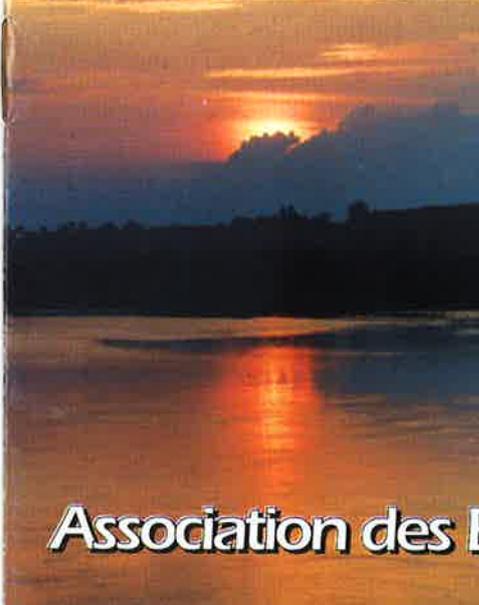
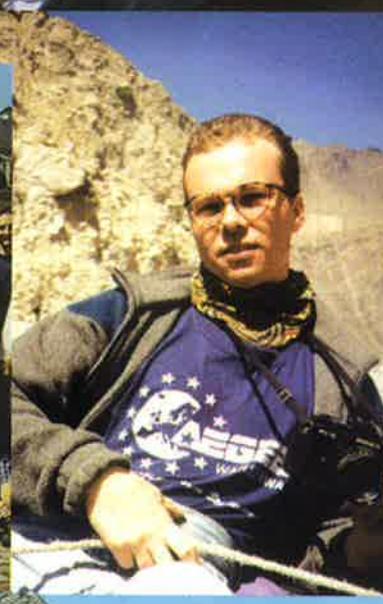


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# EDITORIAL

Definitely, summer time has gone. Diving in warm sea, falling in love on sunny beach and playing volleyball wearing only briefs is gone, too. As summer universities are.

For several members of AEGEE this year's SU was the first one. Did they enjoy it?

For others, it was second, third...maybe even tenth time they travelled within our association ( BTW called cheap travel agency...). They must have enjoyed it.

Unfortunately, not every one could feel AEGEE power abroad. Just because in some cases SU happened not to happen. Mostly because of lack of money.

One of the bad things can happen is sudden lack of money. We - NB staff - know something about it. From the beginning, News Bulletin was financed with money from our headquarters in Brussels. And starting from this issue we faced the wall of self-financing.

The fact you are reading these words means we've succeed in finding ECU's, after a weeks-long struggle. How did we manage? Well, had to borrow them. Still, we're not sure if next time we'll be so lucky.

We hope we'll never fall in such troubles our beloved headquarters did. So that you'll read us with pleasure forever.

Have a nice time reading our paper.

**Konrad Niklewicz**



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## Yearplan 1997

The Yearplan 1997 consists of four topics:

- 1). Student mobility
- 2). EURO-Campaign
- 3). Neighbourhood in Europe: Cross-border Co-operation.
- 4). Young people building a social society.

The topic 1). will be taken care of by Alex Ootes. The other three projects will be nursed by me.

**Gunnar**

Yearplan II: EURO-Campaign for 1997 at your local?

Currently AEGEE-Europe starts to develop a concept for the EURO-Campaign for 1997.

We want to supply information about the European Monetary Union as well as making a series of conferences and regional seminars, in which different aspects of the EMU will be highlighted. If your local is interested in organising one of these events, please, contact me.

For this conference series a project group will be formed. JOIN IT!!!

**Gunnar**

YEARPLAN III: Cross-border Co-operation.

How is the relation between Dutch and German, Hungarians and Romanians, Russians and Estonians? Let's find out in the project CC. In a series of events the relation of neighbouring countries will be examined. Always two geographically closed locals on two sides of a border will organize one event in co-operation. Take part in it!!!

**Gunnar**

YEARPLAN IV: Students building a social society.

Unemployment among young people or the idea of the European civil service are some aspects and concepts of the life of young people in Europe. In the project the status quo will be evaluated and ideas for the future developed. Please, contact me for further information.

**Gunnar**

## Revised membership fees for CEE countries.

In order to have a fairer system for the minimum membership fees, we decided to divide antennae of the CEEC in four different groups, based on the economic indexes.

- GROUP 0 (20 ECU): Non CEE countries + Slovenia + Croatia
- GROUP 1 (10 ECU): Slovakia + Hungary + Poland + Czech Republic
- GROUP 2 (5 ECU): Romania + Bulgaria + Estonia + Lithuania + Latvia + Macedonia + Serbia
- GROUP 3 (2,5 ECU): Bosnia + Belarus + Ukraine + Moldova + Russia

This system will be valid starting from Agora in Athina, so the first time these fees have to be paid will be in April 1997, at the Agora in Enschede. If you collect your membership fees on a yearly base, you should already count for this in September 1996.

**Nathanja**

## AEGEE-Europe logo

In contradiction to rumours going around in the network, antennae can use the AEGEE logo for free, also the official AEGEE-Europe logo. When you want to use the words of AEGEE-Europe or the logo in a different design than the existing one, you should fax your design to AEGEE-Europe for approval before you start printing it or working with it.

**Nathanja**

## "DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE"

During the AEGEE Meeting in Skopje, 22-24 March, AEGEE-Skopje suffered a great loss. Our dear friend Blagoja Simeonov (board member) was killed in a car accident. Also Nadica Kostovska was seriously injured. In order to stop things like this happen again, we would like to ask all interested antennae to help AEGEE-Skopje to start a campaign: "Don't drink and Drive". We ask everyone who has any idea about this matter to contact AEGEE-Skopje office.

We wait for your response!!!  
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**Gunnar**

## Resignation of David Stulik

At the end of July David resigned from his task in CD, because he is starting a new study at the Central European University in Warszawa (*God Save AEGEE-Warszawa!!!*...) and did not see any possibility to connect this with his task CD.

We can congratulate David for being accepted to this prestigious university and we hope that he is not too busy, so that we will still have the opportunity (*AEGEE-Warszawa for sure...*) to have him involved in AEGEE. Thank you very much for all your work for us, David!

**Comite Directeur**

## Autumn Agora 1997

In case you are really planning your activities also for the autumn 1997, then you should also consider organising an Autumn Agora. Dates are not set yet, but you can already apply.

Requirements as usual

**Comite Directeur**

## European Union

Dear friends, I hope you are enjoying a nice European summer. SU are a great way of learning new places in Europe, meeting new friends, etc; but during the rest of the year, what will you do? Getting bored in your cosy homes?

I hear you up to go to our conferences; becoming a part of them you will learn, enjoy the "AEGEE-spirit" and support our mates all over Europe.

Soon I'll send you some info about the EU programmes. Maybe this will give you some new ideas for congresses and projects, and thus if your idea fits in one of these programmes, asking for a grant to the EU and getting it will be easier.

Don't forget to communicate with me if you want to present a project to the EU. I'll give you some good advices in order to make your brochure more interesting to the EU's public workers. The more interesting, the more possibilities.

**Antonio**

## A new contact antenna

During the European School we were able to receive a new contact antenna in our network: AEGEE-Sarajevo. They signed the Convention d'Adhesion during the closing ceremony of the ES in Gliwice. Congratulations and welcome AEGEE-Sarajevo!

We wish you good luck with your projects and hope that we will be able to meet many great people from Sarajevo somewhere in Europe in the near future.

**Comite Directeur**

## AEGEE-Meetings

One of main problems in our organisation seems to be the lack of knowledge on specific topics like fund raising and public relations for instance. So why not to organize small meetings for the antennae in the region nearby and invite some interesting personages and/or people who can teach you on these topics? If you are interesting such a meeting, please get in touch with me. I'll be glad to help you with preparations.

**Minna**

## The Fundraising Network

To make the FR more effective, AEGEE-Europe created the FR network. This network consists of FR agents all over Europe, who keep contacts to various companies for AEGEE. This should provide a better FR and more continuity in dealing with our contacts. The idea of the network is very simple: everybody in AEGEE who is interested in becoming a FR agent should contact the Co-ordinator of the project: Gerhard Kress (gerhard.kress@pobox.com or gkress@europeonline.com). All the necessary materials and price lists to do the FR will be provided by AEGEE-Europe. To cover the costs of the FR agents, AEGEE-Europe has decided to pay these agents 10% of the amount they raised. Isn't this a nice incentive? If you have any

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good contacts you would like to use for AEGEE-Europe, please, also contact the Co-ordinator of the FR network.

**Gerhard**

## The Network Campaign

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In the yearplan for this year, one of the topics is the Network campaign. Through this campaign we want to reach two goals simultaneously: enlargement and strengthening of the network. But it is not the task of the Network Responsible of AEGEE-Europe to carry out this campaign alone. Instead everybody in the network has to participate to make this campaign a success. So why do you not tell all your friends about AEGEE, especially in cities where we don't have antennae? Ask them to contact AEGEE-Europe in Brussels in order to become a new contact in their city. This would already be a big help for us. Something else you could do with your local: try to help new contacts nearby, inform them about AEGEE and help them with their first attempts to register, to do PR and FR. Some antennae have already organised small Regional Meetings for the contacts nearby. Just follow their sample. If you have any questions on how you could help AEGEE-Europe with the network campaign, please contact me. I'm looking forward to your participation.

**Gerhard Kress**

## AEGEE Promotion Tours

One part of the network campaign for this year is going to be promoting trips to some countries in order to find new contacts there and help the existing antennae. One of these trips will be in England in October. The CD needs people who are willing to help organising and preparing this trip. Are you interested? If yes, please contact me.

**Gerhard Kress**

## CD Decisions

The PRESIDENTS' MEETING in SPRING 1997 will be held in WARSZAWA (*hurry!!!!*).

They send us a very nice application and we especially liked the idea that they want to have activities starting at the PM and continuing at the AGORA in Enschede (Warszawa and Enschede are partners since a long time). Congratulations to AEGEE-Warszawa!!! (*Thank You in advance*).

We were offered the chance to participate in an exhibition of different NGOs in the Council of Europe, directly after the PM in Timisoara. Of course, we are going to use this chance. Alex and Roman are going to take care of that. Another thing connected to the Council of Europe: we are appointed our most valuable man there, Johannes Kind, as Liaison Officer for the Council of Europe. Congratulations to Johannes!!!

During the CD meeting we also discussed a lot about some proposals we are going to present in Timisoara. The proposals are connected to:

- change of the structure of the statutory meetings (Workshops in Timisoara),
- giving voting rights to WG,
- reducing the size of the CD.

All these proposals will be presented in Timisoara and there will be workshops. More information on those proposals are in the PM booklet.

Finally we also dealt our financial situation. Because the situation is still not very good, we decided to introduce a plan to save costs as good as possible. Some measures for the next months will be:

- only one CD member will get reimbursement per AEGEE meeting,
  - during the summer there will be only a very restricted amount of reimbursed travels of CD members.
- Some more measures were also decided, but do apply only after the summer.

At the same time we do our best to raise the income in order to improve the financial situation of AEGEE-Europe.

We hope that this gave you an impression of the activities of CD. If you have question, speak up. We need the feedback of the network.

**Comite Directeur**

## Domino Project

During the PM in Timisoara every antenna will receive information about the Domino project. With that information you will be able to register a 'master account' for your local with the AEGEE information system on WWW.

The 'master account' enables you to edit and correct the AEGEE Address Book, entries of your local any time via Internet, change information about your events in the Calendar of Events, check WWW submitted applications to these events, etc...

Very soon this 'master account' might also be required to register personal accounts for your local's members. Here is the WWW address where you can get more information from: <http://www.aegEE.rwth-aachen.de/domreg.nsf/>

- use the WWW discussion at:

<http://www.aegEE.rwth-aachen.de/aeg-web-d.nsf/> for comments and questions and try to answer those from others.

Thanks to Philip who is taking care of the project.

## European Union on the Net

If you are looking for information on topics like the EMU, the IGC or PHARE/TACIS, there exist rather comprehensive WWW pages of the various European institutions. It's only a little bit difficult to find them sometimes. So here are some hints:

First of all, there's a server run by the European Commission offering a lot of information about the EU (and it's even searchable):

<http://europa.eu.int/>

There's also a homepage of the Council of Europe which is still under construction (but growing):

<http://www.coe.fr/>

If you are looking for information from or about the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), you can find it under:

<http://www.fsk.ethz.ch/osce/>

It's a service initiated by the Swiss OSCE Presidency (and it's searchable as well).

Finally, the official WWW pages for the PHARE/TACIS programme can be found under:

<http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/dg1a/phare.html>

(for PHARE) and

<http://europa.eu.int/en/comm/dg1a/tacis/home.htm>

(for TACIS)

This service is provided by the Directorate-General (DG) IA of the European Commission.

**Tim Sattler**

## Dear friends from AEGEE,

We just came from learn a very sad and unexpected new. Our companion Dirk Kuilijes, former President of AEGEE's Hertogenbosch died yesterday as a consequence of a hearth attack. Dirk, a 21 years-old active member was one of the founders of the local in Den Bosch, being Vice-President in 1995 and President on the first half of 1996.

We are all very sad for this terrible new. All of us will keep him in memory.

**AEGEE-'s Hertogenbosch and  
the Comite Directeur**

We have to inform you that our long time active member CHRISTOPH HAUENSCHILD died from cancer last Friday aged 24.

Christoph was the treasurer of AEGEE-Hamburg from July 1995 until January 1996. Much to our regret he had to resign from this position because of his severe illness. However, he continued his work for AEGEE with great encouragement by taking part essentially and very successfully in the fund-raising campaign for the conference "Entering the Maritime Millennium" and by supporting the organization of this year's Summer University in Hamburg. He died only two days before the completion of this event.

His unfaltering will to live will stay a great example to all of us! We will never forget him!

**AEGEE-Hamburg**



## Salvo, salut, ciao, hello - STUDENTS!

Are you concerned about politics?  
 You want to discuss the (bad) image of students in our society?  
 You want to know what the economy expects from you?  
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 You love the mountains in autumn?

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- . student protests
- . the students' reputation in society
- . students and university
- . students and the labour market
- . students and politics: subject or object?

This time we will go beyond AEGEE with participants from organisations such as ELSA or AIESEC.

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## European Law Moot Court Competition

We are happy to announce that Regional Finals of the European Law Moot Court Competition will be held on 31 January - 2nd February in Warszawa. The competition is going to be organised in co-operation with British Centre for English and European Legal Studies at the University of Warszawa.

**AEGEE-Warszawa**

# A E G E E - B U S

An excellent way of motivating people in your antenna.

Here we start with a series of articles on PR matters. We would like to show how the network works, how the antennas solve their every day problems and how they develop their activity in field of PR. We would like to outline how do we understand public relations and make you aware of its importance. Of course, we will be pleased with your articles in NB - which can begin an interesting experience-sharing forum of discussion.

At the beginning we propose you quite interesting subject - organising a bus to an AEGEE congress. Usually in AEGEE we understand public relations very wide, as 'relations outside and inside of the antenna'. In the first group you build ways of communication to many different target groups in society - like institutions, media, universities and higher schools, students, private undertaking and others. The second one deals with current and former members of your local, partially with students - especially with those who have expressed their interest in AEGEE (i.e. who become the members soon) and with the AEGEE-network, which seems to be the third target group in the internal relations of PR.

Sometimes the Boards in AEGEE don't maintain this kind of public relations because they find it is just superfluous. That's really bad way of managing your local - which usually results in a very low number of members (not more than 40) and unstable member-group (people just enter AEGEE, see that it is badly led and offers nothing to the members, and most of opportunities are reserved for a small group of active members, so they leave). A good prospering AEGEE local takes care of members - because they are simply its 'blood' - and provides them with wide perspectives of their personal development, which in fact make them interested in AEGEE. This is an internal side of public relations, which should never be ignored by people elected to the Board of AEGEE antenna. On their policy depends the existence of a local - and especially to them we address new sections of NB since this issue.

In our opinion organising a bus to AEGEE congress is a good way of motivating our members as exchanges (they are a great subject for 'PR page' as well). From time to time we face in AEGEE heated discussions about AEGEE as a cheap travel office. It often happens, especially as it concerns summer universities. In my opinion here we face quite a serious misunderstanding. First of all it is mostly the result of wrong policy of the local Board towards the members - it shows that the same how the Board treat their members, members will

treat the leaders. If you see them only in fund-raising relations, they will see AEGEE only as cheap travel office, and won't give more time to it, except summer universities. We have to take care of our members - because this is the usual way that non-governmental organisations act - having a special kind of 'human resources' policy (if you don't believe - see and learn from AIESEC). The bus to a congress is that kind of event - which by your members will be seen especially interesting, even if they don't feel the subject of conference. AEGEE-BUS usually happens during the studies, when they pay more attention to everything that disturbs their studies monotony.

So, coming to the subject, it is good when you co-operate with only one private company which offers the buses to travel. Of course, you should examine before you decide, which company offers the best conditions (pay especially attention to discounts they offer when you are in continuous co-operation!). Once you started co-operation, you may rely that you will have the bus whenever you ask for. Even better if the same company is used by more AEGEE locals, because the director of this enterprise sees clearly advantages coming from the co-operation (and this is exactly our case: AEGEE-Warszawa and AEGEE-Katowice).

Once you have chosen the conference you would like to go - you should find a coordinator of the bus, who will take care of further preparations. His/her main role before the departure is to reserve a bus, sign up the agreement with the bus-owner, negotiate with the hosting antenna, answer all questions about the event, plan the route of travel and collect people willing to go. But his/her tasks are even wider. First of all he/she has to take care of participating members - during the travel and on place of the conference as well. The members cannot just be left on their own. They should always know what's going on, where to meet, what to see, whom to ask etc. And one very important remark - they should especially know before the departure how much they have to pay, for bus and for fees at the place. As the Budapest case showed - the fees sometimes can be a very shocking surprises to the participants, and this ought ever to be avoided! The coordinator should keep in touch with the hosting antenna, since they agree to collect a bus full of your members (here surprises happen as well - as e.g. in Groningen during the 10th Anniversary Final Conference). He/she should start to negotiate with the hosting antenna especially two points: if the participants from the bus can pay lower fee (they have to pay for a bus as well), or if the hosting antenna could financially support the bus (it happens: thanks to AEGEE-Eindhoven and AEGEE-Maastricht for sup-

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parting our two buses this year!!!). Don't think that the hosting antenna won't be interested in your bus. Unless they are not overcrowded with AEGEE participants (it happens very rare - usually PMs and AGORAs; but Groningen last Decemberas well) - they will always be interested in having as much people as possible (as the practice shows - AEGEE congresses always have some places free, and more often they have huge problems with finding participants - due to poor PR, or high fees or not too interesting subject of a congress). So ever check how the things go - when they don't find enough participants, their event will be probably cancelled. And remember - the bus is fully advantageous for both sides - while negotiating you don't have to play a role of beggar.

The role of coordinator also is to try to make the event even more interesting - by planning the travel route. Especially on the way back to home, when you depart a place of congress (usually after brunch) - you have still a lot of time to visit some interesting places - other cities, historical monuments, and etc. Discover Europe! Mostly only few people have travelled a lot before. Promote the bus by pointing out the route you will go - it becomes more and more worth to participate in. But don't make the coordinator responsible for promotion of the whole event. You should promote the AEGEE-BUS as the Board - because as I will explain later, it is really advantageous for the whole antenna. You should support it through the whole PR aimed at your members.

Don't close the participation in AEGEE-BUS only to a limited number of people, unless there are really serious conditions of doing it (like e.g. the bus collects AEGEE participants from the whole region). Your device should be - everybody can go, if there are still free places (you should even inform your members - there is ... free places yet; it will arise a good curiosity and then competition between them). Promote the bus particularly among fresh members. They are looking for something they could participate in. Show them what AEGEE is! Don't create any artificial barriers - which can sometimes decide about the success of your AEGEE-BUS. Such barrier is e.g. too high bus participation fee. Be more ambitious - you can earn money for your antenna in other ways of fund-raising. This event is prepared for your members, not for FR of your local! Try to lower the participation fee at the place of congress as well (see negotiations above). Nothing efficiently keeps your members out of events like too high amounts of money they have to pay.

That's not all. Now we come to a part that is the most important in the whole event. Evaluation. Don't forget to bring closer group of people participating in the bus. While travelling it is a right moment for motivating your people, discussing with them, encouraging, explaining, especially to fresh members, what AEGEE is. Take care of them at the conference, they must feel comfortable and must be impressed by AEGEE. They must know that you give them a lot of opportunities to discover Europe. If you show them, in proper way, how the things go - they will not leave AEGEE just after coming back home. Remember - that this is usually a middle of

semester. They have a lot of time until the Summer holidays come and would like to participate in even more events. So, after coming back to your antenna - show them what do you do, what is your program, what they could join, where you need help. Ask them for help, make them active. If you took enough care of them during the event - they will spontaneously begin to work for your antenna. But be prepared with your offer. They must have a clear view - what will they be responsible for and what do you expect of them. I ensure you - you won't wait long until they become the active part among your members.

I'm sure that some antennas have already discovered the advantages of AEGEE-BUSes. AEGEE-Warszawa did three buses in first half of 1996. The effect was that we gathered more than 100 members, of which around 50 have already become active. So now we are around 200. Besides AEGEE-

Warszawa our locals in Innsbruck, Katowice, Szeged and Budapest (Travelling Team is something different) - all which appeared in hordes on many congresses - seems to have no longer problems with lack of members - all have around or much more than 100 people. And all of them seems to be quite active antennas in the network. This shows how they can use such a simple event like AEGEE-BUS to develop and widespread their activity. So my last conclusion - YES for AEGEE as cheap travel office - but always do your best to take advantage of the event. Think about the proper human resources policy of your Board. Think and act, as one of my best AEGEE friends repeat at every occasion!

*On behalf of AEGEE-Warszawa*

*Marcin Polak*

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Prof. János Kis, Head

## Research Opportunities

A PhD program has been accredited by the Board of Regents of the State of NY (US) in the Medieval Studies Department. Accreditation by the Board of Regents of the State of NY (US) for an SJD program in the Legal Studies department is expected in the fall of 1996. Additional research schemes are offered in the departments of History, International Relations and European Studies and Political Science for selected graduates of the CEU Master's programs.

## Financial Aid

Full tuition scholarships and stipends are offered to students from Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. A limited number of full or partial tuition waivers are available on a competitive basis to qualified applicants from other countries.

**Application deadline: February 1, 1997**

For additional information and application materials, please contact: *CEU Admissions Office, Nádor u. 9, 1051 Budapest Hungary. Tel: (36-1) 327-3009, Fax: (36-1) 327-3211, Email: main@ceu.hu, World Wide Web site: http://www.ceu.hu.*

# Education

## Aims of the Socrates-Campaign of the AEGEE-Education Working Group

A European education for better European students is, in short, what the EU should be creating, if the articles 126 and 127 of the Maastricht treaty are to be implemented. The SOCRATES programme is the latest plan for allowing complete mobility in education at all level and stages. It aims at giving the different educational systems in Europe a common European dimension so that each person involved, student or teacher, can move freely within a "common area", choose the right place to study or to teach, and spend a period of time abroad that is fully recognised in their home country.

The political and economic situation in the EU today calls for a more intensive and better qualified contribution from Europe's human resources, and therefore it is essential that the educational institutions produce generations of new and better students. People from different nations speaking various languages, yet sharing a common European citizenship should be able to understand each other and co-operate with one another. They will also be physically and intellectually mobile, always ready to work and compete in a European market and live in a multi-cultural European society.

### Foreign services as

### integral part of education

This is what the Union stands for; it is the European creed. But we should also ask ourselves what current European students are doing for the future of higher education in countries as diverse as Sweden, Greece, Portugal or Austria. Some are actively working in various student association at all levels - local, regional, national and international. Together they are developing common projects, sharing the same interests, discussing general and specific problems as well as enjoying themselves and gaining a truly European experience.

There are others who are even more active: they represent their fellow students in international bodies and try to influence the decision-making process in their respective universities. Personally, I do not think that many services such as tutorials, language courses, counselling and a reception service for foreign students should be left to the voluntary efforts of fellow students. Instead, these services should be an integral part of the educational system. Unfortunately, in some countries they are not, and so we students should work to change this.

Up until now only about 5% of the student population in Europe has been able to study in another country with an

ERASMUS grant and enjoyed the unique experience of studying abroad. But with the SOCRATES programme it should be possible to bring a European education to the 95% who previously were 'immobile' students studying quietly at home. These students will have to be shaken out of their lethargy.

### What can we do?

The Education Working Group of AEGEE-Europe is launching an appeal to local student representatives, those who have a 'European Vision' and the courage to make the SOCRATES challenge their personal challenge.

We want to create a lobby at universities together with other students, sympathetic professors and administrative staff in order to promote a European Dimension in universities.

### We stand for the following aims:

**I. Encouraging student mobility and the financing of ERASMUS grants**

**II. Promoting the implementation of ECTS (European Credit-Transfer System) without calling into question the existence of any other similar system**

**III. Supporting mobility of teaching staff for the purpose of providing instruction forming an integral part of the curriculum in another Member State**

**IV. Asking for the incorporation into curricula of material contributing to the understanding of the cultural, artistic, political, economic and social characteristics of the other EU countries as well as elements relating to European integration, especially through the creation of multi or inter-disciplinary modules.**

**V. Including languages of the EU as an integral part of studies, with the emphasis on the least widely used and the least taught languages, as well as the use of new educational technologies.**

**VI. Supporting the introduction of modern technologic means of advanced communication to improve open and distance education.**

### Structure of the Socrates-

### Campaign Implementation

For the last five years AEGEE has made a continuous commitment to the support of the ERASMUS program. At

local level many activities have been carried out to support incoming and outgoing ERASMUS students. With the Socrates-Campaign AEGEE wants to go one step beyond. We want to create a effective lobby for the students position in mobility issues. For this however, some training for the local responsables is necessary. Therefore the Education Working Group decided to organise 3 regional seminars in which one or two Socrates-responsibles of each local will participate.

Each seminar will have 50 participants. The training courses at the seminars will be given by the members of the Education Working Group.

### At these seminars the responsables will learn the following things:

- \* the aims of the AEGEE-Education Working Group Socrates-Campaign
- \* how to organise a local seminar for people interested in joining an exchange programme
- \* how to lobby at their university
- \* how to organise activities for incoming students
- \* how to support the Education Working Group's Plan de la Fayette

The Plan de la Fayette is a way to support outgoing exchange students. It allows the exchange student to make a study visit to the city where he wants to go study by using the lodging facilities and the support of the AEGEE network. In every AEGEE-local there is one person responsible for the Socrates-Campaign, the so called Socrates-responsibles. They will also co-ordinate the Plan de la Fayette in their local and form a lobby at their university.

The Education Working Group has at the moment contacts with the three main European institutions in the field of education, the EU, the Council of Europe and UNESCO. The Education Working Group recently commented on the joined Council of Europe and UNESCO working paper on the recognition of study periods abroad and foreign qualifications. Through these kind of actions the Education Working Group presents the opinion of the students of AEGEE regarding their primary interest, education.

At the end of the campaign there will of course be a thorough evaluation of the whole campaign. We will look if our aims are met and conclude on how to continue for further action.

# Working Groups

## Hello East-West friends!

You can find the EWWG in the WWW @ <http://oehinfo.uibk.ac.at/aegee/ewwg/ewwg.htm>. And I hope when you read this I had the time to update all the pages.

### MAILING LIST

To subscribe to the mailing list of the EWWG send subscribe aegee.ewwg YOUR NAME to listproc@lists.ut.ee. If you want to send messages to the list send them to aegee.ewwg@lists.ut.ee

### MEMBERSHIP

If you wanna become member of the EWWG send following information to Eri:

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A-6020 Innsbruck,  
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First name:.....  
Last name:.....  
Street:.....  
Town:.....  
Country:.....  
Phone:.....  
Fax:.....  
e-mail:.....  
Antenna:.....  
Interests:.....

### FUTURE PROJECTS

On time the EWWG is planing two projects for the next year: A Case Study Trip (CST) to Moldavia that is coordinated by Markus Scho"herr. Moreover there will be a CST to the Baltics. Information about the two projects will be send out from time to time to the mailing list of the EWWG or contact members of the EWWG.

### VISA BOOKLET

As you might know Ralph Bo"hlke is working on the AEGEE VisaBooklet that is on WWW (<http://www.uni-onstanz.de/studis/aegee/visa/index.html>). We need new information all the time. So everyone who has something to add or made some interesting experiences please send them to me. As soon as Ralph has his new address you can provide him directly with all the information.

### DATABASE

We are building up a database with names of professor that are specially interested in Central and Eastern Europe. If you know someone we should add to this list, please inform me about this person.

### MEETINGS

The next meetings of the EWWG will be:

- at the Presidents' Meeting in Timisoara  
20.09. - 22.09.1996
- at the Congress "Students - From revolution to stagnation" in Innsbruck  
24.10. - 27.10.1996
- at the Agora in Athina  
08.11. - 10.11.1996

**East-West Working Group  
c/o Georg Portenkirchner**

### Let's get active in EnvWG:

The Environmental Working Group needs new active members. If you are interested in environmental issues and want to work with other students across Europe on international projects, please contact Pierpaolo Vittoria.  
(aegee-envwg@uni-konstanz.de)

### HRWG: Case study trip Northern Ireland.

The Human Rights Working Group of AEGEE wants to organize a CST to Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. It will probably take place in May 1997. However, as a CST takes lot of preparations, we should get together an organising team already now. Interested?

Contact HRWG!!!  
(hrwg@lists.ut.ee)

## PR - Working Group

### AEGEE-AWARD

We the members of AEGEE are actively taking part in the discussion about the future of our continent. Although most issues concern our own future it is not up to us to decide on them. Therefore we consider it important to support those activists who implement the philosophy of AEGEE and thereby are building a future we do identify with.

### The AEGEE AWARD is our tool to achieve this.

With the AEGEE AWARD we can bridge the generation-gap awarding those who are ahead of their generation.

### Procedure

Starting at the Autumn Agora in Athina YOU, an Antenna, Working Group, or member, can propose your favourite AEGEE AWARD WINNER. Please hand in the form until the Spring Presidents '92 Meeting in Warszawa. Your proposal should include: Name, current position, address of nominee as well as a brief description of his achievements and CV. The more information you hand in the better your chances.

At the Autumn Agora in Athina the AWARD TEAM will be elected. You are welcome to join it. Please contact: Kai or Edo, addresses below. At the Spring Presidents '92 Meeting in

Warszawa a preselection of the nominees will be carried out by the AWARD TEAM. The Spring Agora will elect the first winner of the AEGEE AWARD. The presentation of the AWARD will take place in Aachen May 8 1997.20

### Criteria

The AWARD WINNER ought to share our ideals and act accordingly, thus making a contribution we regard highly essential for a peaceful and harmonic Europe. He or she should not be in the spotlight of public attention yet because they wouldn't need it in this case.

### Ceremony

The first AEGEE AWARD will be presented in 1997 in the city of Aachen on the occasion of the annual celebration on May 8 and 9. At the same time the Karlspreis ( Le Prix Charle-Magne ) is presented. Thus the attendance of a number of journalists and many European citizens is guaranteed. AEGEE members from all over our continent may attend the presentation. The city of Aachen promised its support.

### AEGEE and the Awardee

The valuable contact to the AWARD WINNER should be continued by the co-organisation of an event. From then on we will work together for our common ideals.

In aprox. 8 months the first AEGEE Award will be handed to one of those activists working for a better Europe. The final countdown is approaching, nominations have to be collected and it has to be decided upon them, ideas about the ceremony and the award have to be discussed and a lot of work has to be done.

### We want YOU to take part in this big and exciting AEGEE Project.

With the next AEGEE Award EMail we will send you the AEGEE Award flyer on which you will find detailed information about this project. With this EMail you will also get an Awardee Form. With this form you can nominate one person you consider worth being awarded.

NOMINATE  
your favourite European  
NOW !

It is important for us to get many, many nominations so we can choose amongst a big variety of nominees and make the nomination a real democratic process. Remember that the AEGEE members will elect the final winner on the spring AGORA '97. If you want to reach the Award Team by Email try:

aegee+award@abmx.rz.rwth-aachen.de

So look out for the next Award E-mail and take care,

**Andreas**

# FUND RAISING

## A proper Budget - Some hints

Why an article on how to make a budget? This seems to be a rather silly subject to write an article about. But experience shows that many budgets in AEGEE are not made correctly and can not be used for applications to institutions or foundations. Therefore I intend to give here a short outline of a sample budget and some hints to help you with your task. It is a very basic budget, but it includes all necessary elements and should fit with small adaptations for most purposes in your antenna. Every budget consists out of two parts, one for the expenses and one for the expected incomes. A budget with only one side is incomplete!

Be aware, both sides of the budget should have the same total sum. You should not have calculated a loss or a profit already in your budget. This looks very unprofessional and will make it more difficult for you to obtain funding.

### Expenses

In this side of the budget you should list all the different expenses you expect to have. Take care that you include also the administrative and overhead costs, especially for telephone, fax and mailing. These costs occur, but sometimes they are not fully calculated in the budget. If you have to pay rent for your office, put it partly also in the budget for your event.

The other items in the sample budget should be self explanatory. Be careful to estimate the costs properly, don't estimate them too low. This would cause unwanted surprises in the end.

Another very important item in the budget is the amount for unforeseen expenses. Usually it

is estimated to be about 10% of the budget, but you can adjust this percentage according to your needs. Unforeseen expenses will always occur. Things can get broken or be lost, suddenly additional costs appear or you might have underestimated some expenses.

### Incomes

The income side of the budget is very often forgotten. But it is very important. Here you specify the different amounts of funding you expect from various sources. This could be institutions, foundations, local authorities or companies. You should mention the different sources of expected funding and give reasonable amounts you expect to receive from these sources.

One part of the income side is labelled "Own contribution". This is the place where you put the participation fees or contributions from the organising group. Many institutions or foundations expect you to have some sort of own contribution. Very often they will not even consider funding your event if you do not contribute something yourself.

The income side of your budget is absolutely necessary if you want to apply to any local authority, institution or foundation. They want to see how you finance your event and who else is sponsoring your event. This can influence strongly the decision of some sponsors.

In this part of the budget you can also put all the sponsoring you receive in kind. But beware, if you receive sponsoring in kind and put it in the income side of the budget, the corresponding costs do also have to appear in the expenses side of the budget!

These little hints, together with the the sample form of the budget should help you to prepare a proper budget when you organise an event. And it will help us from the CD when we present your application for funding to the European institutions, because then we do not have to rewrite the budget before presenting it together with your application.

## Budget

<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Incomes</b>	
<b>Administration costs</b>	Telephone Fax mail copies rent office	<b>Institutions</b>	Institution 1 Institution 2
<b>Speakers</b>	travel costs food lodging presents speaker fees	<b>Foundations</b>	Foundation 1 Foundation 2
<b>Participants</b>	food lodging travels	<b>University</b>	
<b>Printed Matter</b>	posters flyers conference brochure results brochure	<b>Companies</b>	
<b>Event related costs</b>	rent rooms rent equipment decoration transportation costs	<b>Own contribution</b>	
<b>Subtotal</b>	Unforeseen 10%		
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	

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Looking through the calendar of events we can come to conclusion that most of the AEGEE network remains only half-active and doesn't seek any new great challenges, like e.g. organising congresses, or even bigger events. It seems that many antennas prefer rather smaller events - summer universities, regional meetings and exchanges. Do the people suffer a lack of organisational experience, or it is rather a question of low number of people, who could manage to organise a congress? Since this NB we would like to stress more on the organisational and day-to-day problems of AEGEE locals. Here we come with a new NB section, which will be devoted to internal education matters. We would like to see NB as a forum discussion for the AEGEE members and their locals. Here you could discuss the problems, share your experience with the others and seek new ideas. It finally might help you to adapt some solutions to your situation. It seems to be the easiest and one of cheapest ways of education we can use - as long as the aim of NB is to deal with current AEGEE activity and to improve the communications within the network.

## ORGANISING A CONGRESS:

### COORDINATION TEAM

## **A simple structure you can use.**

We would like to start with presenting some ideas about the organisational structures of your activity - hereby on the case of coordination team, preparing the congress. This is an example of a simple structure we used while organising the 'Direction Europe! Enlargement of EU' congress in Warszawa, on 11-14th April, within the 'AEGEE and the IGC1996' project. Of course - this is only a sample and we don't claim to call it 'a standard form'. There are a lot of congresses within AEGEE and obviously the coordination teams differ in each case. However, we believe that in order to ensure the proper level of organisation - you should structure the engaged people into a team. That makes our job much easier and, moreover, gives a strict and clear division of tasks of group-members.

Our coordination team worked on three levels. At the top of the structure there was the Project Manager (PM). This person was responsible for the whole conference. His tasks were to design the backbone of the coming event, find coordinators to target-groups, motivate them and, thereafter, to lead the team (IG), Logistics WG (LWG), Fund-Raising WG (FRWG) and

Summing-Up WG (SWG).

First one (CWG) was to provide a sufficient level of communication with the applicants and participants of the congress. Members of CWG were receiving applications, prepared lists of participants, send invitations to them and provided participants with a specific information, if they requested. Thereafter they were responsible for collecting people coming to Warszawa and helped to reach the right places when the congress began. They took care of people whenever they had problems and made participants feeling that the organisers do really care for them. While carrying out their tasks members of CWG were always in touch with FM of other groups to keep orientation what's going on and be able to provide answers on time. Especially they had to pay a lot of attention to program of the congress.

The main role of PRWG was to promote our conference within and outside the network. They had to prepare the leaflets and posters. They presented 'Direction Europe!' since the AGORA in Budapest during all bigger AEGEE events and distributed leaflets there. They send out the information about the congress via e-mail and post as well. They were responsible for contacts with media and public institutions - and provided them with a number of publications connected to the topic of our event. At the beginning of the congress they organised a press conference and in next days were keeping in touch by sending press releases.

Both of these groups have had a very responsible tasks to reach. However one of them was fulfilled excellently - which was to provide our conference with a sufficient number of participants. We do really have to take care of people who send applications for our events - their interest in our event must be kept at any time and they must feel we really want them to come. We can see some cases in AEGEE where the events are cancelled because of lack of participants. When you fail to motivate people to take part in your congress - your preparations will seem to be a senseless work. In Warszawa we got an exact number of participants we wanted - we planned 'Direction Europe!' for 100 people and we got them.

No easier tasks lay on the other WG.

The PWG were responsible for preparation of the topics of the congress, for planing a social program, for order of proceedings and last but not least - for contacting and arranging speakers. In general members are responsible for the contest of the congress - and thereafter, together with SWG, for the final evaluation. Their task was to prepare the congress brochures as well - through planning the day-by-day program, writing or collecting articles, writing the summaries of the upcoming lectures and workshops, receiving the CV of speakers. They had to keep the contacts with speakers till the last moment, and if it was indispensable - to react to any changes, when some speakers cancelled their participation. The last task was extremely hard to reach - because we decided to employ as many speakers as possible - in order to present the subject-matters from different standpoints. It was that finally we contacted about 40 professionals and 24 of them took part in round tables, lectures, panels and workshops of the congress, including three Ministers connected to

the European Integration matters. No one of them resigned in the days of congress - however we faced one funny situation when one of them during the opening reception told us that he is leaving for Brussels next day and is not able to take part in it. We had to show some flexibility this time and in D-day of the congress we changed the order of some lectures. We managed to do that and it was really something we were proud of.

FRWG - obviously one of most important parts of every organised event - played an excellent role as well. It consisted of several vigorous people who were responsible for preparation and keeping up the budget, for institutional fund-raising, approaching the private undertakings and seeking support-kind. They made a great job and finally gathered through the preparation stage and supervise the team members. In order to ensure a high level of communication between the organisers we were meeting once or twice every week to discuss the organisational matters, and see what had been achieved and what were the next steps to be taken. This meeting was always chaired by PM - and he could see how the team was working and where to help and put more stress. That gave all of us a kind of evaluation of our efforts - we always were aware of our current position.

The PM played a supervisory role over the six coordinators (field managers) leading the target groups. It was the second level of the structure. They were in fact main machines in the preparations. Each of field managers (FM) was responsible for given field and led and supervised people within his working group. Usually each group consisted of two-four members.

We divided working groups by targets they were obliged to reach. So there were: Communication WG (CWG), Public Relations WG (PRWG), Program WG (PWG) as much money as we need for carrying out the event, and even further, printing the final results brochure, with the evaluation of the whole AEGEE and the IGC 1996 project. What is worth stressing - they gathered all the money only in seven months, which seems to be really quite short time as to the fund-raising of an event.

The next group - LWG - consisted of people who usually stood behind, but without whom nothing could run. It was a lot of members employed here. They had to take care of lodging, meals, public transport, maps, conference rooms and finally - carrying out of social program. They had to watch how the things go and help CWG to deal with the participants. Their work was closely connected to PWG and FRWG activity - where from they received all the information about ongoing matters.

Last but not least group - SWG - took over the day-by-day and final evaluation of our event. Members of the group were employed at the lectures and workshops - to write down the current conclusions coming from the debates. It is a task which sometimes is forgotten by many antennas. It seems that a part of the network think that the congress finishes when the participants have definitely left the place of it. We shouldn't forget about the final evaluation. It is always some-

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thing you may present to your speakers, sponsors and all engaged persons - which seems to be a nice way of public relations. That might help you to keep the contacts for the future events and the next teams wouldn't have to start from the very beginning. Otherwise the contacts you got will be just occasional and you will still have problems while doing your job.

Due to existing of SWG, we were able to present most of our results during next AEGEE and the IGC event in Maastricht, in May, far before the results of events that were before 'Direction Europe'. What might be really funny here, we were able to transfer via e-mail the whole results of our event two weeks after Maastricht, for the final lay-out of the results' brochure in Enschede, which took some famous Dutch antennas two weeks more than us. That was in fact the reason why the Final Results of the project were printed at the beginning of July, more than a month after the deadline.

The preparation of the whole congress - throughout arranging the speakers and getting all the finances - took us seven months - since the Presidents' Meeting in Barcelona, where we decided to join the project.

We hope that through this article and others you will send to us we can make NB a forum of discussion and experience-sharing. Some ideas that might be widespread on that way, may improve the level of Internal education within the AEGEE network and make that cancellations of events, because of lack of organisation or lack of participants, hopefully will never happen again.

## Recipe: Regional Meeting

### a la AEGEE

#### Ingredients

- 1 organizing Antenna  
half a dozen or so surrounding Antennae
- 1 or more tons of members  
(new and old ones to give more taste)
- 1 or 2 meeting rooms  
(a prairie is just fine in Summer Time)
- a pinch of subjects for conversation
- a big amount of good mood

#### Directives

Just mix everything together by a nice Week-End; shake the whole bunch half a day long or even during a whole day, add eventually a party or pub-crawl and let this mixture act deeply on your members and antennae.

The aim of the preceding words is to explain you how easy and fruitful it is to organize a Regional Meeting (RegMeet). The main idea of such an event is to exchange ideas, experiences, informations and knowledge in an informal way: you can't imagine how much you know that others don't even have a clue of; and possibly the problems you have in your antenna have already been solved in another one (if you can use the same solution is another problem).

A RegMeet is also the way to help new contacts or young antennae by giving them an experience they can't get from their older members, for the very good reason that they don't have any. And we all know that nothing more than experience get so quickly lost: spreading it over is the best way to take care that this experience will survive at least in one antenna and come back during another RegMeet.

Here in the "Wild South" of Germany, this is the third time we organize a RegMeet and this was each time very motivating and fruitful for everybody, young and old members of AEGEE. This was also the occasion to bind tighter links between the antennae in the region and invite the surrounding antennae to local events (be serious, not only parties!). And now we are thinking about organizing together things, perhaps promote new contacts in the regions, other projects, who knows? This is the very beginning!

So, if you're interested, find a meeting room for a Saturday afternoon, invite personally all the surrounding antennae, find out some subjects (PR, Fund Raising, local patrons, contacts with the university...) and go for it! I really think RegMeet's can give AEGEE the regional level it needs, without constraining structure, and even replace the not so successful AEGEE-Meetings in their teaching task.

And, I mean, this is also the way to meet new friends in Europe who don't live thousands of kilometers away...

**Eric Lavarde**

# SUMMER UNIVERSITIES

## Result of Summer University in Paris

### Paris is chic

We arrived in Paris by planes, trains and coaches. A few minutes after our arrival we had a pleasant surprise. Thanks to a subsidy obtained by the AEGEE - Paris we were accommodated in a hotel. Wow! We'd have our breakfasts and dinners free. Wow! After a few hours of rest the carousel began to go round. We got up early as we had to be on time for breakfast. Right after we had finished we rushed to attend classes. Afterwards we took trips round the city but mind you - if we went in a group being twenty minutes late became a ritual.

In town we had lunch, we visited museums and did some shopping. We staged a competition. We wanted to find out who'd visit more places than the others within the limit of a few hours. In Jardins de Luxembourg people from AEGEE - Paris asked us why we wanted to learn French.

Some said it still had a status of an international language for communication. It was Michiel who beat all the others. He said it was chic to speak French. Paris is elegant. We were not admitted to the Ritz Hotel as we had no ties. In cafes and bars, however, you can stay even till early hours of the morning wearing nothing but briefs.

After a few days of hectic social activities some of us had to be revived by triple doses of coffee to keep upright. Needless to say, two weeks in Paris is far too short a stay to see the whole city. However, you can always try.

In La Conciergerie I saw two wax soldiers guarding a wax queen. In Versaille I was nearly trampled to death by a throng of visitors. In a mosque I was allowed to listen to the same story for four times so I had a feeling I was listening to a bro-

ken record instead of a guide. Getting off the underground at St. Denis I encountered an unusual experience. There I was, like a plum in a cake, the inhabitant of Central Europe, the only white person in the crowd. For a moment I felt the same way a fellow from Africa must feel in my native city of Warsaw.

The match France vs Rest of Europe was played on the lawn at the feet of the column of Marshall Joffre. Rest of Europe beat France 7-5. There were notices all around saying "Keep off the grass".

"We started to make arrangements for the camp in May. We succeeded in obtaining a subsidy from the mayorship" - Alexandra, the President of AEGEE-Paris was proud to say. She had the right to feel so. Thanks to the generosity of the mon-

sieur le maire we gorged ourselves with good food and we had comfortable beds. If we had had to pay out of our own pockets we'd have had to spend 3,250 French francs, whereas we only paid 650 francs...

The last evening brought yet another surprise. We received diplomas - some of us for diligence, the others for commitment to sleepless nights. The organizers, tired of entertaining the visitors, sighed with relief when we finally got on planes, trains and coaches to go back home. "The organization was better this year than in the previous year" - Alexandra admitted. If it gets better each year, I already envy the participants of SU Paris '97.

**Konrad Niklewicz**



## "WE BELIEVE IN ALBANIAN SUB- MARINES" - SU "Via Egnatia"

The TSU lasted for three weeks and started in Skopje, thereafter passing through Ohrid, Thessaloniki, Kavala and Istanbul. In each of these cities there was a program consisting of varying proportions of lectures, sightseeing, beaches and of course a lot of parties. The subjects of the lectures were deliberately chosen to exclude politics because a lecturer from one of the countries would most certainly say things that put off people from one of the others.

After having flown to Istanbul I took a public overnight bus from Istanbul to Skopje together with the other participants who had chosen to fly there. The trip was not very pleasant: People smoked all night, there was a horrible scent of unwashed feet in the bus and the journey passed through Bulgaria, entering which cost us DM 90.- each. Still, we wanted to learn about life in the Balkans, we did.

In Skopje things started to become much more pleasant. After Abbas had managed to enter Macedonia with his Iranian passport the whole group set off to Ohrid, visiting a monastery and the beautiful Macedonian landscape on the way. Ohrid is

located next to a huge lake of which one third is Albanian, hence the idea of Albanian submarines popping out of the water on the beach which became a major theme of the TSU.

In Ohrid the emphasis was put on relaxing and swimming, our hotel was located directly behind the beach and we spent almost all the nights discussing and singing there. I think there was not a single night in Ohrid when I did not see the dawn.

We watched the movie 'Before the rain' which discusses the possibility of an ethnical war in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, for us it was the basis of discussions about this subject. Crossing the border between the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Greek province of Macedonia we got a good impression of the implications of the conflict about the name of Macedonia: When you cross from Macedonia to Greece you have to walk over a soaking wet disinfectory carpet, the Macedonians take revenge by making people wash their hands under supervision when they cross the border the other way. (For completeness I should add that at the moment a cattle disease is rampaging in that area - the English name AFAIK is 'mouth and feet disease', German: 'Maul- und Klauenseuche' -

which justifies the disinfection of car tyres but certainly not of shoes, especially when afterwards you sit on the same floor

in the bus as before.) The first thing you see of Greece is big neon sign saying 'Macedonia was born Greece' and the flag that the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia claimed at first but then changed after negotiations with Greece.

In Thessaloniki we spent three days visiting the city, attending lectures and exploring the nightlife. We were invited to a reception where the vice mayor of Thessaloniki greeted us with the words: "I especially welcome our friends from Skopje and Turkey to Thessaloniki, the capital of Macedonia."

In this area you do not need lectures to learn about politics. Afterward we went to Kavala, almost halfway to Istanbul from Thessaloniki, where we spent another three days. We explored the city and relaxed on the beach, we also saw the movie 'Never on Sundays' with the famous Oscar-winning song 'Children of Piraeus'. One of the highlights of the tour was the performance of an ancient Greek comedy in the amphitheatre of Kavale to which the mayor had invited us. Crossing the border from Greece to Turkey went surprisingly smooth for us, though Egen made some quite different experiences when the Greek border guards gave him a hard time because of his visits to Macedonia and Bosnia when he re-entered Greece after the end of Via Egnatia.

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