

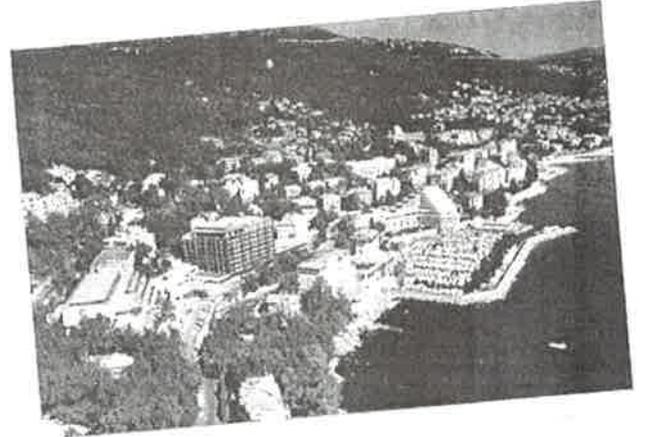


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## Just a few words from the NB team

### HI AEGEE Network

*The next edition of the News Bulletin has come to life, but in great pain (as almost everything in AEGEE). Because of difficulties in finding the right people to help, I was forced to do it all by myself. Well, not really by myself. Without the help of some friends (mentioned in the editor's footnote) it wouldn't be possible for you to look now at this gazette. A BIG thanks to all of you that have helped me!*

*As you have probably noticed this issue's cover has one difference comparing to the previous one: it has a black/white cover. Why? Well mostly because of the lack of people and also because of the equipment we're working on. Without going into details it just wasn't possible to do it in color for the Agora. But asking some friends about it, they had nothing against a one colour cover - they even said they would prefer one like that. Were they right - you tell me.*

*So what can I say from the editorial staff? I think that mostly the network needs some great people that have lots of great ideas and they are willing to implement them without asking "what shall I do?" These people are the ones that make AEGEE everything that it's all about. Keep up with that work and keep an eye on the freshmen that come to you asking for a few words about the organisation. We need to kindly invite and then not scare all the fresh blood that has and will come us wanting to find, always something different: experience, opportunities, and many others. They might be our substitutes one day and we might miss them. So again, keep your eyes open and don't let it happen.*

*What about this edition of the News Bulletin? Since the editorial staff nearly completely changed, you may find the new layout slightly different. But we (I) still tried to satisfy all of you by publishing a classy gazette. The results? - check yourself and let me know.*

*We thought the next edition needs some "additional life", therefore you may see some graphical differences. But still, it's the same old News Bulletin. I hope you like it.*

*So, what can you find in here this time? Especially the summer cover, that will remind all of us about the fantastic vacations we've spent, especially with AEGEE: Summer Universities. Besides that, the inside, that is as usual: all the information that we thought was (and still is) most important about AEGEE, its events and just life in general. You'll be able to find here a little of the CD-News, information about the NetCom, a lot of project summaries, like Summer University Plus, President's Meeting, The London Project, Summer School, Together in Europe and a little about BASE. Besides that you'll see a self-presentation of one of our antennas, and a lovely, but very true News Bulletin creation comic. And of course we couldn't forget about the newest Calendar of Events.*

*At the end I just would like to say that I have heard some opinions that the previous edition of the NB was worth saying some good words about. I hope that this one will deserve for at least such an opinion and some warm adjectives.*

*Enjoy reading and don't dare to stay uninformed!*

*Chris Osiak  
NB editor*

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**GD-NEWS**

## ***New Patron***

*AEGEE has a new patron:  
Mikhail Gorbachev. This  
is an e-mail from him to  
us confirming his patron-  
age.*

## **AEGEE and UNESCO**

*Some of you might ask what does AEGEE have to do with UNESCO, and what is the project which is sometimes named as one of the most crucial ones considering higher education.*

*UNESCO is organising one of the biggest World Higher Education Conference of the past ten years in Paris, between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of October in 1998. All the Ministries of Education of the world, important politicians, education responsables will be present and will discuss about the future of higher education, and its security in the world. AEGEE was asked to represent itself as a Non-Governmental Organisation with a book, which is written by a strong team composed of AEGEE members, and this book is compiling the views of European students towards the future of education. Furthermore out of this team 10 people will also take part in the conference itself, and one of them, namely Alper Akyuz (AEGEE-Istanbul) will also express AEGEE's opinion from the panel, as elected by UNESCO.*

*We strongly believe this is a crucial point in the history of AEGEE, that we make ourselves heard, and raise our voice in the discussion about us, students. We will also inform you in due time about the results of the conference itself. Until then lets trust our power, which is this time very strong.*

**Orsi**

Dear Friends !

In reply to your request for patronage of European Students Forum AEGEE-Europe I want to inform you about my agreement. Building the Common European house is a hard and current aim in conditions of globalization of today's world.

Inconnection to this I feel obliged to draw your attention to the unquestionable fact that common European house is unthinkable without Russia and other Newly Independent States of Eastern Europe. The same as it is not possible to imagine this house without culture of peace and democracy, spirit of freedom, justice and democracy.

With Respect,  
Mikhail Gorbachev

There aren't any more articles in this section because I haven't recieved any, although I asked the CD for them many times. I guess you'll just have to accept this. Maybe they have more important things on their heads.

# Socrates Action Day II

## INTRODUCTION

The youth and educational programs of the European Union will undergo a change in the coming period. For the period of 2000 - 2004 the programs has been presented by DG XXII to the Commission on May 27th and has now to be accepted through the common decision process between Council, Parliament and Commission.

As the biggest European Students' Association, AEGEE is especially concerned for the SOCRATES; the part aimed at higher education. Regarding the fact that more countries will be involved in SOCRATES, the current amount of the EC budget allocated to the programs will not suffice. AEGEE welcomes the increased budget proposed by the European Commission and hope that the final decision will give it great importance. Now that student mobility is not an elite phenomenon anymore, a return to the pre-ERASMUS times would mean an unacceptable impoverishment of the European education.

In order to pursue our involvement for the SOCRATES program quality, AEGEE has decided to renew its action and is organising once more a process of evaluation of the proposal made by the Commission. A first thorough study followed by the SOCRATES Action day '98 will serve a sound reply to it, with well-founded critics and improvements aimed at ensuring that the interest of students will be taken into account.

## SOCRATES Action Day II

On the SOCRATES Action Day '98, 100 local member-association of AEGEE will organise events like forums, conferences and more informal gatherings, to call attention for the future of the SOCRATES program.

During that day, the 12th of November 1998, a pan-European inventory will be made of the problems and possible improvements of the current program. Also an attempt to get a view on the positive effects of SOCRATES in qualitative terms will be made.

## AIM

Calling international attention for the insecure position of the SOCRATES mobility program, to safeguard the the European student mobility and find improvements for the current programs.

To reach this aim :

1. An inventory of the regional and local situation ( ' grass-root level ' ) of SOCRATES will be made. What are the advantages and problems students and teachers experiences ? Thus, its is a decentralised project, only centrally coordinated.

2. Events with both a formal and informal part will be organised all throughout Europe, to attract people and at the same time grow awareness in people not yet involved in student mobility.

## SOLID BASIS

To provide the project of a solid basis, two actions are developed.

a. Find partner organisations to co-operate in the effort. These partners are to be complementary to AEGEE. Our main partners will be ESIB and ESN.

b. Gather information and opinions on the developments and future of SOCRATES, as an educational program, a means of European integration on the future.

## CO-ORDINATION

The main organisation of the project will be in the hands of a team of students from AEGEE. This European team consists of three or four people, of which two are the education responsible of the Comité Directeur of AEGEE Europe and the president of the Education Working Group of AEGEE-Europe. To prevent too big span of management, national representatives will function as co-ordinator of the local events and specifying the situation in the specific country. Despite the European direction of the organisation of AEGEE, this approach is deemed necessary regarding the fact that education is still a concern of national governments

## MEDIA CAMPAIGN

As our aim is to ensure that students interests are taken into account in the process of the conception of the new SOCRATES program, we will organise s s

strong media coverage of our action.

In this process, the active participation of our antennae to keep a close contact with their local press will be important. The national newspaper will be contacted in a joint effort with ESIB. The European Board of our association will take care of the European level, in which AEGEE is already well settled

## NATIONAL LOBBY

Considering the very important role played by National Education Ministries in the acceptance and funding of the new SOCRATES program, AEGEE will concentrate very much on contacting national governments in order to demonstrate our will and interest in keeping a good status for the SOCRATES program so as not to lose all the great achievement obtained by SOCRATES I.

In this process, the help of ESIB, whose influence and action on the National level is great, will be highly appreciated.

# SAD II

**Bored,  
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## Peace Academy: Current Situation

*One of the Yearplan topics of AEGEE voted by the Agora of Maastricht is Peace Academy. The Peace Academy team mainly comprises of three antennae AEGEE-Ankara, AEGEE-Athina and AEGEE-Istanbul.*

*What does the project mainly aim?*

- \*Promoting and establishment of peace in Europe*
- \*Showing that co-operation is possible in problematic regions*
- \*Increasing co-operation in the Balkans and Europe*
- \*Providing the student circle the abilities and experience required for promoting peace in their own environment.*

*What does it consist of?*

*Covering a period starting form 1<sup>st</sup> January 1999 lasting until 31<sup>st</sup> December 1999 it comprises:*

**1. Preparatory Period (May 1998-January 1999):**

- Gathering together results of previous AEGEE events with peace related topics*
- Informative workshops on security issues for the organisers*
- Essay Contest providing input from outside AEGEE provoking university students to think upon the concept*
- European Students' peace conference 1998 organised by AEGEE-Munster and AEGEE-Osnabruck (May 22-24 1998)*

**2. Pre-summit Period (January-June 1999):**

- Opening Congress: "Peace concept Investigated form Philosophical Aspect" by AEGEE-Ankara & AEGEE-Istanbul (January 22-24 1999)*
- Events organised by voluntary AEGEE locals*

**3. Students' Peace Summit (August 1999):**

*There will be a ship organised to travel for two weeks on the Greek-Turkish waters having around 250 participants who discuss the results of the previously organised events.*

**4. Presentation of the results through a final conference, to politicians and other European key figures.**

*If this small piece of information raised your attention, don't forget to join the workshop on Peace Academy at the Agora of Hamburg.*

Orsi

**PA**

# Working Groups

## Cultural Working Group

### CULTURAL FEEDBACK

Once again, students of AEGEE have offered Summer Universities. They shared their culture with other participants, who took away with them multicultural experiences. Some of these courses had the co-operation of Working Groups. Augsburg and Muenchen organised the SU with the Environmental WG to focus on waste problems. Beograd, with the International Politics WG discussed about social identity, and the Mediterranean Barcelona antennae created a new type of SU with the European Cultural WG.



### Cultural Working Group

It's positive that our beloved event in the summertime is helping the idea of one Europe. That's why we thought of organising a Cultural SU. This course was in mind from the cradle of our young group for the evident possibilities that it gives.

But here come the facts. After a welcome party in Barcelona city, the participants arrived to the Catalan coast to spend the weekend in Emporion. Like the Romans, they found another culture there. 'Emporion', as some of you might have guessed, it's a Greek word that means 'market'. Indeed, it was a Greek colony. So, from the very beginning they realised that signs of intelligence and wisdom were creating the culture around them in those times. These thoughts and feelings were their richness. We continued the SU "opening our eyes", getting the vision of one Europe every time more intercultural.

Raimon, CWG

## Educational Working Group

The EWG is the Working Group that is involved in education in its broadest sense: from your stay in a foreign country, to organizing nice events like

- the recent 'Quest for Competence - Towards a Knowledge Society' conference in Enschede: a great event, with high quality lectures and workshops, and great parties every night in the only AEGEE Pub in Europe
- and a study visit to Eastern Europe last year, which visited five countries and did field research on student life and professors' visions.

But there is more: new projects are underdevelopment and there is place for your own ideas!

### Projects

The EWG is currently involved in the following projects:

- A study visit to Turkey,
- The Plan de La Fayette, for AEGEE people who want to go abroad,
- A European-wide questionnaire on Life Long Learning,
- A project on Education in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (which is postponed for a while due to the engraved situation there)

Since Education has been made one of the three focus point by the CD, further elevation will be developed in cooperation with the CD. This will be on the field of Life Long Learning (Universities should be educating for Business?), as well as on Student Mobility (Only rich students going abroad? What happens to non-EU countries and SOCRATES?).

### Vacancies

As the Agora in Hamburg is approaching, so the next meeting of the EWG is approaching as well. This meeting there will be, besides the thematically points, also elections of some new posts. The next posts will have a vacancy.

1. Treasurer. The EWG has got money again! We have a good cashflow ;-), and will be able to initiate and develop more projects from the WG itself. To calculate this, and keep the WG on the right financial track, a treasurer is of course necessary. The function of treasurer is not only about money, but as well about general policies and board tasks.

Vacancy: per direct.

2. Secretary. The Spider In The Web of the EWG. Has to be the person who knows what's going on the EWG and must have good writing abilities: the Secretary is The Face To The AEGEE World. Preparing the meetings in co-operation with the President and doing formal

correspondence and other tasks.

Vacancy: per direct.

3. **Internet Connector.** The EWG has a rich tradition in Internet. It is one of the WG's with the best electronic facilities: Homepage, mailing list AND electronic library. Currently there is the Challenging task to integrate these facilities, to make it a general database for internal and external people: Connect the EWG to the Internet!

Vacancy: per direct.

4. As well, we are looking for people who have the abilities to become president of the EWG. The president of the EWG has a motivating, initiating and representation function.

Vacancy: the coming period

### The Next EWG-Meeting

The EWG meeting in Hamburg will be on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of October, at 15.00h.

For more information about the Vacancies and/ or current projects: contact

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events of AEGEE antennae. We will go on working on the Balkan area but have also very active and ambitious people in Eastern Europe and in Turkey. For next year we plan another SU+, subject and place are still matter of discussion.

Our members are giving each other an overview on what is going on in their own countries by sending "News Summaries" to our mailing list. There also discussions take place continuously. We hope to be able to develop step by step Internet pages providing information and links about the subjects we are working on.

One of our main concerns in this phase of the working group's development is to establish good contacts to the local WGs already existing and to foster the foundation of new ones.

Our challenge is to attract people interested in international politics from all over Europe (AEGEEs and not yet-AEGEEs) with high-level events and the opportunity to get into contact with people having similar interests. By doing so we aim at establishing a Working Group pooling expertise, experience, and relations with scientists and institutions for the benefit of our individual members and of course of the AEGEE network we are part of.

Web sites: [www.aegEE.org/wg/ipwg](http://www.aegEE.org/wg/ipwg)

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Frank Burgdorfer

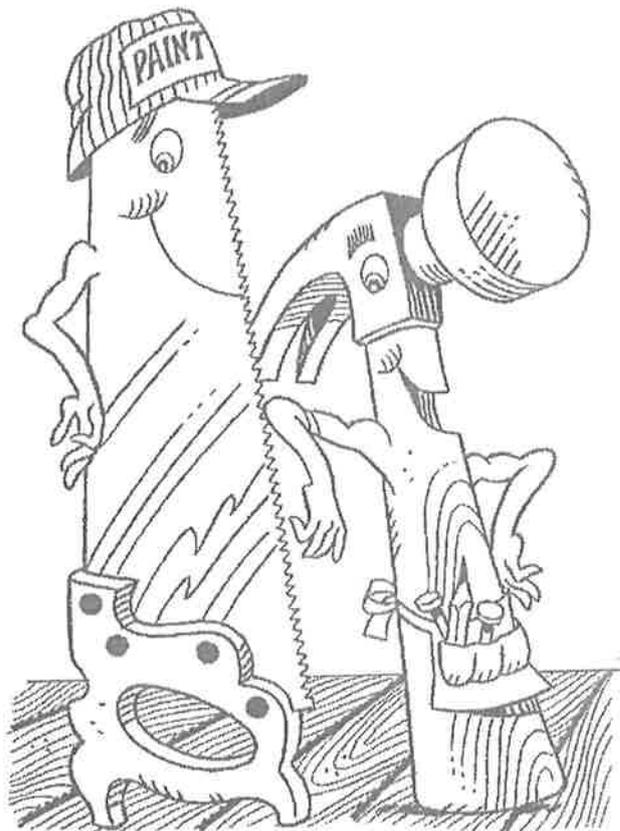


## International Politics Working Group

Although the IPWG was already founded one year earlier, the first complete board was elected at the Agora in Maastricht in April this year. It consists of seven people. Currently our working group has roughly eighty members from all over the continent.

In May we contributed to the Peace Congress organised by AEGEE-Münster and AEGEE-Osnabrück. Afterwards our websites have been created. Our biggest project for this year was the Summer University Plus "Regions, Nations, Europe - Perspectives for the Balkans". We organised it in co-operation with AEGEE-Beograd. Twenty people took part in a tight program: Lectures in the mornings, workshops in the afternoons, and afterwards visits to various NGOs and Institutions. We had opportunity to talk to people from various opposition movements and institutions.

During the coming months we will be involved in several other



# Wkg Gp's

# NET-COM

## THE DARK SIDE OF THE... NETCOM ?

*It won't be any serious essay - but more a kind of moral report... - simply asked to write some words about NetCom I will try to describe how does it look like in from our point of view.*

*As a member of a so-called Network Commission for the region of Central Europe (Poland, East Germany, Lithuania, Latvia and Kaliningrad region) I would like to share my experience with You.*

*Our team was elected at the AGORA in Maastricht - it consisted of the Net-commissioner - Magda Czapelska AEGEE-Poznan and three sub-commissioners (Andrzej Laczny AEGEE-Gliwice/Zabrze, Knut Maack AEGEE-Berlin and me Michal Pesta AEGEE-Gdansk). Since then it took us quite a lot of time to get to know what it's all about in our region. Much more concrete decisions were made at the NetCom meeting that took place in Vienna at the beginning of July. There we finally specified the range of our region (previously Latvia belonged to the region of AEGEE-Hamburg) and the strategy which we will put forward to our locals. We also declared to organise a regional meeting at the beginning of the next year.*

*One of our first steps was to establish two new locals in Elblag and in Opole. It will probably be a regional meeting in Opole - some people who we met there seemed to be absolutely crazy about AEGEE. Our second step was "direction north" - I mean the Raimund Kamp's idea of NetCom Baltic Trip. Thanks to our trip we managed to establish a new contact in Riga (before that there was almost nothing connected with AEGEE in Latvia).*

*We also met the board of AEGEE-Kaunas - serving them as a kind of support - and found some people interested in our association in Vilnius - the capital city of Lithuania. Keeping in mind that Baltics were much often disregarded I have to admit that trip was a quite big success.*

*Working as NetCom is not so easy. Honestly speaking there's a lot to do about our region - some locals are seriously neglected - I mean especially antennas in the eastern part of Germany and some locals in Poland. In most cases it is because the lack of reply from the locals - then we should act as "fire brigade" - such a silence is a sign that antennae is about to vanish - but financial problems make it more difficult. From the other hand there are many locals which have organised very impressive meetings with many innovations. For example AEGEE-Lodz with its conference "Step*

*into green" broke through the trend of political and social conferences organising the conference concerning ecology.*

*The final conference of Together In Europe project (which was devoted to German-Polish-Ukrainian relationships) organised by AEGEE-Warszawa was not only a big PR achievement (among many lecturers there was President of Poland Mr. Kwasniewski, many ambassadors and other "big bananas" :-)) but also an outgoing and prestigious event. I was*





*also because inviting many representatives from the NGO's - it was not only a sign of co-operation inside the AEGEE but going much further towards other pro-European organisation. As an example of a very peculiar activity I would point at AEGEE-Poznan - which is going to organise 3 conferences in the next three months (!!!).*

*Coming back to the disadvantages of our work I have to emphasise the lack of reliable database, we do not have any PR materials (brochures, posters) except from some "xero" Key To Europe (!) and other poor leaflets. We feel really very stupid when our contacts ask us to give them some promotion stuff, above all they ask for membership cards - but we even do not have them for our own members. And what should we say when they ask the support from the CD...? The problem is that we have to rely on members who are crazy about AEGEE - they are really great but when they are gone the local is gone too.*

*Fortunately there are still such events as NetCom meetings as in Vienna one - and such NetCom maniacs as Rolf, Oleh and Andrzej who really care about our beloved association :-)*

Best regards

Michal Pesta  
NetCom

*ps. I just sometimes feel like these guys.*

**NG**

**...travel  
to  
Warsaw  
to see the  
results of  
the *BASE*  
project during  
the final  
conference  
"Welfare State -  
luxury or  
necessity?"**

**Warsaw,  
April 1999**



# CALENDAR of events

12.10.98

**Sexuality in Europe**

Topic: Several aspects of sexuality (eg social, legal, religious, political, educational)

Location: Leiden (NL)

Event type: Conference

Email: [hrwg@central.aegee.org](mailto:hrwg@central.aegee.org)

14.10.98

16.10.98

**The Romanian-Hungarian Relationship in 202**

Topic: European Days

Location: Cluj-Napoca (RO)

Event type: Conference

Email: [aegeecj@econ.ubbcluj.ro](mailto:aegeecj@econ.ubbcluj.ro)

16.10.98

22.10.98

**AGORA Autumn 1998**

Topic: Statutory Meeting

Location: Hamburg (D)

Event type: Statutory

Email: [agora@aegee.uni-karlsruhe.de](mailto:agora@aegee.uni-karlsruhe.de)

26.10.98

29.10.98

**Surviving the 21st Century - Chances for a Sustainable Society?**

Topic: Building A Social Europe

Location: Heidelberg (D)

Event type: Conference

Email: [aegee.heidelberg@urz.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:aegee.heidelberg@urz.uni-heidelberg.de)

01.11.98

13.11.98

**Building A Social Europe (B.A.S.E)**

"Long Life Learning"

Location: Patra (GR)

Event type: Conference

Email: [vergkat@compulink.gr](mailto:vergkat@compulink.gr)

15.11.98

26.11.98

**Diplomacy & It's Role in the European Integral**

Topic: diplomacy and European integration

Location: Gdansk (PL)

Email: [kuba3@panda.pl](mailto:kuba3@panda.pl)

29.11.98



27.11.98

Universality of Human Rights

29.11.98

Topic: Discussions on Universality of Human Rights

Location: Ankara (TR)

Event type: Conference

Email: e100078@orca.cc.metu.edu.tr

22.01.99

Peace Concept

24.01.99

Topic: Initial congress of Peace Academy

Location: Istanbul (TR)

Event type: Conference

Email: aaegee@sariyer.cc.itu.edu.tr

03.02.99

Space-Tech, Winterschool

07.02.99

Topic: Space aviation and tourism

Location: Delft (NL)

Event type: Conference

Email: conference.aegee@mbx.tudelft.nl

19.02.98

Ancient Civilisations, Unfinished History,

22.02.99

Unsolved Mysteries

Location: Enschede (NL)

Event type: Conference

Email: aegee@student.utwente.nl

05.03.98

Spring PM

07.03.99

Location: Novi Sad (Y)

Event type: Statutory

Email: slavkob@panon.ns.ac.yu

16.03.99

Sustainable Development

20.03.99

Topic: Building a Social Europe

Location: Debrecen (H)

Event type: Conference

Email: aegeedeb@tigris.klte.hu

15.04.99

Spring AGORA

18.04.99

Location: Barcelona (E)

Event type: Statutory

Email: aegee5@xae.ub.es



# Project

## *Regions, Nations, Europe-Perspectives for the Balkans*

*Beograd, July 12th- July 26th*

*Organised by International-Politics-Working-Group and AEGEE-Beograd.*

After its restructuring at the Spring-AGORA in Maastricht, where a new board was elected, the first big project of the International Politics Working Group took place from July 12th to July 26th in the capital of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Beograd. In spite of the title "AEGEE-Summer University" roughly 20 participants "faced" a time-table full of lectures, workshop and visits to institutions and NGO's. The idea of this project was to make the students participate, not just for them to watch passively or to let them stay passive. So most of them gave workshops about prepared topics and which were often part of their studies or were of special interest for them.

### "The historical background of the crisis"

The first lectures dealt with the historical development of "nation-building" in the Former Yugoslavia and its consequences for the crisis today. It was stressed that until the end of the Ottoman Empire, which governed a big part of Former Yugoslavia for centuries, religion was by far the most important criteria for distinguishing people, it was not their ethnic origin. Thus the process of "nation-building" is quite a modern phenomenon, compared to the West of Europe. It is particularly difficult because of the lack of one "classical" aspect for the delimitation of national identities: the diversity of languages. In Former Yugoslavia there was just one basic language "Serbocroatian". Historically, many inhabitants of that region have "multi-ethnic" origins: Serbian, Croatian, Bosnian, etc. This makes the whole conflict seem somehow artificial. On the other side, there is no basic pan-Slavic idea apart from the Russian one, which includes necessarily occupation and foreign hegemony. While widely spread and traditional ideas of an unification of Italy or Germany, to mention the two big tendencies of nation-building in Europe, the attempts to unify the Southern Slavs ended in war and hate. It was also pointed out that during the Tito-era the disintegration of Yugoslavia had already started because of his hard-hand ways of ruling the country. Soon after Tito had died, former communists changed their attitude towards a strong nationalism in order to save their position and to come to power- and the people followed them.

### "The situation today"

After the presentations there always were long intensive discussions, in which the participants posed questions mainly about the following four topics:

- 1) The situation in Serbia today, politically and economically,
- 2) The base for the government of Slobodan Milosevic and its system,
- 3) The Serbian point of view concerning the wars in Croatia and Bosnia,
- 4) The conflict in Kosovo.

Almost all speakers qualified the current system in Serbia as being between dictatorship and democracy. On one hand Slobodan Milosevic, although hated by many Serbs, was again re-elected by the same people. His democratic legitimisation was not doubted. On the other hand the government's orientation is to keep its power by undemocratic. The perception of the reality and especially of the perspectives for the country was quite different. The current economical and political situation

was unison estimated as disaster, from all sides we heard the basic need, that the country needs a political change, starting with new people on power. Because of the leadership the country is still suffering from the sanctions of the United Nations during the wars in Croatia and Bosnia. An unemployment rate of almost 50 %, an average monthly salary of less than 150,- DM and international isolation means an enormous backwardness to almost all other countries in central and eastern Europe being in a period of transition.

As for the conflict in Kosovo, one of the big crisis Europe is currently facing, we got informed of the different points of view: "Kosovo is lost, Milosevic just needs this new war to manipulate the people in order to keep his power" was one main idea. It was also mentioned, that among the Albanians there exists also an aggressive nationalism causing dangers for the Serbian minority in the region. Total independence could not be given to Kosovo because of a large impact for the rest of the southern region of the Balkans, especially for the Republic of Macedonia, where there is also a large Albanian minority.

### Europe's foreign policy towards Former Yugoslavia"

The second major topic was Europe's (and generally the western world's) policy towards former Yugoslavia. Their incoherence was proved already by the number of different changes distinguishable according to the lecturer: 14 since 1989! He claimed there was and is goodwill, but an incapacity to get control of the situation.

The participants gave presentations about topics like the beginning and the expression of nationalism in the Balkans, the Macedonian case, Europe's policy in the Balkan conflicts as first big challenge for Europe's will and capacity to work together in foreign affairs and the situation and protection of Bosnian refugees. These completed the already wide range of lectures and presentations. At the end of the two weeks every participant had learned something new and broadened his or her mind simply because of being at the place, normally known just from television.

### "A big thank you"

Since it was an AEGEE-event, we also partied a lot: Cafés, Bistros, private events, video sessions, European Night... There are many nice places to discover like swimming Cafes on the river Danube, an open-air-club with live music on the castle of Kalemegdan and so on. One day we went to the beautiful city of Novi Sad, capital of the Vojvodina and friendly host-town of the AEGEE-spring-PM 1999, a beautiful place strongly influenced by the fact, that it once belonged to the Austrian-Hungarian Habsburg-Empire, which makes it quite different from the modern and hectic metropolis Beograd. This first event that came to fact with a substantial contribution of the International Politics Working Group can be labelled a big success, an impression shared by all participants. We have to send a big thank you to Stevan Vukovic, Misa Djurkovic and their team from AEGEE-Beograd, who made this project come alive in spite of all problems they faced until the last moments before our arrival. See you hopefully all again!

Bernhard Klein, Secretary of IPWG



# Summary

## President's Meeting

Cagliari '98

### Sometime a dream comes true

*Well to organise a statutory meeting can be one great satisfaction when at the end of seven unforgettable days all the people come back home really happy and satisfied.*

*We have begun to think about PM in Cagliari after having seen how the PM in Veszprem was organised. Later at the Agora in Ankara we were convinced to propose Cagliari for the PM. After Ankara our proposal was accepted, also because an Italian antenna was finally able to organise a statutory meeting after so many years.*

*So we have begun to think how this PM has to be done. First we've decided to give the possibility of an unforgettable week in Sardinia to all the participants. In Maastricht I have presented the project at the Agora. Surprisingly, it got a great applause, which gave me great emotions.*

*Then the problem was to keep promises. Because of all the work over the PM I've spent five months completely involved in this project. Fortunately I got some help, so important in several moments, and had the pleasure of working with the co-operation of some people of my antenna. I received a lot of help from our treasurer Nicola Filippi (he's got some great contacts in the University) and also from Carlo Fadda. It is easily to understand how it is difficult to manage at the same time all the sponsors, partnerships, institutions, press, private sponsor, hotels, transport. I also had to involve in taking care of the Internet (I can't i forget our great webmaster Andrea Pili...), applications, visas, posters, T-shirts, and so on... But it was also a great achievement to sign the agreement with Alitalia. Or when Grauso Foundation was interested in our event, or when, after so many appointments, our tourism institutions (ESIT, EPT) give us a lot of money that helped us so much. Or when I finally found the right place to locate Post PM, and so on, and so on. There were so many great moments during the work but there were also tormented nights with a lot of negative thoughts, like "how many more things to do..."*

*By the time has passed very fast. At that point I have to thank one AEGEE member, but especially a friend of mine, Giacomo Marini, a really important (maybe it's better to say essential) person in the last two weeks before the event. And of course I cannot mention Paolo Carta (our president), Pietro Pillai and Balyno that were really great in helping with the final things.*

*Finally the event came to life. Many applicants didn't come of course, but at the end more than 200 participants arrived (we were waiting for more than*

*300). With great luck we guested a group of really fun people. Our student's house was full but the atmosphere was wonderful.*

*On Friday we went all together to the Town Hall to be welcomed by our Mayor. At the evening we all enjoyed the first crazy party in the best city disco at the seaside.*

*On Saturday, after the Official Opening with the presence of Mr. Mistretta from the University of Cagliari, our Mayor Mariano Delogu and the President of ERSU Mr. Sotgiu (we deeply appreciate their significant help), the PM began.*

*The leisure program of the PM had poor attendance because of various reasons that I don't want to explain. But from my organiser's point of view everything was well taken care of due to the work and presence of 70 AEGEE Cagliari members that made this event even possible.*

*On Sunday the PM was officially closed. Afterwards it was the time to show to all of our participants a really different way of having fun. We've spent the evening in the house of one of our partners, Mr. Grauso that has offered us a really unforgettable time (a great Sardinian dinner, fantastic music, dancers, swimming pool, etc.).*

*We have left for the Post PM trip in the morning. About 140 people took part in that three-day event organised only to make it possible to discover lovely parts of our island and our beaches. I think that all participants mostly appreciated Tuesday: eight hours of sun bathing...*

*On Wednesday night we came back to Cagliari and on Thursday and Friday there was the time for a sad goodbye. Everything was finished on Monday when together with Metin Turan, Rok Mejak and Giacomo Marini we all had a meeting with Mr. Gorbachev, where he was on a holiday in Sardinia.*

*Well, I think I did my best. This dream was wonderful, but it's over and now it's the time to dream about something else...*

Enrico Lai  
PM and Post PM Coordinator

# PM

# Project

## The London Project

### "A visit to the source of the modern democracy model"

The project "A visit to the source of the modern democracy model" was created on the initiative of AEGEE-Warsaw and the Students' Union at the Warsaw School of Economics in March of this year. It has included 51 people of



Polish colleges and universities. Its core component was rich in activities and carefully planned stay in London from the 30th August till the 20th September. Alongside other elements of the Project the stay was meant to serve the following purposes:

- Hands-on experience of exploring the oldest modern European democratic system, its institutional regulations and customs, by taking part in lectures at the London School of Economics and Political Science
- Deepening of knowledge on the subjects of British history and culture, by visiting London
- Investigation of one of the world's oldest and best developed economies, by visiting international companies
- Closer look at and consideration of the role of Great Britain as a subject of international economic and political relations, as a member of the European Union and NATO, especially with respect to Polish accession to those organisations
- Establishment and strengthening of contacts with British non-government organisations (NGOs)
- English language course in the Berlitz Language Centre.

The participants of the Project are students of the Warsaw School of Economics and those who are associated with the European Students' Forum AEGEE. "They are future scientists, business people, politicians, diplomats,

civil servants, in short the future leaders of our society. The study trip we proposed has enabled them to supplement their knowledge acquired during lectures and individual studies," - said Jacek Byrt, Vice-president of AEGEE - Warsaw. Through a direct contact with institutions and customs of the British political system and especially with its living element - the people, the Project participants have had the opportunity to widen their horizons, to learn about those important aspects of the political culture, which defy press reports. Lectures at the London School of Economics were depending on their knowledge of British culture and tradition, allowing viewing the visited institutions in a more historical context. "Our Project has

afforded students the opportunities to verify their former images on the British political-economic system, and has also aroused in them new interest and has become their incentive for further, independent



research" - claims Jakub Charaszkiwicz, representative of the Students' Union at the Warsaw School of Economics. The Project has rendered the participants more open to new ideas and solutions increased their respect for other than their own cultures and traditions and showed them how to take advantage of these. A

further reason in favour of the Project is the fact that in indirect way the whole student community will benefit from it. "For we believe that a success of such an ambitious and difficult undertaking might encourage

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The London Project

are often not interested in working within the so-called third sector or student self-government - think the organisers.



The choice of Great Britain was by no means accidental. We wanted to visit a country, which is the cradle of modern Parliament system. A country where the industrial revolution was first initiated, laying foundations to the new economic order of the world. It was also Great Britain where first reflections on this order were presented, in the form of works of such scholars as Adam Smith."

One of the participants - Maciej Winnicki - has written: "[...] The idea was to create an event comprising everything we could think of that would be new, interesting, educating and entertaining. We aimed at learning a foreign language - or

should I rather say "the language", considering its position as the lingua franca of the modern world, a foreign culture and a way of life. We wanted to see the activities of the most important European financial centre from within by visiting the leading institutions of the City and meeting with people who work for them. And lastly we hoped to have a good time together. (...)



Almost every day we had the opportunity to enter the most powerful institutions of the financial, political and academic world, to listen and speak to their representatives. These visits were truly impressive and we were amazed at the friendly and serious way in which we were received. Then there was "the rest of the city" with all its museums and galleries, monuments and historical buildings, busy streets and world wide renowned stores. The happy end of our project



is an end of a long way, sweetened by a helpful and friendly attitude of many people we turned to seeking support, but also full of difficulties and uncertainties. It was the enthusiasm and hard work of the organisers. Their perseverance and the energy they put into making their idea come true often amazed me. I bow my head to all those who have supported, helped to develop and taken part in the project."

Jacek Byrt



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# Project

## Ljubljana 5-12th July

### ES in Ljubljana

Since AGORA in Maastricht AEGEE Ljubljana and AEGEE Europe have organised a second European School. After the failure of ES in Trier and Turku the organising committee put a lot of effort to organise quality Internal Education event which has shown that ES stays decisive tool for educating and raising the quality of the network.

36 participants from different locals from Turkey, Poland, Germany, Holland, Spain, Hungary, Greece, Yugoslavia, Romania, Sweden and United Kingdom took part in the ES. Participants were put in 5 groups and got different tasks.

Tutors of European School were experienced members and current Comité Directeur members

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Oleh  
Kyriyenko,  
Stefan  
Seidel,  
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men Hilario, Eric Krier, Bernhard Muller and Rok Mejak.

A week of high dose working didn't pass without a social programme. During the afternoons and free time, sports-team were established in order coalesce the groups. The coming of the 45 participants from the Summer University in Ljubljana-Maribor made it possible that the participants from both events had

a chance to meet and participate together in social events. To finish with words of Krzysztof Szczygielski from AEGEE Warszawa: "Having been a participant of the European School in Ljubljana I would like to thank all the tutors and participants for the common work and the nice time we've spent together".



### What is European School?

The European School is directed especially to people who have started or are planning to be active in AEGEE: board members, congress organisers and working-group responsible as well as people considering

joining the CD or a commission.

The European School is a BIG Internal Education event organised by AEGEE-Europe in co-operation with a local branch of AEGEE. The idea is to have a forum within AEGEE where people can exchange knowledge and experiences about the organisation, be trained in practical skills, get informed about special projects and also develop future plans.

It gives the participants a chance to take a closer look at the European level to experience working in a multinational team and to practice newly acquired skills. The ES gives the background knowledge of AEGEE you always wanted to know but never dared ask about, and also the organisational skills which are needed to set up high-quality events.

### What will we face in the near future?

Internal Education plans for 1999 will base on 2 IT schools and 3 European Schools which will contribute for raising of the quality of whole AEGEE network.



# Summary

## "On the sunny side of AEGEE"

*Can you build up an AEGEE antenna within a week? Can you gain a hundred new members, prepare an event, conduct it successfully and sum up the results- all it within 7 days? Yes, you can! You just have to give up sleeping, eating, seeing the blue sky (but not the parties...) Oh, yes...I nearly forgot... You have to be a par-*



*...ticipant of a European School.*

*From the 5th till the 12th of July the Slovenian capital city, Ljubljana saw 30 motivated AEGEE people who had come in order to expand their knowledge and organisation skills (as well as to have fun, of course). Their tutors were the CD members supported by some experienced AEGEEists. They held lectures on all the aspects of the work in a student organisation. Public Relations, Fund-raising, budgeting etc. But the most absorbing, the most challenging and probably the most exciting part of the European School was the role play game that the students could take part in.*

*The participants were divided into 6 groups, each forming a board of a new antenna. AEGEE-Neptun, AEGEE-Uranus, AEGEE-Venus... Their task was to re-found their antennae and to organise an event, starting practically from nothing. The "game-masters" were the tutors, who played the roles of. University authorities, sponsors, the CD (quite easy for them, indeed), mayor of the town, even the European Commission. The space board meetings also called case-sessions took place every day and the participants were occupied with a wide variety of works. They had to budget for their events, send letters to the mayor, issue promotion leaflets, talk to sponsors, then amend their budgets again and so on. It was the best workshop for putting*



*into practice the ideas presented in the morning lectures. Probably the funniest part of the ES was the Agora, the meeting that provided an opportunity to invite people to the conferences the antennae prepared. Although the tutors were clearly afraid of allowing the delegates to vote on the new CD (being aware of the mood of some of the over-worked participants), there were many excellent presentations given during the day. Now I know that even if AEGEE is an organisation of the students of all faculties, most of them would be leading marketing specialists.*

*I should add just to be correct, what is obvious to every AEGEE member, namely, that exhausted ES participants could re-*



*fresh their minds during the parties and pub crawls that took place every day (especially on the lucky day that the participants of the Summer University organised by AEGEE-Ljubljana and AEGEE-Maribor met up with us). The football world cup in France provided an additional portion of adrenaline. Moreover the European School was c.a. just a quarter of an hour walk from the older part of Ljubljana, so it was easy to experience the beauty of the Slovenian capital city.*

*In my opinion the European School was a big success, in spite of a weak points. Maybe some lectures could have been cancelled, maybe the time pressures discouraged some people and affected our creativeness (e.g. I was forced to copy the solutions I had known from Warsaw, having no time for inventing the new ones). But the weak points were really nothing compared to the benefits that both kinds of participants, fresh members and the more experi-*

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# Project

Together in Europe

## **"Together in Europe: Poland-German-Ukraine"**

*There were times in the past when geo-political position of Poland played a crucial role in limiting our participation on the international scene, made our economic development more difficult and also endangered our independence. Although Germans, Ukrainians and Poles fought often against one another, we think it is high time to re-establish our relations for the better future of our citizens. That's why the people from AEGEE-Poland decided to organise conference "Poland - a bridge between East & West". It was created in co-operation with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and College of Europe. The Warsaw conference was held on May 15-17, 1998 but work over our project*

*started nearly seven month before. Moreover the idea even earlier.*

*The idea of the project "Together in Europe" is dated back to May 1997. At that time two disagreeable incidents took place. The first one in Lviv (problems at the very sensitive place for Poles: the graveyard of Polish soldiers - Orleta Lwowskie) and the second one in Przemysl (during a Festival of the Ukrainian Culture in Poland). Both proved that the Polish-Ukrainian Co-operation Agreement signed in April in Kiev by Presidents of both countries, is not worth much yet. It appeared to be clear that declarations of politicians don't exactly coincide with people's behaviour. As we may observe, visits of politicians and co-operation at different types of people's initiatives, which could promote broader co-operation between our countries also through contacts and projects of citizens do not follow the administrative level. However, these incidents have made the AEGEE members from Lviv, Warsaw, Lublin and Bialystok plan and release a project devoted to fill in a gap in Polish-Ukrainian relations.*

*Co-ordinator of the "Together in Europe" Darek Danilewicz said that developing good relations with neighbours to the east is the real challenge*

*at hand. "That's why we should promote the Polish-German model in our relations with Ukraine" he explained.*

*At the same time we would like to underline that in our opinion the European integration process does not mean cultural or religious unification. Every nation has a right to preserve its own identity. We hope that such assumption will let us better understand particularities of our countries and perspectives of their development within the European structures.*

*That's why the purpose of the "Together in Europe" project is to create permanent co-operation between associations in Poland, Germany and Ukraine. Having in mind the example of Polish-German relations AEGEE members will try to underline all advantages that come out of such peaceful co-operation between those nations. Such model of co-operation should be therefore applied for the Polish-Ukrainian relations and for relations with other countries as well. Undoubtedly German-Ukrainian relations are not free from historical burden, too. Problems in mutual relations are well recognised in Germany and for that reason one of the main foundations of German foreign policy is a development of wide German-Ukrainian co-operation. That has been clearly stressed during the visit of German Minister of Foreign Affairs Klaus Kinkel in Kiev, last July.*

*There is a strong need for a constructive dialogue that will let us fight out stereotypes and prejudices among nations in Europe and help to develop new relations with our eastern and western neighbours. Today Poland has a unique chance to become a leader in negotiations aiming at enhancing contacts between our country, Ukraine and Germany. We hope that our conferences showed us new ways in order to act together for European welfare and integration.*

Anna Maslon

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enced ones, got from the School. All of them completed a well prepared, systematic course on running an antenna and organising an event. The newcomers could learn a lot about techniques of the AEGEE work. PR, FR, Human Resources, etc. The more experienced participants were given an opportunity to systematise their knowledge and to supplement it. The European School was an occasion to discuss important problems of



AEGEE without the pressure and excitement that is normal during an Agora. It enabled the students to get to know of other antennae, which is important, as some of the participants will probably be active at the European level some day. Finally, as every AEGEE event, the ES



provided an opportunity to make new friends and have a great time in a hospitable city.

I would like to thank the tutors: Karmen Hilario, Orsolya Peter, Marina Aubert, Oleh Kyriyenko, Stefan Seidel, Eric Krier, Bernhard Mueller, Dan Luca, Stevan Vukovic, also Rok Mejak who organized the Es and especially for the members of my space antenna:

Corinna Walz and Iraklis S. Plakis.

Krzyssztof Szczygielski  
AEGEE-Venus President

## Building a Social Europe

*Building A Social Europe is the biggest project of AEGEE! First of all what is the idea behind this project? AEGEE has always been focused on social issues, but because of the disappearing borders we need to give even more attention to social issues.*

*Because of the disappearing frontiers it is important to highlight some issues in society like unemployment and criminality. This can and will be done in this project.*

*The BASE-project will give young people all over Europe the chance to build some stones in the construction of the European house which should be based on a social fundament. In a profound discussion AEGEE intends to compare the different social structures in order to contribute to their improvement. In the process of further unification it is even more important to highlight issues in society like unemployment, equal chances, etc.*

*The start of the project was done in April by AEGEE-Amsterdam by organising their conference "Fortress Europe" about security in Europe. It was a two-day conference with excellent speakers, like the Dutch minister of Defence Mr. Voorhoeve. It needs to be mentioned that the participants in the number of over 200 made this conference a big success.*

*The second conference was in Enschede in May and was titled "Quest for Competence ~ towards a knowledge society" and it was dealing with the Education and Employment problems. The quality of this conference was extremely high during the three days of lectures, a cultural day and two days of training. Maybe it had high quality, but there weren't as many participants as the organisers would have hoped. But for those who were there it was great and for us it was financially successful.*

*The third conference was the Education and Employment first seminar of BASE. It was held in September in Treviso in Italy. Not all participants showed up, but it was a nice conference that focussed more on the Employment side, especially in Northern Italy, whereas in Enschede it was more focussed on the Education side. Soon after then was the conference in Augsburg about WASTE in the Sustainable Development field.*

Vera Sanne Haaksma

# BASE

## JUST INTEGRATING INTO EUROPE!

*AEGEE-Lviv was founded at 1993. At this time it had only 15 members... Now it consists of more than 100 young Ukrainians who participate in all events organised by AEGEE and actively help to organise our own events. What did we do for these five years? Have we helped the world to understand what country Ukraine is? You can answer. Facts and data that is below will tell you more than words...*

*So, in July 1993 the first event was organised by our antennae together with AEGEE-Mykolaiv. It was a Summer University "History of Ukraine, its culture and language".*

*Those who participated in it could make a little journey - to Kyiv, Dnipropetrovs'k and south of Ukraine.*

*In a year, in July 1994 the II SU was organised. It had rather interesting topic - "Young independent states - former republics of USSR: ways of the development". Its programme showed the situation after the disorder of USSR and gave the possibility to the participants to estimate the perspectives of the development of young countries.*

*Then one more SU was organised in August 1994 - "History of the Crimea". Local committees on the south of Ukraine also took part in it. Its aim was to show the participants the situation in the Crimea at the present time and let them get acquainted with the historical and cultural traditions of the Crimea.*

*In September 1995 together with AEGEE-Kyiv and the help of AEGEE-Sevastopol and AEGEE-Zaporizhzhia our antennae held Cognisable Journey which goal was to represent Ukraine as a powerful and independent member of the European society.*

*Then came 1996. This year is special for AEGEE-Lviv - we held our first big event - an international conference "Ukraine - Europe: new realities" which concerned economical and political problems of Ukraine after five years of inde-*

*pendence.*

*And in three months, in August - Educational Cognisable SU was organised together with AEGEE-Kyiv and AEGEE-Mykolaiv. Next year, in 1997, two conferences were organised. The first one called "Chornobyl' - tragic experience of Europe" was to help the youth to realise all globality and the width of the problem of development of atomic energies. The participants could also see and esti-*



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mate to themselves how painful the word "Chornobyl" is for us.

The second conference was held almost a year ago - in October. It was organised together with AEGEE-Utrecht in boundaries of the project "Neighbourhood in Europe". It was devoted to the problem of the unemployment and named "Unemployment among the youth: regional differences". The main attention was concentrated on the problems of the

young in the countries with the developing economies and especially on young peoples' adaptation to the fundamental economical transformations, social and political changes.

This year our antennae organised two big and unforgettable (I hope) events. The first was in April. It was a conference "Ukraine-Poland: close but not together" which was held in boundaries of the project "Together in Europe: Poland-Germany-Ukraine". The aim was to analyse contemporary Ukrainian-Polish relations in political, economical, military and public sphere. Almost seventy AEGEEists from Ukraine, Poland, Germany, the United Kingdom and Spain participated in it.

And not long ago in July 1998, TSU-'98 was held together with AEGEE-Kyiv and with the help of AEGEE-Chernivtsi and AEGEE-Ivano-Frankivs'k. AEGEEists from Poland, the Netherlands, Spain, Austria, Germany, Turkey, the Czech Republic was given the possibility to live and to travel in Ukraine for four nights. They were in Kyiv, Ivano-Frankivs'k, Chernivtsi and of course travelled to our pride - Carpathian Mountains.

I hope their knowing of Ukrainian language has improved.

Five years of existing... Six SU and four conferences... Much of it or just little - you decide!

"Life is full of presents, and one of them - AEGEE!"

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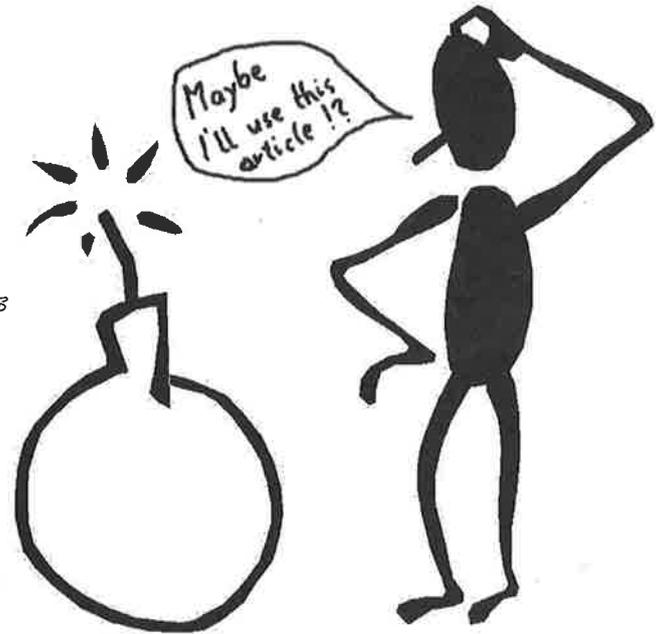
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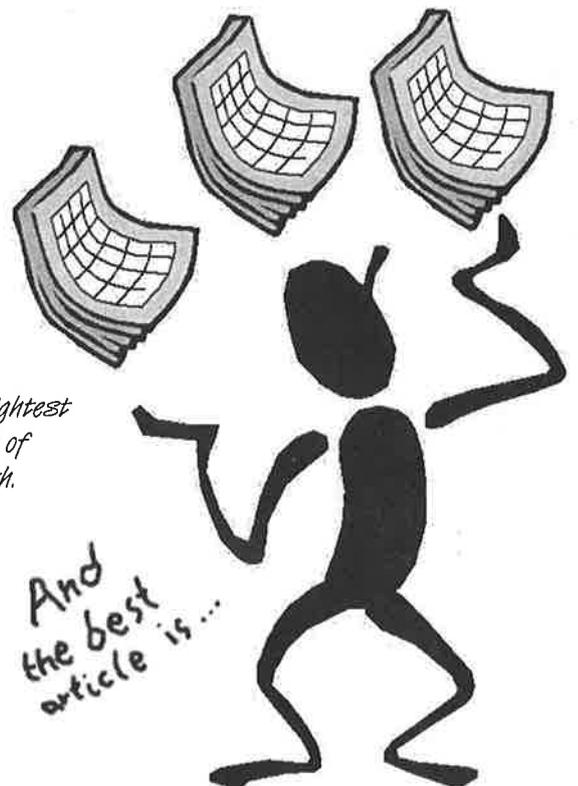
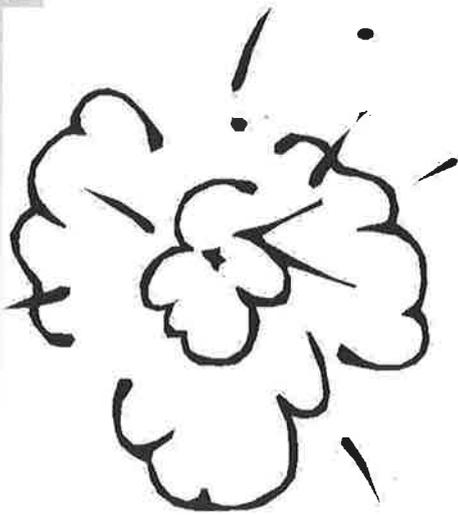
## Day 1

*With fresh minds full of ideas we sit in front of our computer's screen with lots of enthusiasm.  
We can almost imagine our final success - the newest edition of the News Bulletin*

*We have many ideas about the articles we've found on our News Bulletin account...*



*... but they aren't always very good.*



*Sometimes we don't have a slightest idea what to do with the bunch of information we have to deal with.*

Day 2

The light in the tunnel seems to be moving away from us. Soem people have just bad moments...

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... and some have some strange feelings.



But some are really devoted to the work.



Day 3

Finally the work is coming to an end really fast



When the end came, we couldn't believe it!



\*Don't think that we did it in just three days!

# **Identity Card for the**



## **Network**

### **Technical Data**

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Starting point: The European Conference in Paris (16-22 April 1985)

Founder of AEGEE: Franck Biancheri (France)

Working languages: French / English and the language of the country organizing the event

### **Structure and Activities**

Structure: Every spring and every autumn, AEGEE organizes a General Assembly (Agora), during which, 9 members of the Comité Directeur (CD) of AEGEE-Europe are elected, members coming from at least 5 different countries. Presently, the members of the CD come from 8 different countries.

Objective: The aim of AEGEE is the promotion of the European integration and cooperation among young people, especially the students.

Nature: A non-governmental, non-profit, financially independent, irreligious and apolitical association

Average age of members: 23

Principles: Democracy, tolerance, transparency and efficiency

Domains: 3 pillars: European education, EU enlargement, European citizenship.

Area of activity: Europe (mainly)

Methods: AEGEE does not take into consideration any national level of the association, thus offering the possibility of a direct cooperation between the local and the European levels.

Means: European projects, Case studies, Summer Universities, conferences, seminars, reports, books, meetings with personalities, Internet, Press releases.

### **Size**

Active members: 1500 (5-7 members in each local AEGEE - CD)

Members: 20,000 (students and young professionals from every field)

Budget 1997:

200,000 ECU - European Coordination

1,000,000 ECU - the total of all the local budgets

Permanent employees: 0

Finance: The European Commission, The Council of Europe, and national and local institutions, Sponsors, membership fees, participation fees to different events.

### **A permanent patronage for AEGEE-Europe**

- Jacques Santer - The President of the European Commission
- Daniel Tarschys - The General Secretary of the Council of Europe
- Catherine Lalumiere - Member of the European Parliament
- Hans van den Broek - European Commissioner
- Joseph M. Bricall - President of the European Conference of Rectors
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