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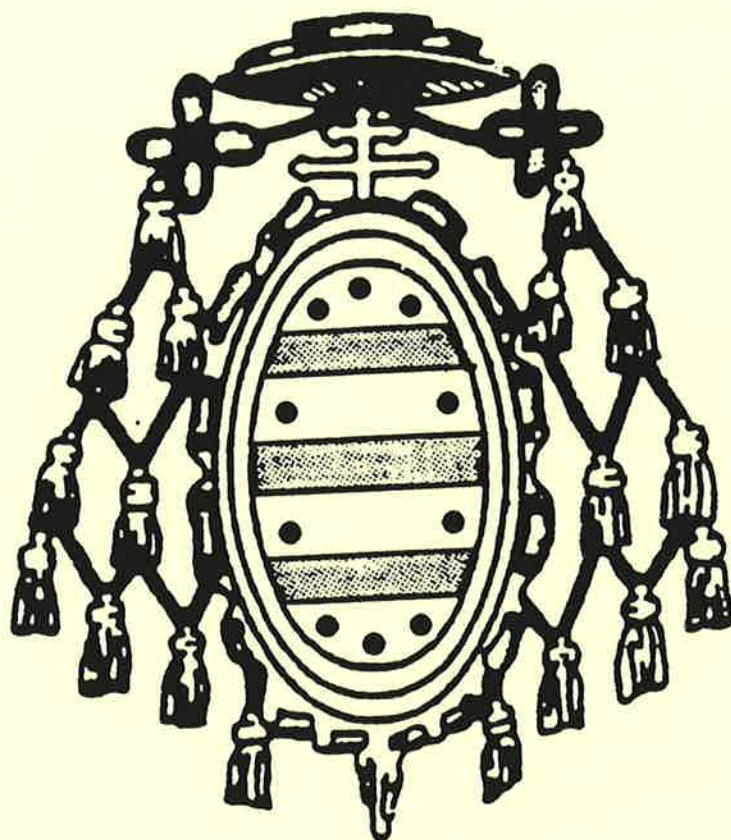
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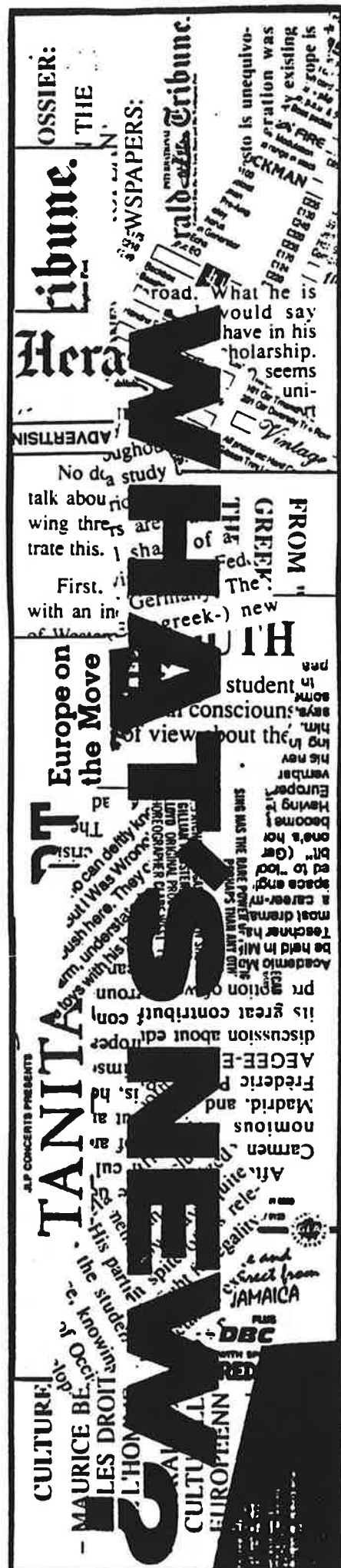
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Cologne, 25.10.1990

HI FOLKS!

As you might know, AEGEE Cologne publishes twice every term a magazine called AEGEE - Times. From time to time we are trying to change the subjects to make the whole thing more interesting. Our latest ideas were:

- 1) to present and to introduce European University towns to the students of Cologne. Since more and more students are getting interested in studying abroad, a short report of your university, your every-day-life there (your likings and dislikings), what kind of studies one can take, the possibilities for foreigners, the character of the town and its people etc. would be very interesting to read - as well as a help while choosing the University to study at.
So please write to us from Salamanca, Milano, Salzburg, Leipzig or anywhere else in Europe!!!
- 2) We'd like to report what's going on in Europe
CULTURALLY: Please tell us something about your favourite book, pop group, opera, theatre or whatever!!!

Well, I hope to hear from you - please write to the address mentioned above.

European Regards!!

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From the Community to the "Large Confederation" -

The events we are witnessing (we might mention the very topical example of the attempts to create an economic and monetary union as Twelve), prove how steep is the path leading to the integration of the European economy. Along this path we often encounter obstacles that seem insurmountable. It is enough for one of the participants to show reluctance as soon as a major effort is required, causing one or another of its partners to become reticent and deadlock the dynamism of the undertaking (which nonetheless does not weaken the validity and even the need for a project to be challenged in the context of an articulate and democratic decision-making process). Is it possible (and desirable) for a "hard core" group to take shape and cut the knots, sweeping the others along, so as to allow the attainment of the objective nonetheless? We shall wait and see if this happens in regard to EMU, which will be a crucial test.

If the Twelve encounter so many problems, it stands to reason that these problems would multiply - probably exponentially - in a larger or "much larger" Community, given the lack of adequate institutions and decision-making mechanisms. In the equation to which Mr. Delors refers from time to time, and which combines the two terms of "essential common interests" on the one hand and "the level of ambition" on the other, the unknown factor is the number of participants. The most logical interpretation is that the more participants are involved, the lower the level of ambition and the more limited the content of the essential common interests. Proof of this is that certain politicians at various levels, who travel from one capital of the continent to another saying that "the Community's doors must remain wide open to all," are the very ones who deny the Community the ambition of becoming a political force that counts in the world and that has the means to act (economic, political and other) if need be. They are also the same ones who have a concept of the essential common interests on which broad consensus is guaranteed without causing reservations or opposition as to content. It is the common interests which involve the promotion of democratic values that must be the foundation of a European model of society and which have their roots in the history of "our cultures and culture."

There is nothing new in these observations, but they occupy an increasingly important place since the collapse of the barriers that divided Europe and the regimes in Eastern Europe which held absolute power precisely by denying the values that are the foundation of Western society. Is the end of this division automatically prompting the possibility of creating a new and broader entity? With what features and within what limits? This is the problem raised in vague terms by Gorbachev when he spoke of the "common European house" and on which broad debate has opened in regard to the various scenarios that the future "architecture" of the European continent might take.

For the time being, the scenarios for which feasibility studies are in an exploratory phase can be reduced to two. The first focuses on the establishment of a European Economic Area (permanent or provisional) that would bring together the current Community and the EFTA countries according to certain rules.

The second is aimed at going beyond the "logic of blocs," which was partially begun by the Helsinki Act of 1975 and to which the summit that will bring together the 35 CSCE countries in Paris on 19-21 November will endeavour to give form and substance. This will notably include the creation of institutional structures in which the Council of Europe (and its Assembly) have expressed great interest.

President Mitterrand has spoken on various occasions of a future great European confederation "in the real sense of the term" (therefore not to be confused with a "federation"). He even specified, during his New Year's address, that, as far as dimension is concerned, it will be built upon the "Helsinki agreements" and, as regards the content, that it would be a "joint and permanent organisation of exchange, peace and security", adding immediately that it would only be a final stage, preceded by "reinforcement of structures of our Community of Twelve". Admittedly, all that is a little vague: proof of this lies in the fact that comments and interpretations were far from consistent. At the time, Jacques Delors had posed a prior condition: "the great confederation will only see the light of day if the Community of Twelve has covered considerable ground on the road to Political Union". And the President of the Commission notes "a-federation of the Twelve".

AGORA

The AGORA as the parliament of AEGEE is the most important body on the European level. It has to vote upon main aims and projects of the association, to elect the responsible representatives of the CD and the commissions and to control the work of the CD, the commissions, the working groups and the local AEGEEs.

One of the main problems is the preparation of its decisions. Although the proposals to the AGORA are sent to all antennae before the AGORA, the delegates do not have enough background information to give a qualified vote. The proposals are often not discussed in the antennae, sometimes not even read by the delegates.

Furthermore positions become more fixed when they are discussed the first time in an AGORA. There is almost no way for a dialogue in a plenary session.

Uninformed delegates just follow leaders without having a position of their own and without supporting their proper decision in an active way. The solution of these problems demands a better preparation of the AGORA in the antennae.

Furthermore the decisions of the AGORA should be discussed in working groups before the AGORA. These groups may correspond to the topics of existing AEGEE-WGs as well as to important points of the Agenda of the AGORA (statutes, future of AEGEE etc.) This kind of preparatory group meetings may take place on Saturday, preceding the plenary session only on Sunday.

The delegates of every antenna could get sufficient informations and arguments in order to participate actively in the decision-making process of the AGORA.

For the election of responsible persons it should be clear that an oral or written presentation of all candidates is necessary in order to guarantee transparent information for a discussion and the election.

At the end of their mandate every responsible person should render an individual account to the AGORA in an oral or written way. A control of the organs of AEGEE by the AGORA would otherwise not be possible.

The single-list system for electing the CD is not only out-dated as by now in the communist countries, but basically does not represent our goals. We therefore call for a democratic election instead of the former single-list.

This would imply that all members be involved in the election process and thereby can recognize the CD as their selfelected body.

We also call for the installation of a committee which should work on a reorganisation of the AGORA. Every member should be welcome to join this important committee.

On behalf of the candidates, I declare our willingness to discuss in a constructive way; a way which will certainly lead to a promising future for our organisation.

Welcome in Bonn!

Georg v.d. Gablentz



AGORA

Working Format

Article 1: TASK

The Agora of AEGEE-Europe
 - decides the modifications of the Statutes and the main lines of AEGEE-Europe
 - elects the representatives of the association
 in conformance with the statutes of AEGEE-Europe and this Working Format

Article 2: MEMBERS

The members of the Agora are:
 - the members and assistant members of the Board of Directors of AEGEE-Europe,
 - the representatives of the recognized local AEGEE's
 - the representatives of the Agora: commissions (Art. 21-23 Statutes) and the working groups of AEGEE-Europe (Art. 25),
 - the members of the Board of Trustees (Art. 21),
 - the representatives of the contact groups and eastern contact groups.

All members have speaking right at the Agora.

CD, local AEGEEs, commissions, working groups, contact groups and eastern contact groups have the right to present proposals via their president.

The elected representatives of the local AEGEEs have the right to vote.

Any member of AEGEE has the right to act as an observer to the Agora. Other observers may only attend with the permission of the Agora chairman. Observers have no speaking or voting rights.

Article 3: MEETINGS and CONVOCATION

The regular Agora is held once a year in April. Another (extraordinary) Agora is held six months after each ordinary Agora.

The language of the Agora shall be English or French. Translations shall be made on request. The General Secretary of AEGEE-Europe convokes the Agora. The date and the place of the Agora have to be communicated to the local AEGEEs at least two months before the meeting. The Board of Directors sets the agenda.

Proposals concerning projects and modifications of the Statutes as well as the list of candidates for the Board of Directors and the chairmanship of the Agora must be presented to the General Secretary at least one month before the Agora.

The agenda, the names of the candidates for the Board and the chairmanship have to be communicated to the local AEGEEs at least two weeks before the Agora.

The Agora may modify the order of the topics listed in the Agenda at any time during the meeting.

Article 4: CHAIRMAN

The chairman of the Agora is elected by the Agora for a period of two Agoras (ordinary or extraordinary). The Board of Directors and every local AEGEE have the right to propose candidates. These candidates must have experience

- as a member of the Board of AEGEE-Europe or a local AEGEE, or

- as a delegate of a former Agora.

The candidate who receives the absolute majority of votes is elected in a first round. If no candidate is elected in the first round the two candidates with the most votes participate in a final ballot. The candidate who gets the majority of votes in the second round is elected chairman.

The chairman presides over the Agora in conformance with the Statutes of AEGEE-Europe and this Working Format. He opens, suspends and adjourns the meeting. He does not participate in the discussion of motions.

The chairman is responsible for the execution of the agenda in cooperation with the Board of Directors.

The chairman ensures that time limits on motions and speakers are observed in order to guarantee a fair hearing to every motion and every speaker. He is responsible for ensuring parity of speaking for those both for and against the motions.

The chairman is responsible for the minutes which shall be sent to the local AEGEEs not later than one month after the Agora.

Article 5: DEBATE

The members of the Agora asking to speak are registered in a list in the order of their application. The member proposing the motion has the right to speak in the first and in the last place.

Article 6: DECISIONS and AMENDMENTS

The decisions of the Agora are taken as determined by the Statutes.

Members eligible for voting who are not able to attend votes of the Agora may pass their vote to another delegate of their local AEGEE by means of a written authorisation.

Amendments concerning motions inscribed in the agenda of the Agora may be introduced before and during the discussion of the motion concerned in writing. The amendment must relate to the text which is to be modified. It cannot withdraw or replace the whole text of the motion.

The chairman of the Agora decides about the admissibility of the amendment. The amendments are voted upon before the original motion.

Article 7: COMING INTO FORCE

Every decision of the Agora comes into force the day after the meeting of the Agora.

This does not apply to procedural questions concerning the Agora in progress.

Article 8: EXCEPTIONS

The Agora may decide exceptions to this Working Format with a two-thirds majority. These exceptions cannot withdraw the rules of the Statutes.

CONVENTION D'ADHESION

Considering:

- that AEGEE has developed its network into East-Europe and EFTA countries and is not restricted to the actual European Community,
- that a legal gap arose because of former conventions were either lost or never signed at all,
- the Comité Directeur proposes:
- to adjust the preamble of the convention d'adhésion,
- that all antennae and contact-antennae of AEGEE-Europe sign again the convention d'adhésion.

TERMINATION OF CONVENTIONS D'ADHESION

Considering:

- that former antennae and contact-antennae became empty legal persons without board or members,
- that it is not in the interest of AEGEE to preserve legal linkages with such empty legal persons,
- the necessity of safeguarding the name and reputation of AEGEE,
- the Comité Directeur proposes to terminate the following conventions d'adhésion with the following antennae or contact-antennae:

Grenoble
Iluelva
Mons
Nice
Reims
Toulouse
Roma

Annex

The procedure will be as follows:

The above mentioned antennae or contact-antennae will receive a letter with the announcement of the termination of their convention d'adhésion and a renewed convention d'adhésion. They have 30 days to sign it and send it back. If not the termination is applied and the antennae will not be mentioned anymore. In the addressbook and on the list of antennae. In case of a revival of the antennae the normal criteria procedure has to be followed again.



Proposal

by AGORE Freiburg

concerning a modification of article 25 of the statutes of AGORE Europe

CONSIDERING

- that a proposal of the Comité directeur concerning working group criteria has been discussed on the last Presidents' Meeting on 20 to 30 September 1990 at Karlsruhe,
- that, on recommendation of the Presidents' Meeting, a common proposal of both the CD and the working groups has been formulated,
- that this common proposal should be adopted by the Agora,

that, however, the content of the said proposal is partly not in conformity with article 25 of the statutes of AGORE Europe,

that, in our opinion, the said provision of our statutes does not reflect the experience made with the functioning of both the East West Working Group and the Environmental Working Group the last years,

that, therefore, it is necessary to modify article 25 of the statutes in order to stress the independence of the working groups and their direct responsibility to the Agora in conformity with the tasks of the CD, according to the common proposal of the CD and the working groups;

AGORE Freiburg proposes to the Agora to decide:

Article 25 of the statutes of AGORE Europe reads as follows:

"Article 25. Groupes de travail

L'Agora peut décider de la création de groupes de travail, s'occupant de la préparation, de l'organisation et de la réalisation de missions prévues au sein de AGORE Europe. Ces groupes de travail agissent de manière indépendante dans le cadre de leurs missions respectives et sont responsables devant l'Agora.

Les groupes de travail sont notamment constitués:

- d'un trésorier adjoint, seul responsable financier du groupe devant le Comité directeur,
- d'un rapporteur, responsable du travail du groupe auprès de l'Agora et assurant le contact permanent avec le Comité directeur.

Les responsables des groupes de travail sont élus par le groupe respectif. Après chaque élection, les groupes de travail communiquent les noms des porcheurs élus. Le Comité directeur qui doit les approuver. Les élus sont considérés comme approuvés par le Comité directeur, faute d'objection écrite par celui-ci dans un délai de deux semaines après communication."

SUPPLEMENTS

Considering:

- the increase of the geographical distances within the network of AGORE,
- that on the Salerno-Agora the number of CD-members decreased from 30 to 16,
- that the experience of the last year showed that the work of a CD-supplement is equal to the work of a full CD-member,

the Comité Directeur proposes to change the statutes of AGORE-Europe as follows:

Article 16. Comité directeur
L'association est administrée par un Comité directeur composé de seize membres: des AGORE-locals. Le président, dix membres actifs et cinq suppléants, élus au vote secret par liste pour une période de deux ans par l'Assemblée Générale, appelée Agora.

Les suppléants entrent au Comité directeur dans le cas de démissions et/ou de décès. Les suppléants sont élus par le Comité directeur et annoncés par le président d'AGORE-Europe.

Tous les membres du Comité directeur sont rééligibles. Au moins sept nationalités différentes doivent être représentées au sein du Comité directeur.

Est élu au premier tour la liste ayant recueilli la majorité absolue des voix. Si aucune liste n'obtient la majorité des voix au premier tour, un second tour est organisé. Seules les deux listes arrivées en tête au premier tour participent à ce second tour. Est élu au second tour la liste ayant obtenu la majorité simple des voix.

Le premier inscrit sur la liste élue par l'Agora pour former le Comité directeur est nommé président du Comité directeur.

Le président du Comité directeur est le président de l'association AGORE-Europe. Si tous les membres du Comité directeur doivent présenter un bref rapport oral à la fin de leur mandat.

becomes:

Article 16. Comité Directeur

L'association est administrée par un Comité Directeur composé de seize membres des AGORE-locals. Le président et quinze membres actifs, élus au vote secret

..... de rest remains the same

ASSOCIATION DES ETATS GENERAUX DES ETUDIANTS DE L'EUROPE

PROPOSAL

FOR THE AGORA OF AEGEE-EUROPE NOVEMBER 23RD - 25TH 1990 IN BONN

PROPOSAL I:

AEGEE Freiburg would like the comité directeur to report upon it's proclaimed program S.O.S France and Britain that was discussed on the AGORA in Paris in May 1990. What steps have been taken to support the existing French and British antennas and what has been done to found new antennas?

PROPOSAL II:

AEGEE Freiburg would like to propose a reorganization of the summer university:

Kajla Gadany's system to ask the antennas to evaluate their candidates (more active members/ less active members) should be maintained.

But: the system of self-assessment should be modified. For level two courses the candidates should prove basic knowledge of at least two years of instruction in school. For level three courses they should prove knowledge of at least four years of instruction. Adequate knowledge not acquired in school should be regarded as equal.

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Concerning
the coordination of the Summer University on European level.
Considering

- that a lot of antennas had problems with people who registered for a Summer University but did not attend it.
- that organizing antennas have a lot of fixed costs.
- that a deposit of 10 ECU is not enough to make people take their inscription seriously.
- that some antennas asked for more than the fee of 86 ECU we agreed on.

AGRE-Saarbrücken proposes

to accept inscriptions for Summer University only together with the full fee (at the moment 86 ECU), which has to be sent to a central AGRE-Europe Summer University account.

If the applicant will get a place for a Summer University course, this money will be forwarded to the organizing antenna at the beginning of the course.

Antennas must have received cancellations 10 days before the official beginning of the course. Otherwise no money will be refunded.

If the cancellation occurs before this date only 10 ECU will go to the organizing antenna. The rest will be refunded to the applicant.

Every applicant is himself responsible for his inscription.



Association des Etals
Généralistes des Etudiants
de l'Europe
Forum Europäischer Studenten
Berlin e. V.

PROPOSAL

Concerning: the exchange of information about projects between the C.D. and antennae

Considering:

- * That the C.D. should have a coordinating and supporting function.
- * That the lack of information between the C.D. and the antennae hinders the cooperation between the C.D. and the antennae, but also the cooperation between the antennae themselves.

Convinced that:

- * A better coordination and support by the C.D. will be facilitated by a structured information flow between the C.D. and the antennae.

AGEE-Berlin proposes:

- * To structure the information flow between the C.D. and the antennae concerning the organization of events. This will be done by the way of two questionlists.

The first list will be sent to the antenna that has informed the C.D. about their plans to organize an event. The C.D. will use the information from this questionlist to:

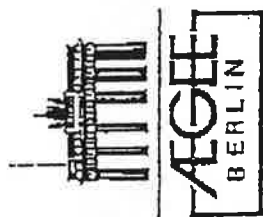
1. see where the C.D. can help and support the antenna.
2. coordinate an eventual cooperation between antennae having similar plans.

The second list will be sent to the antennae after the event has ended. The C.D. will use the information from this list to:

1. evaluate the event.
2. advise other antennae on organizational matters as well as on contents.

- * To oblige every antenna to make the proceedings of their event. These proceedings will have to include the contents of the lectures and a short evaluation of the event. These proceedings will have to be sent to the C.D., which will use it for the reasons mentioned above, namely:
 1. evaluation of the event.
 2. advising of other antennae on their future events.

And next to these for an other very important reason:
3. to present AGE-activities externally.



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PROPOSAL

Concerning: A demand for an increasing openness in the financial situation of AGE-Europe

Considering:

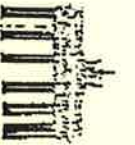
- * That until now a serious lack of information about the precise financial situation of AGE-Europe has existed.
- * AGE-Europe is still in a bad financial situation.

Convinced that:

- * An effective financial control is desired.
- * The treasurer of AGE-Europe should keep the members informed about the actual financial situation of AGE-Europe.
- * More openness in the financial situation of AGE-Europe will stimulate realistic financing within AGE-Europe.

AGEE-Berlin proposes:

- * That the treasurer of AGE-Europe reports to the financial commission about the actual financial situation of AGE-Europe at least every three months, at the same time publishing this overview in the News-Bulletin.
- * That the financial commission gives their opinion about this quarterly report to the treasurer of AGE-Europe, at the same time publishing their opinion in the News-Bulletin.



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PROPOSAL

Considering: An European Database

Considering:

- * The lack of structured information about former AEGEE-projects, on local as well as European level,
- * That the CD should have a coordinating and supporting function.

Convinced that:

- * Structured information about former projects can improve the quality of future projects, e.g. in view of organizational structure and contents.
- * The organization of future projects can be greatly facilitated by structured information about former projects on the same subject.
- * The existence of easy-accessible structured information about former projects will increase the use of this information.

AEGEE-Berlin proposes:

- * The foundation of an European Database, containing structured information about former AEGEE-projects. This database will have to be managed by the CD.
- This information will exist of:
 - an outline of the contents,
 - information about the organization, e.g. structure, eventual problems,
 - information about the main sponsors and important contacts,
 - a contactperson.

The contactperson can be asked to answer detailed questions which cannot be answered with the information in the database. Antennae wanting information can address the CD and the CD will then provide these antennae with the wanted information.

A possible means to provide the information needed for the database will be handed by the proposal on Exchange of information about projects between the CD and antennae.

P E O S A L

P R E : E M T E D B Y

T H E

EAST-WEST WORKING GROUP OF AEGEE-EUROPE

The latter half of the 1980s has witnessed a fundamental change in the community's relations with the USSR and the other countries of Eastern Europe. Since the momentous developments of 1989, events have moved at an almost breath-taking speed. We therefore cannot stick anymore to the decisions as passed at the AGOMA in Sevilla.

One of the cornerstones of our dealings with the Eastern European countries should be the principle of "specificity", i.e. treating each in accordance with its particular situation. Although the role of the USSR in a new European structure is not yet defined, we should start with the necessary dialogue in order to support the path towards democracy and market economy. We cannot wait any longer until these conditions as supposition are fulfilled.

We therefore would like to establish official contacts to university towns such as Riga and Kiev. This has to be done in a far-sighted way, in order to find students who stand up for the goals of our association. (The DATABASE of the East-West Working Group could be useful.)

Afterwards we could integrate them into our network of Eastern Contact Groups (ECG).

The establishment of Eastern Contact Groups should follow through a good co-ordination between the EWKG and the CD of AEGEE-Europe.

Bruxelles, 18 octobre 1990

G. Müller

Georg von der Gableutz
Chairman of the East-West Working Group

