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Jest jedno miejsce, z którego
można dolecieć wszędzie:
Frankfurt.



Lufthansa

Nieważne, skąd startujesz i w którym kierunku lecisz. Najlepsza trasa prowadzi zawsze przez nasze lotnisko usytuowane w centrum Europy. Oferuje ono najbardziej rozwiniętą sieć połączeń na Starym Kontynencie i ponad 90 punktów docelowych. Czy chcesz dostać się z Manchesteru na Maltę, czy też jesteś mieszkańcem Dublinu mającym interesy w Nizhny Nowgorodzie, nie ma wątpliwo-

ści, że tam latamy. Pobyt w naszym nowym terminalu sprawi, że Twoje wspomnienia z Frankfurtu na pewno będą miłe: orzeźwiający napój w poczekalni Business Class, czasopisma, fotele, w których można wygodnie odpocząć i oczywiście faxy oraz komputery, na wypadek gdybyś musiał pracować. Szkoda tylko, że spędzisz tu tak mało czasu, bo Twój następny lot jest już za chwilę.

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Serwis 

Spring is in the air !!!

Yes, finally Spring had come to AEGEE. After the cold Winter our beloved association has started 1997 with really fresh bunch of interesting projects, ideas and new enthusiastic approach. This Spring is different from other that we saw in the recent years. The projects we challenge are bigger than ever. "Europe and Euro just started" in Rotterdam, "Neighbourhood in Europe" in Praha. And don't forget about the other idea - presented by two old partner antennae: Warszawa and Enschede. These were PM PLUS and AGORA PLUS series. Only a year ago nobody was crazy enough to risk doubled difficulties with organisation of two parallel events. Today in the PLUS series we gave you possibility to see that it is great to organise three parallel sessions! Did you see that mess? I do love it. As we counted there were 513 participants of PLUS activities in Warszawa and 726 in Enschede. Altogether 1239 participants in two events. Incredible...



Yes, AEGEE is a great organisation and proved (or proves) to possess a huge potential. Just think and act. The effects will appear bigger than you expected. Now we are turning into the above mentioned projects. Altogether in both projects will be involved more than 35 AEGEE branches all over Europe. Is it not great? Feel the Spring and join the action...

Here we present you the next issue of News Bulletin - probably the last one that is prepared by the team from Warszawa. Since middle 1995 we spread to our AEGEE society seven editions. As you can see the evolution is clearly seen. Through the past months we improved almost everything in order to prepare NB accordingly to its role - of internal AEGEE magazin. I hope that you will like it. If yes - try to help us with next issues. We definitely need to overcome the financial impasse that appeared in summer 1996 and hasn't been solved yet. But yet - enjoy No. 7 !

Have a nice time reading our paper.

Marcin Polak

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HOT NEWS: AEGEE AWARDS

The Winner of the first edition of AEGEE-AWARD are... Radio B92/Radio Index. At the AGORA PLUS in Enschede the delegates for the General Assembly of AEGEE-Europe decided to award both radio station for their contribution to the social changes in former Yugoslavia.

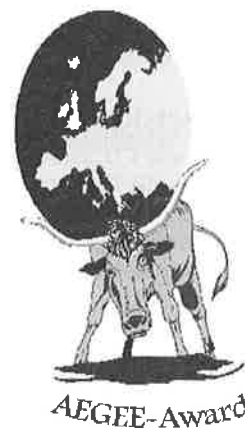
Radio B92 is the independent radio-station in Belgrade, which played a key-role in the democratic movement in Serbia, especially in context of recent protests against the Serbian autocracy of the President Miloshevic.

Radio Index - is the independent student-radio of Belgrade University, which played quite significant role in students' protests during last Winter. Both stations have been nominated by John Stienen and Edwin Janssen.

The Official Ceremony will take place in Aachen, on 9-11 May. On behalf of AEGEE-Aachen we would like to invite you to come to Aachen. We can offer about 120 lodging places, interesting speakers, and... B92 & Radio Index! They will be in Aachen! Join us for a unique experience. Apply to:

AEGEE+awl@abmx.rz.rwth-aachen.de (the fee is 7ECU).

If you want to become active on the European level of our beloved association: why don't you join one of its most promising European projects? Cooperation with people from at least five different countries, getting to know great European personalities, and take an important decisions for AEGEE by pre-selecting the nominees! Let's award it!





New Comite Directeur!

Only a few days ago, the new CD was elected at the AGORA in Enschede. Let me present shortly the new CD and their tasks, so you know whom you can approach with which problems. A more detailed and personal introduction of the new members will follow in the next CD newsletter.

Peter Ginser - President.

Peter (formerly AEGEE-Karlsruhe) was the Project Responsible in the former CD. He has now taken over the presidency with a programme which on the one hand carries on the programme of "Steps to the Future". On the other hand, it introduces new projects such as a cooperation with the AEGEE-Oldies (for example through the publishing of a Who-is-Who book), and the initiation of new European projects.

Janina Victor - Secretary

Janina (AEGEE-Osnabrueck and AEGEE-Maastricht) is the new Secretary and thus in charge of the headoffice. She is responsible for the Calendar of Events and the CD newsletter and will deal with requests for information or material.

Caroline Bruins - Treasurer

Caroline from AEGEE-Utrecht take care of the finances of AEGEE-Europe. She and Sergio Caredda will not be living in Brussels permanently.

Marijke Moed - VP, Projects & Juridical Responsible
Marijke (AEGEE-Maastricht) will be busy with co-ordinating the European Projects. She is also the one who will keep in touch with the Education Working Group.

Sergio Caredda - VP, External Relations, IT.

Secretary of the former CD, Sergio (AEGEE-Gorizia) now takes over the External Relations. His main project will be a Fundraising Campaign at Foundations.

Andrea Spellerberg - VP, EU- and WG-Responsible
Andrea is the only one who wasn't newly elected. She will carry on her previous tasks. Get in touch with her before contacting the European Union! She will be responsible for BMBF as well...

Dan Luca - Public Relations

Dan from AEGEE-Cluj-Napoca will intensify the Press Campaign that AEGEE-Europe has started in the recent months and start with the Fundraising for the next Key to Europe.

Johanna Fryksmark - Internal Education

Johanna (AEGEE-Lund) will take care of the European School and revise the Operator's Manual.

Paolo Balistrieri - Network

Paolo from AEGEE-Milano, our well-known travelling guru, is working on a network development campaign. He will work very closely together with the newly elected Network Commission.

Decisions of new CD

The new CD already had a first Meeting just after the AGORA in Enschede. The following main decisions were taken:

- The **Autumn AGORA** will be organised by **AEGEE-Ankara** from October 31 until November 2. It will most likely be a three-day AGORA with the plenary starting already on Friday.
 - **Michiel van Hees** was appointed as Liaison Officer for the European Cultural Foundation.
- Congratulations!!!

New Contact Antennae !!!

Through PLUS-Spring many new locals signed the Convention d'Adhesion. At the PM PLUS in Warszawa these were Białystok, Kielce, Kraków, Coimbra, Donetsk and Trieste. During AGORA-PLUS we were joined by Porto, Chisinau, Bucuresti, Aix-en-Provence, Durnham and Brescia. We wish the new locals broad (PLUS) activities. Congratulations!!!

Der President

Peter Ginser has been elected as the new President of AEGEE-Europe. Born 1972 in Eppingen, Germany; Studies: Electrical Engineering He is the member of AEGEE since December 1994, former President of AEGEE-Karlsruhe, Vice-President of AEGEE-Europe since November 1996.
For friends just Peter...



The new edition of the AEGEE VisaBooklet is available.

Do you need visa? For which country? Where to apply for it? These and more questions may appear when you intend to plan to go to a Summer University, to a conference, an AGORA or wherever.

Answers to those questions and useful addresses from more than 400 consulates and embassies in Europe provides the new edition of the AEGEE VisaBooklet. It is available for free as a Word 6.0 file, as PostScript file or as a very ordinary text file. Just send a request to ralph@aegee.org and you will have it soon.

Ralph, EWWG



Spring PM 1998? and you...

At the CD-Meeting in Enschede, the place and date of the next AGORA were decided. You might wonder what happened to the PM: We're still talking to some antennae and will decide that as soon as possible. BUT: As we never again want to take such a decision as late as this, we have decided to set a deadline for applications to organize the Spring PM next year. Anyone who is considering to organize the Spring PM 1998 is asked to send us an application BEFORE MAY 30. A decision will be taken at the CD meeting on the first weekend of June. Hoping for a mailbox full of great applications,

Greetings from the office - Janina

A Network Responsible - Promotion tour of AEGEE in France.

MAY

12 leaving, 13 Lille, 14 Amiens - Rouen, 15 Le Havre - Caen, 16 Rennes, 17 Paris, 18 Paris, 19 Angers, 20 Nantes, 21 Bordeaux
22 Toulouse, 23 Aix en Provence, 24 Montpellier, 25 Aix - Marseille, 26 Cannes - Nice, 27 Genova, 28 Milano (Change clothes!!!)
29 Lausanne - Geneve, 30 Annecy - Chambéry, 31 Grenoble

JUNE

1 Lyon, 2 St. Etienne - Clermont Ferrand, 3 Dijon, 4 Mulhouse - Strasbourg, 5 Nancy, 6 Metz, 7 Luxembourg, 8 back to BXL...

CWG... Cultural Working Group in Action

Cultural Women Group...oops... Cultural Working Group has just appeared! And from the very beginning AEGEE-Warszawa has got a proposal for you to organise a conference in range of cycle "Great European Cultures: past and present" - first of these conferences will be held in Thessaloniki. Our proposal for a conference - topic: Slavic Cultures. Date: 28.12.1997-04.01.1998 with New Year Party. Place: just a first thought - Poland, Mazurian Lake District (if you know some good place in your country (being frankly I prefer it would be in Poland, but...)) The aim: to bring Slavic culture nearer to all European nations, to point the role of Slavs in history of Europe, their specific mentality and style of life etc.

Hints of conference's structure: every day will be two lectures, one general - preparing by AEGEE-Warszawa and national - preparing by antennas from every Slavic country. What topic and what form of this lecture will be it depends from every antenna. Every nation will have its own day or half day (it depends how many antennas will be willing to attend to this project) to show its culture, tradition up. I would like every Slavic nation to present national kitchen, folk dance, language in short, folk clothes etc. It is up to you how you will organise time you will be given.

Few proposals for general lectures:

Slavic identity. What connects and what divides them. Slavs' ideas, authorities? What Slavs gave, are giving, can give to European culture. Slavic literature - folklore sense and nowadays. Religion. Myths, legends, mysticism - characteristic element of Slavic culture. Slavic art: painting, sculpture, architecture. Folk music and dancing - role in culture. Stereotypes and truths about Slavs.

This is just a schedule of possible topics. If you have some others ideas let me know.

There are also some ideas for social activities: like short courses of folk dances which will be present during New Year Party, evening sledging cavalcade, night torch-light walking for searching phantoms and others nymphs, big fire with roasted pigs, performance of polish famous folklore dance group, some other activities enable to show traditional aspects of Slavic life, work, fun...

Organisation of conference: Aegee-Warszawa will be responsible for general FR and PR on European level with help of CWG. PR on local level will belong to every co-operating antenna. I will need one contact person from every antenna to a co-ordination team which will be responsible for managing whole project. What I would like to get from you it is:

- who likes this idea and would like to help and to join to us
- what is your view on Slavic cultures
- how would you like to organise your national day (be creative...)

And last few words. I am aware that it will be very difficult to present such a big subject in a week, but with help of some folklore foundations, students and lecturers of Slavic, ethnology, sociology faculties, Ethnology Museum in Warszawa (which is ready to help us) and of course with your help we will manage to have a deeper view for Slavic culture. Please, answer me asap, feel free to present me your ideas and to criticise my proposals.

And really last word. In my opinion it is very important to make our culture known better in whole Europe and to try to give an answer what Slavic culture means for us Slavic part of Europe and for other ethnic group.

Magdalena Sendor AEGEE-Warszawa
(cwg_wawa@aegee.ia.pw.edu.pl)

NEW!

IPWG - International Politics Working Group

During the Agora in Enschede the International Politics Working Group has been established as official AEGEE-Working Group. This is an important goal we already have reached. This means that the International dimension of our organisation has to be studied. For this we need a lot of work. We already made some plans for the future, and especially I would like to stress the following two points:

- 1) Cooperation with AEGEE-Aix-en-Provence for the conference about relationship in the Mediterranean
- 2) Realisation of a small guide containing information about the International Organisation present in Europe, with useful news about their activities and their functioning.

I would like to thank again all those people that trusted in the idea of the IPWG, and I invite all the interested people to join the IPWG, as well as the ipwg-listserver.

Sergio Carreda, CD

Working Groups of AEGEE:

East-West WG
Education WG
Europe-of -the-Regions WG
Human Rights WG
International Politics WG
Job Fair WG
North-South WG
Public Relations WG
One Europe Magazine WG
Cultural WG
French Working Group Project

What is a Working Group?

A lot of interesting conferences about various subjects are organised by AEGEE locals, but what sometimes is lacking in the continuity of projects and continued discussions on specific topics. But fortunately a special kind of AEGEE body is concerned with this important part of our association: the Working Group work on fields like Education, Human Rights, Regionalism, but also on PR AEGEE and East-West problems. They organise activities like conferences or Case Study Visits, often in co-operation with locals.

Besides locally, Working Groups are organised on a European level. A European board takes care of the over-all organisation meetings a few times a year, mostly during Agora's pr Presidents' Meetings. Those meetings are accessible for everybody who is interested in the subject or in the projects which are organised by the Working Group. Everybody can become member of a Working Group, no membership fee has to be paid.

European Co-operation

When working on such a complex issues, AEGEE takes advantage of the abundance of knowledge and creativity of a team with students of different internationalities, faculties and origins. By means of this AEGEE can contribute to the future development of Europe, by thinking of ideas for the future. Besides that it is a wonderful experience to work together with students from other countries and share experience with them. All Working Groups together organise conferences on European co-operation, like "Think Europe" in November in Enschede. During those conferences you can get a deeper understanding of international co-operation and Working Groups in general.

More information?

You can find more information on the Internet via the AEGEE Homepages (<http://www.aegee.org/wg>) and of course you can contact the board members to obtain more information on current activities (you will find the names in the AEGEE Address Book). If you are interested in one or more Working Groups you can also subscribe yourself on the listserver (how can you do this also explained in the Address Book) and follow/ take part in the discussions and get up-to-date information. And of course you always can attend a Working Group meeting during PM's and Agora's.

How to prepare an application for a grant from a foundation. Some remarks...

I would like to focus on some crucial factors, which in my opinion you should focus on while preparing your application form. It is just a guideline, in order to underline these factors which decide about the success in getting grants from any foundations. Contrary to general approach I will often get into very particular details ("the devil sleeps in details" rule)

The scheme I would like to present applies to the foundations that have not presented their own application forms, but rather a general guideline. In other case you have to follow up the points made up by the founders and fill it in according to their suggestions. You have to distinguish if you apply for a grant to the whole project (it is a general application then) and if you try to get a grant for an event or a series of them.

First of all, before you send your application, make sure that you have had a **right person** which you are going to address the letter. It is good to **speak to him/her** before and check if your project fits to the **general aims of the foundation**. There are many NGOs like that in the so called civic society, but in fact they support very different initiatives. Sometimes it is good to present the general guidelines of your project for **an opinion** of the Director of a foundation. In this case, if you follow up with the formal application, he/she will, as the person deciding about the grant, certainly know what it is about.

The fields that you can try are: support of democracy (Phare, Matra, Soros, Eurasia), NGOs networking (NFF), European integration (Phare, Matra, Adenauer Stf.), building of civic society (Soros, NFF, IRI), sometimes environment protection (REC), culture (ECF), human rights (Phare), cross-border cooperation (F. Ebert, Polish-German or Czech-German Cooperation), youth cooperation (EYF, YFE).

These are only samples. In fact there are plenty of (sometimes) unknown foundations which do quite a nice job in the region. Everything you need is **transparency**. You have to plan your fund raising towards foundations (the same as in case of companies). Before you start applying, if you have contacted persons, ask them what they know about the existing funds. Sometimes you can really wonder how many of them are active. There are even some NGO in your society which are collecting these informations for other NGOs. Try to reach them. Make a list of foundations, contact persons and then start approaching them.

Your application depends on the **general guidelines** of the foundation. Try to evaluate your application as a **one** complex document (from 4 to 10 pages). You should **enclose** some more information to your application, in order to make it more serious and create a better understanding of the applying organisation (ie. AEGEE). It should be **extraordinary**, which help to distinguish it among different applications submitted to the foundation. Remember - in mostly cases the decision is taken in a competition fight - the best application prevails. You should mention the following points within your paper:

application form

short description with the underlined subject of the project, thematical field and justification of the application form;

project

some general information about the event, consisting of a name, type of the project (congress, seminar, series of workshops, etc.), dates, place and cooperating partners.

applicant (and organiser - if the same)

the address of your antennae, name of the person responsible for the project, all possible contacts to you; if there are partners, especially from the EU countries **always underline it**, especially if you are approaching such funds as Matra (good to have a Dutch partner), PHARE (EU), Adenauer or Ebert (German), EYF, ECF (EU).

support for the project

underline that you are not in the social emptiness, without any help from the others. You have to **point your supporters**, where you can mention really a lot of institutions and organisations (nobody will check it, maybe except the financial support). So, list your cooperating organisations (where you have asked e.g. for speakers, or for a training of participants), state and local institutions, confirmed financial support from other resources, possible financial support. Make it really large. You have to show that there is quite a big public interest to your event.

purpose of the project

here you have to write down **what do you really expect** of your event and your activity. Describe the general social context - what made you to start preparations, what was the reason. Don't hesitate to show your opinions, formulate your standpoints about the subject-matter of your event. You have to show that you believe it is very important to carry out your event. Remember about summing-up of the lectures, workshops in **the final results brochure**. This way you can assure that the real evaluation of your ideas will be put on paper and you will be able to compare your expectations and opinions before the project and afterwards. For the supporting institutions and foundations it is always a good measure to underline that they were among the sponsors of the event. This way they act - their aim is to support the others...

participants

it is always good to mention what particular group of people you are going to invite. This can be sometimes really important. E.g. if you enable a group of disadvantaged people to participate in your event, you can get really large amounts of money e.g. from PHARE-LIEN Programme. If you organise an **international** event, like most of events in AEGEE, you'd better stress it - in some cases your application may even get to the special funds (like e.g. Soros - the Programme for International Conferences in Poland or {likely} Hungary, Czech Republic...). If you apply for a "national" funds (e.g. MATRA, Polish-German or Czech-German Cooperation) **always mention the partnership** with some Dutch branches, get the partnership letter for the proof of it (**create a project-partnership if possible**).

For the foundations interested in the democracy, NGO networking, youth cooperation - always stress that besides the coming foreign participants you also **open the congress for the students in your town** (region, country). Nothing speaks so good for the event as the free participation of young people and their involvement in the subject-matter. List the names of universities where the participants in your city (region) will come from.

programme

this is **extremely important**, as long as it presents the thematical backbone of your event. For the decision-makers in foundation it is the most significant factor upon which they will judge your application. Don't hesitate to put the **detailed** list of lectures and workshops you plan. Every piece of the programme should be described in three-five sentences, in order to clarify the direct problem that you will focus on during the sessions. Make your programme clear and readable, because it's task is to convince the foundation about granting your application (remember - the more consistent and interesting it is, the bigger chances are, and the better it distinguish from the competing applications of other NGOs).

speakers

usually being on the stage of FR you are quite distant from arranging speakers. However you can always present which lecturers you think about and which organisations and institutions have promised you to arrange speakers.

You can present it from the other point of view too. You can mention the social standpoints that exist in your society (community) and point which representatives are you going to invite to discuss the subject. If you approach "national" funds - always try to arrange some (well-known) speakers from the country of foundation's origin.

duration of the project

you can mean a lot by using the word "event". Sometimes you mean only the days of congress and sometimes it is a course of preparations. For the foundations it is the best if your event lasts couple of weeks at least. It should begin with a sort of "coordination meeting"

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budget

you mention the general budget of your event in the application (usually in your local currency). You should always **enclose properly made budget**, on the other page In the budget include the other sources of sponsoring. If you don't have any - always include participation fees. In the budget you present to the foundation there should be no uncertainty in the financial side of your project. You have to mention all the possible financial support. **Every other source of money you got speaks for giving you grant** and helps the decision-makers to take this decision.

own resources

you can include this in the budget frame, but it is better when you just mention in few sentences, that your antennae will cover these and these expenses, that your worktime-contribution will be up to 100% and that you contribute in kind to the project by using e.g. your computers, e-mail accounts, and any other things that may help.

requested support

it is always better to **propose the sume of the grant** you ask (of course within the limits). Never go for the highest level unless you have created certain level of trust in the foundation before.

You have to **explain the certain sorts of expenditure** where you would like to use the foundation's money. This should be quite detailed, by giving how much it costs and how much you expect to be covered by the grant. You can also mention the average participation of the grant in the total costs. This gives the foundation a bright signal about their participation.

Having mentioned the requested amount of grant you should **try to justify** every bigger expenditure in one sentence.

motivation

this ends your application. Here you have to use **your arguments** why the foundation should support your project. Make it seriously. Use any rational arguments to defend your standpoint. Especially stress the educational reasons and "learn by doing" principle.

last general remarks

recommendation letters

extremely useful letters. Mostly, as the most interested person in it, you will have to prepare this letter and propose it (in form of a draft of course) to the person you think it is nice and useful to obtain the recommendations. There are some certain types of letters. For the foundations the best are those which come from different **educational institutions** (College d'Europe, CEU), for "national" funds - recommendations of embassies of those countries (also useful in case of private sector companies with the foreign capital). Try always to prepare any letters which could have a big value either in your community or for the whole project. Think about some eminent individuals, who are considered as persons of big **personal authority** in your society. This letters do good job in the foundations.

materials attached

try to enclose final results of the previous projects. This always shows the decision-makers that you are experienced and you are able to produce materials of significant value for the society. If you approach institutions of political or semi-political character - show them the political thought of AEGEE - e.g. AEGEE and IGC results (Matra) Attach Key to Europe and News Bulletins, if you still have any, in order to show that your project is being promoted all along Europe. You should remember about your local newspaper if you print it, too.

In short words - **everything valuable** what could enrich your application can be put with the application.

cooperation with other antennae

Try to prepare the letter about the partnership in the project. Maybe for you it seems to be quite funny, but for such independent bodies as foundations - it is a real signal, that there is international (European) cooperation, an extremely important factor in the light of relations East-West !!!

Marcin Polak, AEGEE-Warszawa
FR "Neighbourhood in Europe"



General procedure: subventions from EC

a) CONCEPT

First you have to work out a clear idea which concept you want at your event to have. Please, don't hesitate to ask CD for additional input.

b) CONTACT THE EU RESPONSIBLE

You should contact the EU Responsible as early as possible at least half a year before your event will take place. Please remember that all contacts to the EU are to be made only by the EU Resp. This is the most important point. We get the subventions mostly due to our reputation, which we are only able to maintain if we present ourselves in a stable, co-ordinated and coherent way. And this is only possible if it is always the same and the only person the people in the Commission see - always EU Responsible. We already receive complaints that this is another person every year or half a year.

c) FIRST OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME

The EU Resp. will ask you for the first one- or two pages long outline of the programme to be able to find a fitting budget line for you. He or she needs to have it in order during the first approach to the person responsible for the budget-line in the EC. That's why during this first approach, which would be in most of cases on the phone, the EU Resp. must be able to talk up to five minutes profoundly about the planned event. In this initial contact the EU Resp. will ask for a presentation and negotiating meeting as well. To that meeting you can go together with the CD Resp.

d) BROCHURE

Already for that meeting EU Resp. needs a detailed brochure about your event. You should have it prepared as early as possible - because between the first contact in your case and the following meeting might not be too much time left to write your brochure. The brochure should have about 20 pages and should comprise:

aa) First Part:

- (1) a general introduction of AEGEE
- (2) a presentation of your local, especially concerning the events you already organised
- (3) an introductory presentation of the conference

bb) Second Part:

- (1) the aim of the conference
- (2) concerning the programme:
 - (a) the first draft of the programme (to be confirmed at least one month before the congress)
 - (b) an explanation of the programme
 - (c) the speakers (to be confirmed), if you don't have them yet - the profile of the speakers you are looking for

cc) Third Part:

- (1) a first draft of the budget (to be confirmed if requested) comprising incomes and expenses. On the income side you have to put the amount requested from the EU. (Keep in mind that on the basis of this budget the contract with the EU will be signed, if the application is accepted. Therefore we would be legally bound to this budget and financial report!
- (2) a budget breakdown (explanation of expenses)

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Prof. Ivo Banac, Director

Social Theory

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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 department 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 applications from other countries.

Application deadline: February 1, 1998

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



Europe and Euro...

N.I.E

AEGEE has officially launched its big projects of 1997: "Europe and Euro..." will discuss the challenge of the European Monetary Union. "Neighbourhood in Europe" will deal with the questions around cross-border relationship in Central and Eastern Europe.

During the past months a lot of effort has been put in these ambitious cycles. In the EMU-campaign the whole project had to be put up in 4 months. Since November then remarkable steps have been made. After some difficulties in finding locals to organise the big conferences connected to "Europe and Euro..." a stable structure of 5 thematic conferences, 4 accompanying seminars and a Final Conference has been set up. Next to the already well-known antennae like Rotterdam, Eindhoven and Athina also young locals like Giessen, Gorizia and the brand-new Contact Antenna Coimbra will contribute with a conference to the success of the EMU-cycle. (All events are listed at page 10)

Mr. Jaques Santer, the President of the European Commission and Mrs. Edith Cresson, Member of the European Commission accepted the patronage for the project. Also on the local level we got important support e.g. with the patronage of Mr. Oscar Luigi Scalfaro, the President of the Republic of Italy. Well-known celebrities like Sir Brian Unwin, the President of the European Investment Bank and Prof. Giavazzi, Italy's famous economist announced their participation in the conferences.

On a circular which was spread among the 300 most important participants of the EMU-Roundtable last year we got remarkable feedback from a lot of companies and authorities.

Currently we are working on the preparations of the big Essay Contest. A full-colour poster in the five languages of the Contest has already been prepared and will be sent out soon to 2.000 universities and highschools all over Europe.

In the second huge project of this year, the "Neighbourhood in Europe" project was in the beginning also quite difficult as the application to the Phare & Tacis Democracy Programme of the European Union had been rejected.

A new co-ordination team around Ralf Boehne, Oleh Kyrienko and Marcin Polak took the task over to restructure the project. After some changes of the participating locals and subjects now also here a new face was shaped. With a new logo and fresh hope the hunt for other funds was started by the organisers. Several applications were handed in.

With the included Case Study Trips to the Baltic States and Moldavia, AEGEE will again lead the participants to regions where big changes are currently on the way. Topics like cross-border relations and the development of the state's identity play a central role in both areas and will be subject of discussion for the participants.

More information about these two projects you will find in the brand-new Webpages under "http://www.aegge.org/euro" for the "Europe and Euro..." project and "http://www.aegge.org/nie" for "Neighbourhood in Europe" cycle. Enjoy surfing by.

Neighbourhood in Europe

The aim of the project (NIE) is to help young people in Central and Eastern Europe to gain cross-cultural communication skills and increase their awareness of the existence of different cultures and values in the neighbouring countries.

The project consists of training events, thematic seminars and Case Study Trips. The events will be organised by several CEE antennae in a cooperation with neighbouring western antennae. The thematic conferences will mainly focus on cross-cultural communication role in the democracy: through media, towards minorities, immigrants, unemployment of young people, historical roots and stereotypes of Central and Eastern Europe and many more. The Case Study Trips will explore Baltic States and Republic of Moldavia. The final conference will be held in Warszawa in January 1998.

The concept of NIE project was developed after the great success of the 1996 "Find Your Way To and Within An Open Society".

1997

Europe and Euro

This project deals with the possible consequences of the Economic and Monetary Union. "Europe and Euro" consists of three phases, starting in Spring 1997 with an essay competition among students all over Europe. Then the particular topics will be discussed in series of seminars. The final congress will be held in Eindhoven, in December 1997.

The project will stress the individual aspects of the consequences on the job market and the influence of the global financial markets. The effect on the international balance-of-power, the potential of the European Monetary Union and the danger of marginalising the southern part of Europe are going to be dealt as well. The information gained will be gathered for a results booklet which is going to be distributed to 2000 universities and schools in Europe.

Journée de l'Europe

The 9th of May, the Day of Europe. Also your antennae should participate in the project "The Day of Europe", for what could be the biggest PR campaign for AEGEE. Every local should organise a small event, an Info Point, a small conference, a reception for commemorating the Day of Europe...and in the evening...let's make the biggest European Night ever organised! Take part in this big initiative! The only thing we ask you is to communicate us the type of event you are organising and to send us a small report (10 sentences) at the end of it (secretary@aegee.org).

THE EVENTS

Euroinfo day. This kind of event has got mainly informative purposes. By distributing information brochures and answering all sorts of questions which may arise concerning the EU AEGEE members want to reach as many European citizens as possible.

Euroday Conferences, Seminars, Workshops. Discuss the topics which seem to be important for you and the development of the European idea!

Euroday Party. As 9th of May is Friday - you should not forget about the parties which involve more students. This joyful cohesion can be really taken as a possibility to meet each other and improve the relations between people.

THE RESULTS

The results of the conferences, of the meetings and all activities will be later summarised in a Brochure. It shall offer an overview on the needs of information that European students have.

Main topics of discussion will be: European Institutions, IGC, European enlargement, topics often focused by media. This Brochure will be sent to the European Parliament Deputies, European Commission representatives, NGOs, as a feedback for their work!!!

How to write a Press Releases or how to please a lazy journalist...

Contact to media can be done in several ways, one of reaching them is to write a press release.

WHAT should you write about? It should be a special event, not only background information. Consider, if the event you want to make a press release about, could be of any interest to the media, and then make sure to present it as such. Imagine yourself being the reader of the newspaper you are sending it to - would you then read this article? Also imagine yourself being a journalist at this paper would you then publish the article you got in your hand? Depending on whom you write the article to, you stress different points in the event you are presenting. Send it out in time! The life of a news is not that long, as yours one.

TO WHOM? Depending on the character of the event, it can be of interest to different media: a local event is maybe not of interest to national paper, whereas another, e.g. a big conference can be it. If the topic is e.g. "human rights", you can send it to special magazines, dealing with such issues. Of course, this is a matter of time of money. It is the most practical to have a ready set of faxnumbers in the computer to whom you automatically can send your press release.

For an antenna it is however most efficient to select a few ones in order to have the possibility to better follow them up. The best solution if you want to get into media is to have personal contact. If you do not have that, try to establish contact to a journalist writing on e.g. education or a freelancer to whom you also can send your press releases. Otherwise your press release may risk to be lost. The press release should be accompanied by a personal letter to the journalist in which you are shortly describing the event and friendly asking the journalist to report about it in his paper. Do not forget to follow up your press releases. Phone the journalist two days after and ask him if he received your letter and if he still has any questions.

HOW? First of all: Write the Press Releases - it is easier for the journalists to make an article out of it then. This means that the Press Release should be made in such a way, that it is more or less written like an article, ready to print. Keep in mind that most of the journalists are quite lazy and are not willing to work too much for relatively unimportant affairs like students' conferences. Additionally the journalists who are announcing events are getting a huge number of press releases every day. So if he receives something unprofessional he will throw it directly into the paper bin.

Do not make the press release too long, if the media would like more information they can contact you. Therefore, put your name and telephone number in the bottom, so they can contact you. Make sure you are reachable on this number the next 24 hours.

The language should be informative and easy to understand, written with short and pithy sentences. Avoid too many passive forms and substantives. You are making the press article more vividly if you use quotations. Use quotations, which make the press release more lively. Do not hesitate to quote the main organizer of your conference! Especially important is to have a good headline and a good subtitle. Also important is the first sentence (or the title). It should be made in a sententious kind of style, so the journalists reading it know whether the continuation is interesting for them or not. You can also begin the title of the conference and then explain it. It is a general rule for articles, that the most important information should be placed in the beginning, so that the journalist can delete from the end. Do not start with an explanation of what AEGEE is: put that in the end, as a footnote, no more than two or three sentences.

Leave a distance from 1 1/2 between the lines so that the journalist can make corrections. To make it easier for the journalist you should count the lines and the number of signs. Do not forget to write the date and place!

Kristina Lindgärde (PRWG AEGEE-Europe)

Press Release Example 1:

Let's Europe Together AEGEE Summer Universities 1997

Brussels, March 11, 1997

With more than 2200 places at disposal, AEGEE organises this year again it's Summer University Project. AEGEE locals in more than 72 places in all Europe, from Coimbra to Moscow, will organise fortnight courses for the fixed amount of 100 ECU. Languages (German, Greek, Catalan, Italian, Hungarian, Portuguese, Turkish, Spanish, French, English, Russian, Galego, Dutch, Polish) but also History and Culture, Sailing, International Law, Tourism Techniques constitutes the topics of these courses. This once again reflects AEGEE's traditional formula to acquaint Europeans to Europe. To achieve a perfect European integration, AEGEE developed the concept of Summer Universities, as a chief tool to attain this difficult but fascinating target.

A Summer University consists of an event organised by an AEGEE Antenna, lasting at least two weeks. Placing students coming from all over Europe, encouraging the sharing of different cultural patrimony and, in particular, the developing of linguistic capabilities are the characteristic of every SU. This is a concept different from other summery sojourns. AEGEE's SU are organised by students for students.

Last year AEGEE managed to reach outstanding results. The Travel Summer University jointly organised by AEGEE-Skopje, AEGEE-Thessaloniki and AEGEE-Istanbul on the old itinerary of the Via Egnatia reached the goal of uniting people from three non-friendly countries (Greece, Turkey, FYROM) to work together on a unique project.

This year AEGEE-Beograd and AEGEE-Skopje will organise a course together in an area deeply divided by war and political reasons. AEGEE-Cakovec, AEGEE-Zagreb, AEGEE-Split and AEGEE-Rijeka will give an outlook at the reconstruction in Croatia. AEGEE-Passau and AEGEE-Praha will continue to foster German-Czech cross-border co-operation.

This year the project is carried out under the patronage of Mrs. Edith Cresson, Member of the European Commission.
responsible: Sergio Caredda

Press Release Example 2:

AEGEE's position on the EMU Presented to the European Parliament on request

Bruxelles, February 11, 1997

AEGEE takes actively part in the discussion on the European Monetary Union. One year after participating on the Euro-Roundtable further going actions on this issue are done.

In a hearing in the Subcommittee of Monetary Issues of the European Parliament our president Gerhard Kress already pointed out the concerns AEGEE has about the current implementation process of the Single Currency. After this presentation the European Parliament asked for an official statement of our organisation on this issue to provide them with a necessary feedback from the side of the students.

As actions speak louder than words, AEGEE launches now a big project to involve the Youth in the discussion on the Monetary Union. An introductory essay contest in over 2.000 universities and secondary schools all over Europe will gather the views and concerns of the young people; 10 conferences and seminars will provide the floor to exchange the ideas between the Youth and the experts on this issue.

responsible: Peter Ginser

Getting the best from Email for AEGEE matters...

Many AEGEE members have an Email account at their university, but they do not use Email facilities for AEGEE matters, because they believe they will need to know thousands of Email-addresses for each and every AEGEE member in order to know where to post the message. In fact, you only need two addresses to be directly on AEGEE's Email-highways, receiving information, announcements and the results of conferences, meetings, working groups and other projects, taking part in discussions and the many other activities of interest for AEGEE.

The USER'S GUIDE for Mailinglists tells Email beginners about all Mailinglists and Listservers running for AEGEE (address, topics) and how to handle them (requested key words). The most horrible mistakes you can make are all explained and information is provided how to avoid or correct these. Instructions are given on how to put your message into a good Email format; explaining the use of subject indicators, headlines and language. There is also information for experts; those who already know almost everything about Listservers can find a complete and up-dated survey of all Mailinglists within AEGEE. The USER'S GUIDE (14 pages) is provided in English, German, Polish, Spanish, Italian and Turkish language.

You can find the USER'S GUIDE on: for the ASCII version (latest up dates) <http://ix.urz.uni-heidelberg.de/~mbrocke/aegeedata.html> and for the versions in WORD6, POSTSCRIPT, RichTextFormat on <http://www.aegge.rwth-aachen.de/aeg-info.nsf/> (see "PUBLIC INFORMATION")

More than 1000 copies were distributed during Regional Meetings, the PM PLUS Warszawa and the Enschede AGORA PLUS. A short and very compact version of the text (we call it : USER'S MANUAL) will be included in the result booklet of the MANAGING AEGEE events in Warszawa. And now I need your help : The USER'S GUIDE has valuable information for ALL AEGEE members, but it is written in some but not all European languages, so it is not that useful for AEGEE as a whole. Who is willing to translate the USER'S GUIDE ? I am looking for native speakers of any European language, most important are now any Scandinavian language, Hungarian, Dutch and French.

Additionally, I would like to ask all AEGEE members to distribute the USER'S GUIDE to other members. Post it to your friend via local mailinglists or as a private message, make some copies and hand them out during your local meetings to push new members and Email beginners to subscribe to our Mailinglists. Thank you for your support.

Martin von Brocke , AEGEE Heidelberg

Contacts with other NGOs. Aims, fields and benefits of co-operation.

The co-operation with other non-governmental organisations may appear to be really beneficial for AEGEE. In this article I will try to show you some of benefits of the co-operation in many aspects.

First let's concentrate on **AIMS** of the co-operation. I named them: *profitable and non-profitable* aims.

Profitable - when we approach NGOs that may help us to finance our activity. This means variety of foundations that are active in the society. Sometimes it is a European, sometimes national and from time to time local level - but for us these are nowadays the most important financial resources. Such NGOs usually require a special approach of us, when we apply for a grant and there are some rules behind, which should be taken into consideration by applicants. I will focus on this aspect at the end of our meeting. On the other hand, by **non-profitable** aims - I mean everything that helps us to get information about the environment we act in, provides us with required assistance, materials, gives hints about the management techniques and presents the outlook of our activity and many many other way of communication within the sector which help to develop AEGEE.

These kind of contacts are extremely important for AEGEE. We are not alone in the sector of NGOs and we can create links between different organisations and us, make network not only of AEGEE antennae but of many similar bodies. Why? First of all to be more effective in our action. We claim to be pro-European organisation, but tell me how many others claim this purpose as well... We can combine our efforts. Secondly - to understand better and develop the subject, which is not always easy to follow. Please, consider that most of our declarations are not supported by real and deep action. Our phrase: "action speaks louder than words" became sometimes just *an idle talk*. We don't know what we are discussing about and we are making a *superficial performance*. Often the programme ends up in a boring, theoretical speech, which doesn't help to understand the complex problem we focus on. Another question is how many organisations from the non-profit sector were involved in this action. Why after BIG projects people e.g. in Soros foundation still don't know too much about AEGEE?

Do we afraid of losing our AEGEE identity, if we start to co-operate with the others? We can discuss everything during our events, but not always we possess the knowledge that help us to get really deep conclusions and enrich the society with our results. More often we need to involve real experts, not only as speakers, but as co-organisers - in order to reach results that could be of really high quality. That results could help us to get the support of other organisations.

Although I'm very critical through organisation of "Find Your Way" project - I do not neglect its results. They gave us some hints where we are really weak. Within large projects we need to be more open on co-operation with other NGOs. Especially on a local level, by occasion of our events; this means not only their speakers, but co-organisation. When some of them are majoring in a problem we focus on - let them organise their part of event as they like. They are the experts... Otherwise we will make just useless projects, which really don't cause any external effects in our local environment. We should keep it in mind - because it seems to me that with "Neighbourhood in Europe" and "EURO-Employment" projects we won't get farther...

I see three main **FIELDS** that we should keep as the platform for our co-operation with other NGOs. These are: students, European idea and civic society. Every of these fields requires different way of action from AEGEE.

I. The easiest is to co-operate with other students' organisations. Everybody knows plenty of them, most of antennae have stable contacts with AIESEC, or JEF, or BEST or ELSA and others. We compete with them, steal the money and members etc... But to keep it short - remember that this is only "students' level" - and students are only few per cent of the society. If you remain active only within that sector, although *it is for us quite important* - we will not be seen as the strong youth organisation! To get the higher level - we have to break through students' society and meet wider groups of the society.

II. The "European field" of AEGEE activity is nowadays most important for the organisation. Thanks to our European level and involvement of some antennae (unfortunately only some) we got to this level

with pretty good results. But still we have to remember that we are not alone. Hundreds of "European" organisations are active within this field. The effects are clear: the subvention for AEGEE from European Commission and from Council of Europe is getting lower every year. How long will it take that AEGEE will loose its No.1 position as it got through recent activity within promotion of European idea?

III. Should we not think about another field where we can develop our activity quicker than other organisations? Maybe the new level can be named "civic society". A part of our activity that was started by "Find Your Way" project, but still needs to be re-developed. I don't see any antennae, which already got this level. Although AEGEE activity is multi-oriented, with really broad bunch of subjects covered by different events every year, we still concentrate mainly on European topics (level 2), not trying to get deeper into social relations of our countries. We need to improve relations with other NGOs within that field. And not only. We should choose carefully topics and partners to start activity here. That may bring us benefits that we have never expected before. E.g. the whole sector of American NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe is more interested in topics like democracy, networking, civic society, than our 'standard' European topics. These are new methods of management, perfect trainings and really huge amounts of potential money resources. But to get them we have to develop a new approach towards the local community and their organisations.

I think that development of AEGEE depends on two factors: our involvement and support for the European idea (something that wedo pretty good so far) and deeper involvement, more visible and more effective, in actions at the regional level. University walls should not be our homes - we have to leave them and be active outside - society must really hear us! Let's make a breakthrough towards the local society.

RESULTS of the contacts with other NGOs are strictly connected with the general development of AEGEE. Sometimes we are not conscious of the fact, that some methods used by our partner drop to the everyday day business in our activity for ever. We learn a lot from the others and we adapt their practise to solve our problems.

We can talk about many **BENEFITS** of that co-operation: First of all these are common projects. Usually when we find a firm partner - every project becomes much easier. The problem is only to find that appropriate one. Some antennae already know that this is the key to the higher activity. In the end it is easier to promote the project and find out the support for it. The fruits of co-operation are clearly seen in PR environment (more interest from media).

Great public relations environment - mainly due to common projects and contacts to media that you catch by occasion of the projects. You get more contacts, more people know about AEGEE and new members appear. If the events are organised properly you get trust of your partner, which in case of your next event can seriously facilitate your preparations, especially while arranging speakers, looking through finances, making PR...

BTW - quite often other NGOs make various booklets about the sector or issue their publications. If you have good relations - try to appear on their pages. Pay attention to put AEGEE into various Almanach of NGOs, which exist in the society. Finally we have to focus more on the evaluation stage. Nice results are the best PR materials you can imagine. This materials spread through the non-profit sector can open many doors for you. And between organisers they built trust. Trust which is of course the best motivation for future projects.

Fund-Raising - don't forget that foundations are NGOs as well. Their purpose is usually to support the non-profit organisations, but not always they support our projects. The reasons are clear - it is plenty of similar organisations in the society and not always our projects are of such quality that enables them to win the competition. Something that completely doesn't exist in AEGEE is a long term co-operation with foundations. I know only few antennae which really care for that

partners. Only the previous CD created the Foundations-data base. You know probably that when they started their business in Brussels - they found 2(!) foundations in the computer. Foundations, similar to other NGOs need certainty and trust in relation to AEGEE. Nothing can build this without real interest and long term PR policy towards them.

What appear new in this sector is that we began to approach the American foundations more often. This activity is connected more with the third field I described before. Still many of them are closed for us, as we present too ambiguous and shallow approach to some of their matters of activity (e.g for NFF, DemNet, US A.I.D), but sometimes we can and we try to start a new kind of action. Another benefit: higher management skills (participation in trainings of other organisation). You may find many of them - organised, mostly voluntarily, by other NGOs. Their aims are to build up the network of NGOs, our - to develop, so we can combine our efforts and learn something new. I stress the necessity of an active co-operation. Watch how your partner acts and learn the technics which may be useful for you! AIESEC itself is a nice partner for AEGEE. I don't afraid of the competition with them, because in fact our activity goes in different directions. They are stronger than we are on the national level, because they have one politics towards institutions and companies. On the other hand our decentralisation (legal personality) gives us more advantages concerning the approach to NGOs sector, especially while seeking new funds. What we have to learn from AIESEC is the management of organisation. In fact our previous contacts with them caused a lot of changes in our everyday business. In Warszawa there was FR-strategy created, oriented on co-operation with companies, what now means that 40% of the money comes from companies !!! We learnt management skills - like human resources policy, time-management, concentrated more on personal development of our members and on trainings for them.

Personal development - have a view on what you do in AEGEE from the outside perspective; not to forget about new members - AEGEE has got really very attractive character; Benefit similar to managing skills. Helps to understand the complex structures and topics which we meet on the way. These are most common benefits. I'm of opinion that every structure limits the body. This is also a case of AEGEE. We got used to think that AEGEE is so perfect that we don't need to contact other organisations. We have to overcome that approach, because it limits this huge potential of our organisation. An interdisciplinary character is not enough to give us enough progress. We need fresh blood and fresh ideas to develop our activity. Without the contacts within the NGOs sector we won't get far.

Marcin Polak, PM PLUS Coordinator



Once again: "EUROPE&EURO" project...

Conferences:

Rotterdam	..., what do I face?	April 16th-18th
Gorizia	... the political frame	April 28th-30th
Frankfurt	... the financial markets	October 8th-11th
Coimbra	... starting the political union?	October 17th-19th
Athina	... Unification vs. Marginalisation	October 23rd-25th

Seminars

London	with Coimbra	September 5th-7th
Thessaloniki	with Athens	September 19th-21st
Trieste	with Gorizia	November 18th-19th
Bayreuth	with Giessen	November 22nd-23rd

Local Events

Aix-en-Provence	April 2nd
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Final Conference

Eindhoven	December 11th-14th
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"Plan de la Fayette"

as presented by Education Working Group at
Spring AGORA PLUS in Enschede

Article 1: Coordination Team

The Plan de la Fayette project is co-ordinated by the Socrates responsible of the EWG. Complaints about abuse of the Plan de la Fayette for tourist reasons can be reported to the EWG who has the responsibility to warn and/or exclude the concerned locals from the project.

The Coordination team provides the participants with the needed forms and has the task to coordinate the whole project.

Art.2: General Information

The Plan de la Fayette offers AEGEE members who want to study abroad to investigate their chosen university. In this way the student can contact and organise lodging in an easy way.

The basic facilities the visited local should offer are:

- little map of the city
- floor space in order to place a sleeping bag
- no meals
- no help in contacting the university

The requirements from the participants are:

- only AEGEE-members can use the la Fayette network, membership cards have to be checked,
- no groups, only individuals,
- maximum duration of stay 4 days
- letter from the university exchange co-ordinator or a professor, stating the person is at the moment investigating the possibilities for an exchange. The EWG will supply a standard letter
- a filled-out registration form, one copy should be send to the EWG secretariat in Udine and one copy to the receiving local
- at first case of abuse of the Plan de la Fayette for tourist reasons by one of the members of the sending local, this local will receive a warning. In the second case the local will be excluded from the La Fayette network.

The participants can be denied from the receiving local for the following reasons:

- no fulfilment of the above criteria
- impossibility to offer the basis facilities listed above.

Education Working Group: about success and ideas

The Enschede Agora was a little success for the EWG: TWO proposals accepted! First the Plan de La Fayette was accepted, and second the 'Voting Rights for Working Groups' - proposal. The Education Working Group (EWG) will proceed in inventing new projects, for the basket 'Education in Europe towards the Third Millennium' is a good opportunity to think about the future of education in Europe, in a global context!

Education is one of AEGEE's core-activities, and the opinion of AEGEE in European Education topics is listened to. This is not very strange, when you remember that AEGEE is still a STUDENT'S Association. You as students are the experts in education, for YOU are involved in education most of your time, directly or indirectly. This is also recognised by

- the EU, who has asked AEGEE to take place in the evaluation committee of Socrates (former Erasmus), where new directions are set out for the new Socrates II, in which also Eastern and Central Europe will participate,
- UNESCO-CEPES (the Region Europe office of UNESCO), who has invited two AEGEE-representatives for the Higher Education (HE) Conference where the future of the HE will be discussed.

This are only two examples of the places where AEGEE can have positive influence on the HE-policy in Europe. That means that you can also bring in your ideas and opinion on Higher Education in Europe. Some examples that have come up:

- # a central web page with links to all the European universities with their own web-page, so that all students can have a look at the curricula and get an impression of the university. A handy tool for future Socrates-students, and a challenge for IT-people,
- # the Socrates II programme will start in 1999, and as said before, Central and Eastern Europe will also join. The AEGEE network could be a fantastic way to promote the programme and make it more widely known at the universities. This could greatly enhance the student mobility in C&E Europe. A great challenge for future campaign-leaders,
- # A study trip to C&E Europe to see how the universities and student-life have changed since The Wall. Two weeks travelling through five countries doing research. The chance of a lifetime on low-budget basis. There are still some places free, so quickly send in your application and you might be in....
- # A conference on the relation of 'Higher Education and the European Job market in the Knowledge Society'. A three day-conference, culture, and personality training: presentation, creativity-techniques, learn how to write a proper application letter, everything for a good preparation for a good job!
- # Your idea....?

The Education Working Group is one of the most active Working Groups of AEGEE Europe. If the above things seem attractive to you, come to one of the two-monthly meetings in Brussels. Expertise is not necessary, just good motivation and preferably good ideas.

'Work towards the future, work in the Education Working Group'

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1998 Programme: Education in Europe Towards The Third Millennium

At nearly the end of this millennium on one hand we should take the time to look back at the substantial changes the education went through in history. On the other innovative and never thought of educational schemes will characterise the future and especially the way of thinking of the future generations. Evaluating the achievements of the recent past and analysing the present situation AEGEE should take the chance to take an active part in the discussion aiming at forming new educational schemes. Considering that we want our ideas still to count in the near future the best way to promote our way of thinking is to influence the way the people's ways of thinking are rooted in their education, during this time they develop their first set of "standard operation procedures". According to these all their future opinions and decisions are inevitable going to be influenced in one or another way. Therefore we should influence the process of constant changing of the education in Europe, in order to make these standard operation procedures corresponding to our open-minded, innovative and pro-European attitude. Especially the compatibility of the educational systems in Europe remains one of the most important issues. Mutual recognition should be fostered as much as possible in order to encourage students' mobility which is so essential for the building of the common European house.

Carnevale di Oristano o Primavera in Sardegna...

What the heck am I going to do in Sardinia in February? - I was asking myself. There might even be snow or ice like in Switzerland! But since the trip was organized by Lapo (supported by Annalisa), it couldn't be a joke. Moreover, the participating Greek, German, Austrian, Swiss, Spanish, Italian people and some exotics from Budapest and Canada made up a group explosive enough to take the risk. Arriving after a night of torture on the ferry, we got off the ship like Zombies at the sunrise of an incredibly beautiful day. After another train and bus transfer (thanks to some more sleep and biscotti, but no coffee, I am sorry, Marion!) we made it to our wonderful hotel in St. Caterina. All of us were astonished at the rough scenery diving into the smooth sea.

The first few days were dedicated to Oristano and its famous Carnival. A long tradition of horse riding and the intense trade and exchange with Spanish and other Mediterranean cultures resulted in colourful costumes and masks combined with the admirable skills of Oristano's horsemen. So 'Sartglia', the better known of the two big Carnival parades, consists of the aim to stab a metal star pendant from a rope while the rider is approaching at full gallop. What a thrilling spectacle! - Edi said. The second competition, so called 'Pariglia', is best described as a stuntmen's show on galloping horseback. It was unpreventable that there were two serious accidents... Furthermore, we visited Tharros, a phenician-punic-roman archeological site, the wine cooperation (try the Vernaccia di Oristano), and the beaches, where we reinvented volleyball. Finally, a Swiss cowboy couldn't resist to take a chilly February sea bath.

For the second part of the week we 'pullmanned' to Cagliari. On the way we visited the best documented and preserved 'nuraghe', a tower-like stone fortification some 3000 years of age. In Cagliari we enjoyed the excellent company of the 'Saraddu' students. Thanks for the super disco and the pizza&calcio - dinner you organized for us! By the way, did you know that you can actually see flamingos in Cagliari? No kidding! The last day was dedicated for our benefit: an excursion to Nora, famous for its greek theater (right, Eleni?) and a relaxing lunch at one of the nicest beaches of Sardinia (photos for Michael, Uta, GERALDA, Annalisa...). Unfortunately, the end quickly approached and we had a hard time saying goodbye (in the form of Macarena) to this marvelous island and its fantastic people. Back to the mainland via ferry, some of us could not sleep because they were afraid of the rough sea (and the sinking ship: Andrea), others had already drifted away on different waves to the sea of dreams... The dream must go on.

NB: Carlo and Enrico are the best tour guides in town and do not miss a ride in the fastest Cinquecento of Sardinia. Last but not least, thanks again to Lapo for the whole trip. Well done!

Patrick from 'Milka-land'



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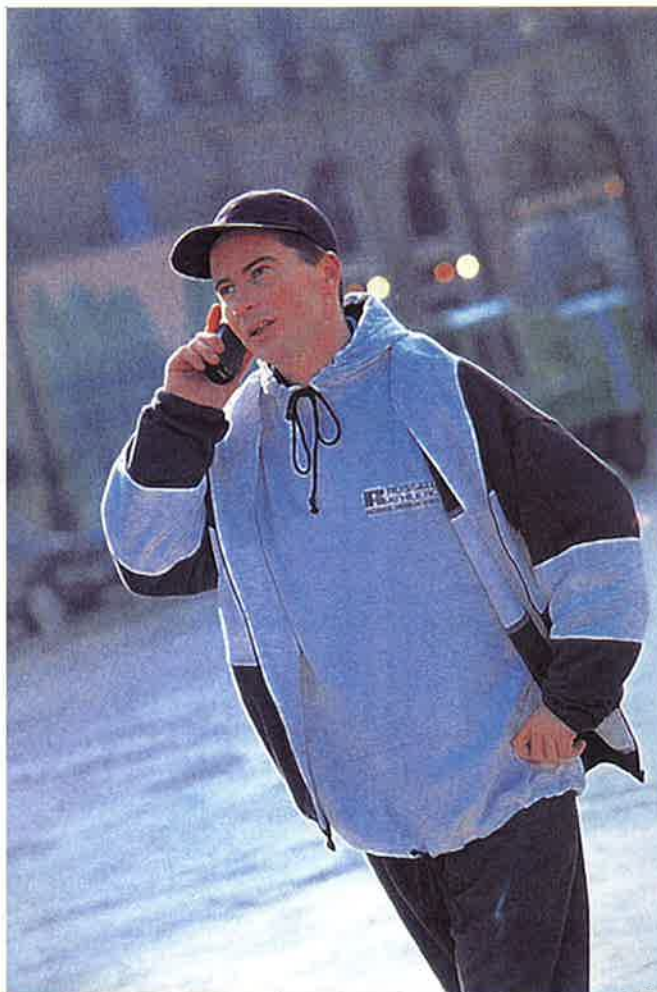
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