

HUMAN PLUS 2004

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5. 'Reaching out' and collaborating with broad disciplinary areas or Archipelagos.

In collaborating with disciplines within the Archipelago of Humanistic Thematic Networks as well as with other disciplines, including those in the Archipelago of the Scientific and Technological Thematic Networks, ATHENA is dedicated to spread our view on gender as a fundamental key for understanding all disciplines and interactions. This is based on our experience with a gendered reading of reality as a powerful critical tool.

One example of an interesting area to reach out to are producers of ICT applications for education. Here, joint activities for E-learning and a critical dimension to this could be developed.

ATHENA acknowledges the relevance of establishing links between the academic world and society. In our network, one of our main areas of activities is cooperation with women's libraries and documentation centres and equal opportunities units. These organisations are partners as well as dissemination points.

Moreover, reaching out to others is not limited to Europe; ATHENA also has partners from other continents.