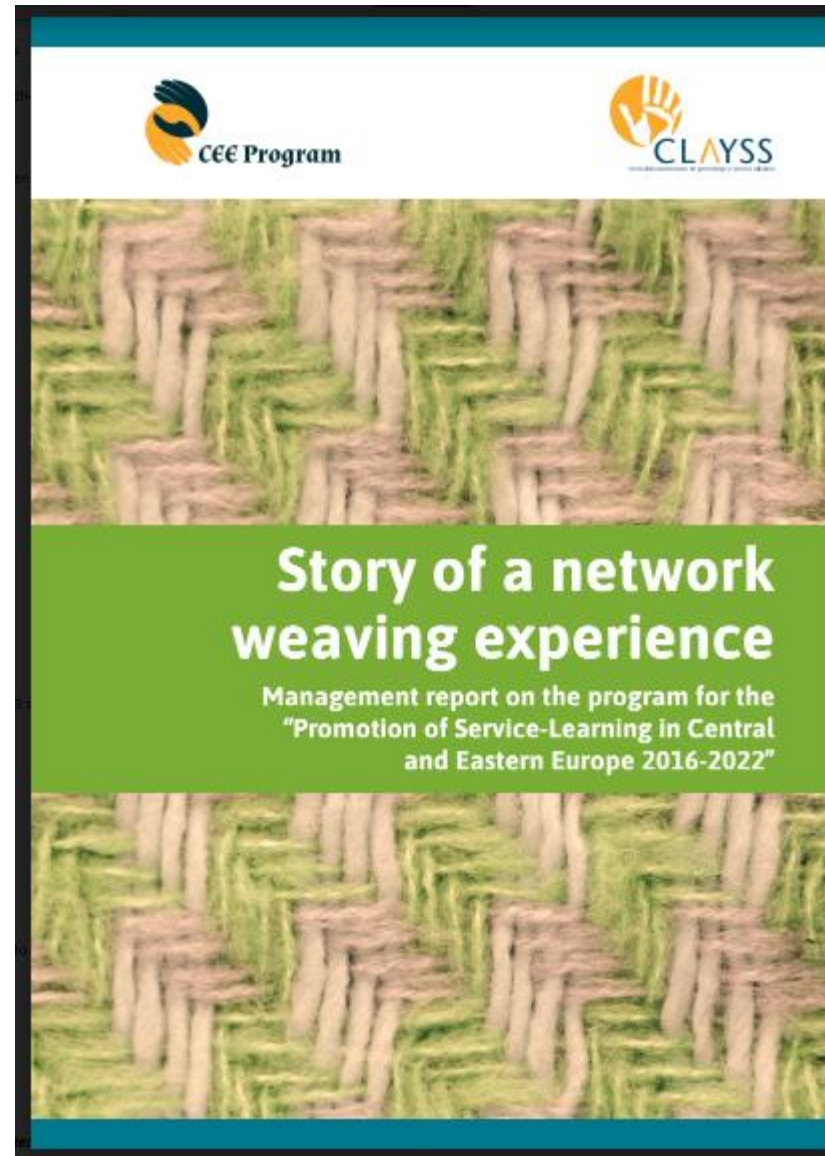
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*Promotion of service-learning  
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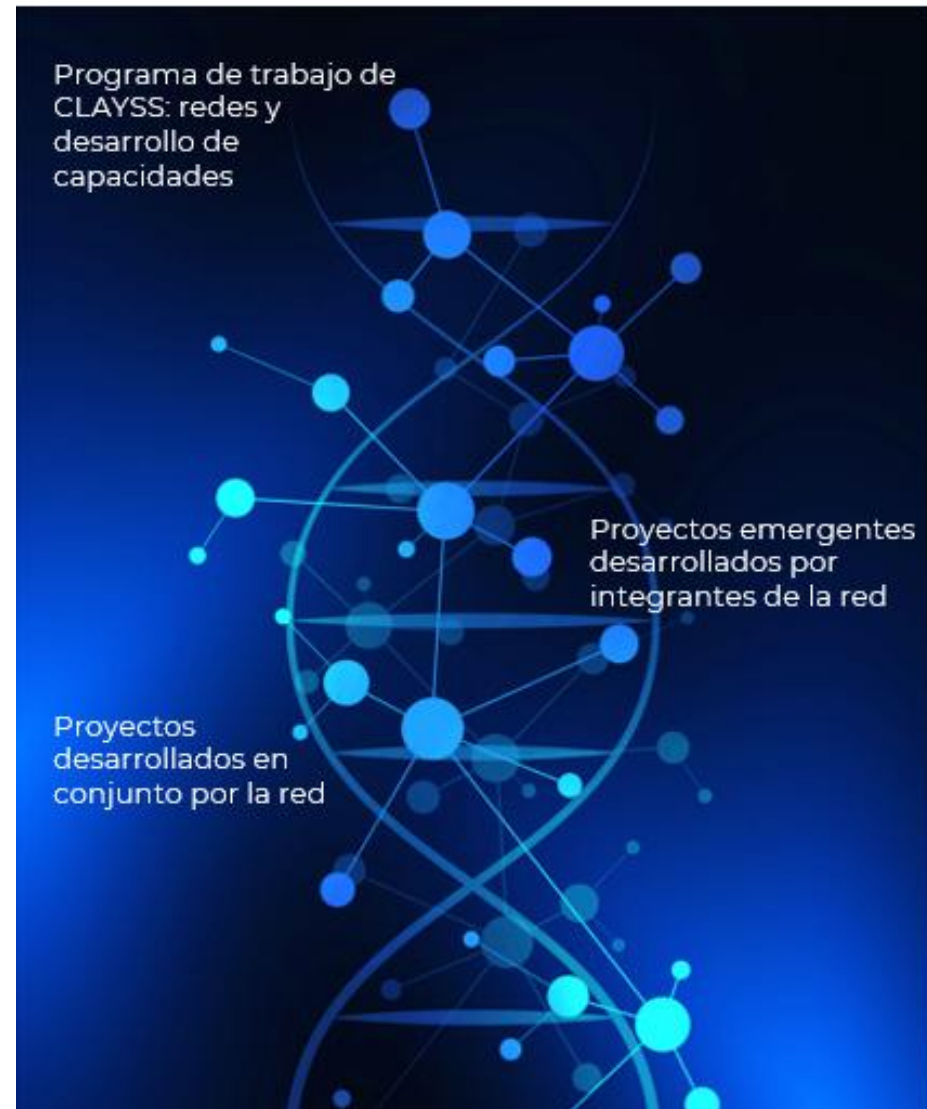
was a program ran by CLAYSS from 2016 to 2022 whose main purpose was to **promote SL in the region's educational institutions and CSOs by engaging their participation and cooperation in the process. The activities were co-designed with the regional partners.**



# Why and how

CLAYSS strives to comprehend and address regional distinct aspirations aiming to contribute to the development of democratic societies committed to social justice.

This paper presents the two central components of CLAYSS' work strategy in this region: **capacity building and networking**, intertwined and mutually reinforcing through the commitment and involvement of network partners in shared purposes to root and grow SL in the CEE region





In CLAYSS' work, capacity building and networking constitute the cornerstone of SSL programmes and advocacy activities toward systemic change.

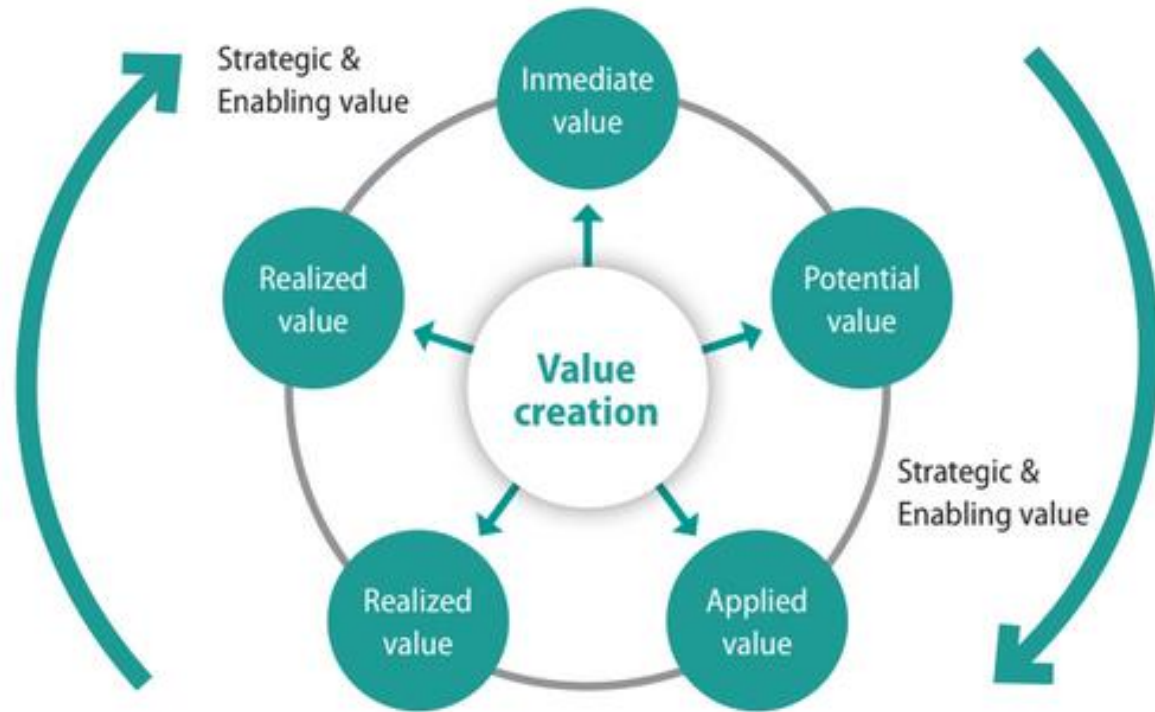
On the one hand, this programme focused on the capacities to learn and relate, understanding that the recipients of the activities are also agents of the process. Their action and agency is stimulated and promoted, both individually and collectively to expand service-learning in the terms they consider appropriate for their region and country, to give sustainability to the actions and advance towards profound transformations.



Based on concepts by Sen, 1979, 1999; Nussbaum, 2011; UNDP, 1990, 2016, 2020; Cottam, 2020

## Capacity Building and Networking: Value Creation

Purposeful interaction, communication and relationship to develop community/network agency



Definitions of the types of value creation proposed by Wenger, Trayner and de Laat (2011) and Wenger-Trainer (2014)

**Connecting and networking have strategic value when there is a shared purpose (...)** In times of change, networks sustain them, and in turn, they strengthen them with common projects and action.

**Bonding and connecting, generating fraternity, is in the end the more sustainable way to promote SL, strengthen SL-related public policy and support strategies over time.**



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# Thank you!

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