

HUMAN PLUS 2004

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Thematic Network: HUMANITARIANNET

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

- It is worthwhile to consider the practical implications of the objectives of ARCHIPELAGO.
- Which among the various **areas** should we prioritise? How long a period do we envisage before concrete and measurable goals are achieved?
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- What approach should be taken given the number and breadth of the areas under consideration? Should they perhaps be tackled simultaneously?
- At this point, our reflection should take us into assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the various networks to ascertain what type of synergies can be established.

ACADEMIC ISSUES

- Reflection and debate on the assumptions of the ideas/definitions of the role the various disciplines play in education? Reflections on the advancement of curricula and national legislation.
- Should we be engaging more actively in the activities of government institutions?
- What are the needs of the stakeholders – researchers and policy makers in general?

PROGRAMME OF ACTION

- Back to methodology: Should we best be establishing a long term and short term plan? A realistic timetable upon which to base our objectives and eventual progress?