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**A Network of
Excellence**



What are Networks of Excellence?

- aim to **stimulate innovative R&D**, promote developments (EC, 1998)
- **bring together interested people** to attempt to define concrete short-, medium- and long-term research objectives (Hoare and Milner, 2004)
- establish **Road Map for future** (EMA, 2005)

EC (1998), Fifth Framework IST Programme, European Commission, <http://cordis.europa.eu/ist/>

Hoare T and Milner R (2004) Challenges in Computing: Research, British Computer Society, <http://www.ukcrc.org.uk/gcresearch.pdf>

EMA (2005), The European Medicines Agency Road Map to 2010: Preparing the Ground for the Future, <http://www.emea.eu.int/pdfs/general/direct/directory/3416303enF.pdf>



Where are Networks of Excellence?

- Technology-enhanced learning – **research** (IST)
- Framework 6 **research** networks (socio-economic, science)

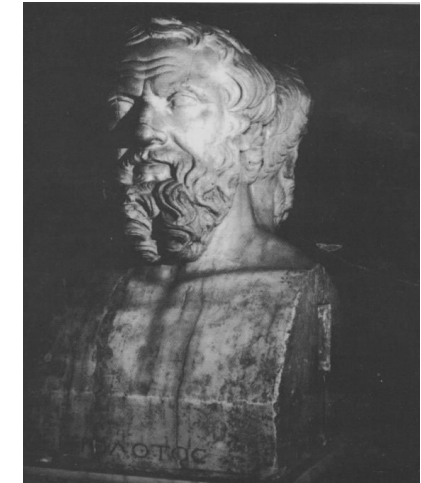
Why not in education?

Education builds Centres NOT networks

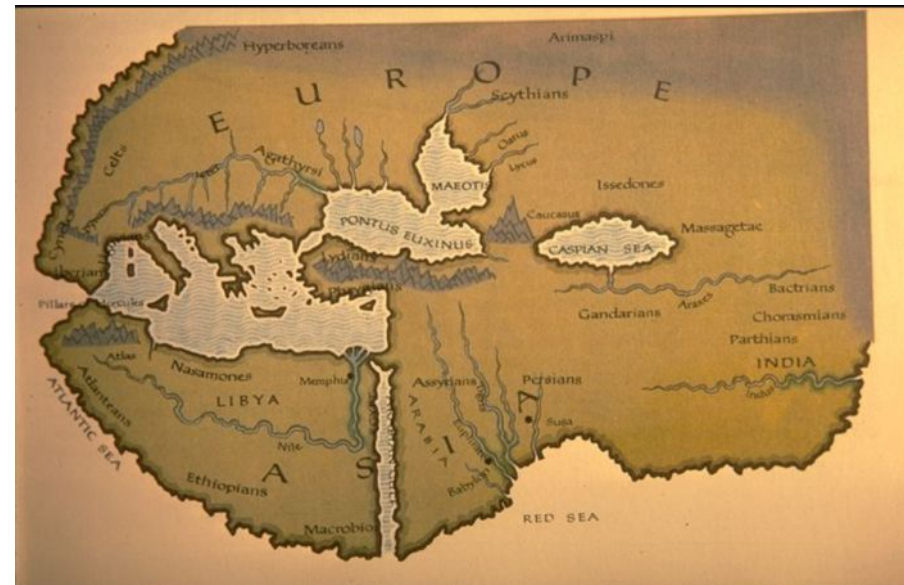
- University Centres
- Professional and Subject Centres

So what about networks?

WHY HERODOT?



- Herodotus – storyteller, commentaries about the world
- map recreating his understanding of the world
- why things happen?
- causation
- the first Geographer?





HERODOT Mission

- provide forward-looking, strategic reflection on scientific, educational and institutional issues – **THINK TANK**
- facilitate international cooperation and collaboration
- promote Geography as a spatial science
- support professional development of academic staff in changing academic environments
- focus for education research and publication
- very active network for many other initiatives

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