

**HUMAN PLUS 2004**

**First Conference of the Archipelago of Humanistic Thematic Networks  
"The role of the humanistic arts and sciences in European society, education and research"**

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Thematic Network: ATHENA - **Advanced Thematic Network in European Women's Studies**

**2. Defining and promoting cooperation in the Archipelago for meaningful collaboration in research.**

We see the Archipelago as a possibility for strengthening the link between research and education.

One of the main areas of activities of ATHENA is creating synergy between education and research, including the development of joint PhD training in the field of Women's Studies at European level. We see PhD training as training for research, and are keen on establishing links to the research sector in the EU, more specifically DG Research.

Apart from this, 'research on education' is another way of linking research and education, which we also find important.

Given the central of the humanities in the European Research Area, we would like to see this reflected in a place for the humanities in Framework Programmes and the new European Research Council.