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Women break the EEC barriers before the completion of the integrated market.

By Irene Kamperidis

Greece has been included in the ERASMUS Women's Studies Network for the first time this year. The coordinator of the ERASMUS Women's Studies Network, Professor Rosi Braidotti of Utrecht University in the Netherlands, was in Greece in December to discuss Greece's incorporation in the Erasmus programme through the Mediterranean Women's Studies Institute (KEGME) in Athens. KEGME has been appointed as a partner in the Erasmus network for women's studies through its association with the University of the Aegean.

Among the universities included in the network are those of Madrid, Bologna, York, Antwerp and Paris VII.

The international women's studies programme of KEGME is an extension of the Aegean University's international programme on Hellenic studies.

Professor Braidotti said women's studies in Utrecht were internationally orientated and cooperation was being established with other women's studies programmes as part of the Erasmus programme.

Erasmus — the European Community action scheme for the mobility of university students — was set up in 1987 to encourage universities of different member states to establish inter-university cooperation programmes (ICP's) in the following activities: student mobility programmes, teaching staff mobility programmes, joint development of new curricula and intensive programmes.

She said the project had an

interdisciplinary nature, ranging from arts, social sciences, history, natural sciences and biology to theology.

The students must be nationals of one of the EC member states. The national grant to which they are entitled should not be interrupted and their periods of study abroad should be at least three months.

KEGME President Kate Lazaris said women's studies were critical studies in which the difference between women and men, feminine and masculine, was central to the analysis of culture and society. She said women's studies came up with new and often surprising scientific answers to age-old questions. They also mapped out virtually unknown territories, such as questions relating to sexual violence, or to the existence of cultural traditions of women.

Professor Braidotti, who was on her second trip to Greece, also participated in a three-day seminar on "Women's Opportunities for Employment and Self-Employment in Greece". The seminar, organised by KEGME in cooperation with UNESCO and the Greek General Secretariat of Equality between the Sexes, was held in Athens in December.

Among those who participated in the seminar were the two coordinators of the Utrecht University women's studies network, UNESCO, the Hellenic Organisation of Small and Medium-Sized Industries (EOMMEX), the Organisation for the Rehabilitation of Ailing Enterprises and the Greek Productivity Centre (ELKEPA).



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