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HUMAN PLUS: The European Archipelago of Humanistic Thematic Networks

The Archipelago of Humanistic Arts and Sciences is formed by twenty Erasmus Thematic Networks, each one of which comprises around 100 higher education departments or faculties from all the countries eligible to participate in Erasmus programmes (31 at present). As a Network of Networks, the Archipelago strives to connect, rather than to divide, the many disciplines and thematic areas that are part of the vast realm of the human and social sciences.

The Archipelago uses the broadest definition of 'humanistic': any Network that places the human being at the centre of its endeavours is invited to join. The partner Networks address such diverse but linked spheres of knowledge as Language, History, Geography, Cultural Studies, Tertiary Education, Social Work, Health Policy; Humanitarian Development, Occupational Therapy, Religious Studies; Paediatrics, Children's Citizenship and Consumer Citizenship – not to speak of the creative and performing arts: Fine Arts, Theatre, Design, Music – Informatics for the legal professions, Women's and Gender studies, Architecture and Landscape Architecture.

A broad spectrum, further enriched by the fact that each Network is itself a uniquely transnational, and pan-European organism.

We call our Archipelago "HUMAN PLUS" to emphasize that, through our collaboration, each of our 'humanistic' disciplines becomes 'more human'.

Thematic Networks and the Archipelago itself are supported by the European Commission through the Erasmus action of the Directorate General for Education and Culture.

HUMAN PLUS holds a Conference each year where distinguished guests and teams of key members from each Network can address jointly issues relevant for European citizens today. Under the Lifelong Learning Programme, HUMAN PLUS will welcome all the new "Erasmus Networks" that address the human, social and creative arts and sciences.

The Archipelago has a website and publishes an on-line journal.

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