

ATHENA



ATHENA3: the Advanced Thematic Network of Women's Studies in Europe

ATHENA3 brings together 80 institutes in the interdisciplinary field of Women's and Gender Studies. Our aim is to unite scholars, teachers, and stakeholders from civil society and public institutions in the field of gender and diversity.

ATHENA3 thematically focuses on "Gender, Culture and European Diversity" and "Women, Access and European Citizenship", consolidating expertise in three areas:

- Curriculum development: innovative teaching material, new modules, co-taught classes, joint BA, MA and doctoral programmes;
- Research on education: evaluation tools, descriptors of competencies for women's studies, collections of best practices for ICT in gender education, databases for teaching material;
- Forging links between universities and civil society: databases and collections of material available in women's libraries that serve communities with information and LLL-projects.

ATHENA3 is the continuation of the activities and results of two three-year cycles of ATHENA (1997-2001) and ATHENA2 (2003-2006) and those undertaken during the dissemination year (2002-2003). The main achievement of these activities has been the growth of the European dimension and institutional development of the new scholarly field of women's studies. European women's studies have developed progressively through the first phase of initiating and mapping a European network of experts, teachers, institutions and activities, a successful dissemination year and a second cycle of expansion. The network has jointly developed modules, teaching materials and programmes, and conducted extensive research and published reports about didactic and educational aspects of the interdisciplinary field.

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