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Editorial

BECAUSE IT IS A PRIVILEGE TO WELCOME YOU

UNA HIRUNDO NON VIAM FACIT VER !

"Hi dear friends, Aegee members, bla bla bla ..." STOP IT !!!

Let's try to forget about this chip, stereotype, model of beginning, because we tried here to create something new (what will you see here are pictures and short articles that kept us awake in Aegee eyes), and by the way, since you have opened this stuff it means that you are to be totally different from the others!?

O.K. enough of me being modest ; briefly I would like here to introduce to you an unordinary bend of gypsies, hidden behind the NB editorial team masks, and the humourosly, unseriously difficult job of publishing the new edition. With a total absence of make up here are some things you must know when you continue with reading this NB further and further.

First of all , elements like : effort , energy, willness, streight, professionalism, etc. aren't actually a part of our everyday work on this Bulletin the simple is that when you understand in right time on right way that you are just a man (an ant in universe), so it's more easier to work live and sleep with that point of view.

Anyway, on all your possible questions you will not be given an expectable answer, because, we don't need further evidence to conclude this final message

that's lying inside these 28 pages. Yes, another thing, please, don't be so proud when you see yourself in it it may makes you thinking like a PERSON; don't even try to be jealous-many bigger faceslost the ideals like this/ being great is not so good !!!

Finally, I'm getting on the point of this persona(I) non grata preface: our team was pure strugglin' to get rid of medocracy chains- but it failed; in that way I would like to cover you a top secret: WE ARE NOT ASHAMED of any single percent of our own work, and since we are always confrotro to all our feelings and regrets are being leaved out. We are just bunch of a transpo-rters, transposting your tales from the corridors of Aegee reality.

Enjoy in the continuation !

Be cool to yourself and you will never fail !!!

Mirko Milivojevic

I almost forgot the GRATITUDE word. THANKS to all of you good people that helped us working out with this (Recognize Yourselves).



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What is PM?

The Planning Meeting assists the planning and project implementation of AEGEE.

There are two kinds of Planning Meetings:

The "Think Europe" planning meeting takes place at least six weeks before the Spring Agora. It serves the thematic planning process of the association; internal AEGEE matters are not to be discussed in the workshops.

The "Action Europe" planning meeting takes place at least six weeks before the Autumn Agora and has the task to assist the implementation of actions and projects.

AEGEE-Helsinki celebrated its tenth anniversary in March by organising its first big European level event since 1994. With a small group of people it managed to host almost 200 participants, who seemed to enjoy the programme and hug each other a lot in a Finnish way encouraged by a special edition of hug coupons.

AEGEE-Tallinn hosted first the pre-event in the beautiful capital of Estonia. Then most of the participants were warming up for the PM in the sauna and by jumping into the whole in the icy Baltic Sea!

In the workshops participants were discussing about the yearplan, strategies, AEGEE's future in South Eastern Europe or position about future Europe. Workshops asked after AEGEE enthusiasm or discussed about crimes against humanity as well as future of AEGEE-Education and Globalisation.

As usual, many things were "borrowed" and AEGEE-Helsinki had a chance to show its flag only 2 hours and the Chair couldn't work, while people trying

to steal his hammer. Some people were again relaxing in the sauna after the rough weekend and very tired people were seen coming from Stockholm on Tuesday; the post-event on the swimming hotel and shopping mall seemed to be success too. Now AEGEE-Helsinki is planning the next project, hopefully sooner than in 8 years...

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WS 8: Is the world for sale? AEGEE and globalisation

Tomek Helbin

→ SPRING AGORA



From 2 to the 5th of May the Spring Agora 2002 will take place in Amsterdam. To organize this event we have probably got the biggest commission in the history of AEGEE Amsterdam. All the experience we have gathered in the past years with events like: The Philosophy of Orange, Time of your Life, Fortress Europe and of course innumerable local events are now being used to organize the biggest event of all: the Agora. We have been preparing the Spring Agora for more than six months now. In this time we have overcome a lot of problems and in the coming weeks we need to overcome even more! Finding

classrooms, halls and the worst off all: money is difficult in an expensive city like Amsterdam. The competition between the many student-associations for sponsoring is high; there are just too much student associations in Amsterdam.

We hope that this Agora will be unforgettable and expect a lot of spontaneous people to come to our city. Apart from the official gatherings and events we will try to show people our beautiful city and meet its obstinate inhabitants. Three days is not enough to get to know Amsterdam and even in these three days the main part of the day will be filled with the official AEGEE-meetings, but we will do our best to make you feel at home. Also we have some great party's for the participants and at the end of the evening everyone should be so drunk that they are 'seeing owls'. But not so drunk that you can not get up the next morning because you will have a long day ahead full of AEGEE!

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AEGEE was founded in 1985 in Paris by a group of students from the "Grandes Ecoles" under the name EGEE - Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe. The name is related to the Aegean Sea (la Mer Egée) where democracy was created 2,000 years ago. Due to a name collision with another organisation, the name was changed to AEGEE in 1988. It is pronounced as if it were a French word: "aégée".

EGEE wanted to be a platform for young Europeans to discuss the future of Europe, to present their ideas to the officials of the institutions of the EC and national governments, and EGEE did not want to forget the voice of the students to try to influence European policy in favour of students. At that time, EGEE concentrated only on EC member states.

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The idea of AEGEE succeeded to attract many students who began to establish EGEE locals in their own cities. Starting in Paris, the association was soon present in München, Milano, Leiden, London and Madrid. In 1988, AEGEE existed already in 40 university cities. During those days also the current structure, composed of AGORA, Presidents' Meeting (PM), Comité Directeur and Working Groups (WGs), was created.

There are many ways for AEGEE members to become active in Europe: working in international teams like Working Groups and project teams, being parliamentarians at Agoras - or steering AEGEE in European commissions and the Comité Directeur.





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Antennae

Antenna is the name of an AEGEE local. An antenna usually organises at least one European event per year as well as local activities. Currently there are 248 antennae and contact groups in AEGEE, from Moscow to London, from Istanbul to Stockholm.

Agora

The Agora, AEGEE General Assembly, meets twice a year. Up to 600 AEGEE members gather for three days to discuss proposals and projects, take decisions and set up the guidelines for AEGEE.

Planning Meeting

The Planning Meeting is the association's think tank. It serves to set up AEGEE's thematic orientation. It takes place twice a year: in March as "Think Europe!" Meeting and in September as "Action Europe!" Meeting.

The Commissions

The Commissions are supporting or controlling bodies to the CD. They consist of the Audit Commission, the Members Commission, the Juridical Commission and the Network Commission.



The Comité Directeur, the board of directors, consists of a maximum of nine persons from at least four countries. Every CD member has his or her own area of responsibility. As a whole, the CD is the administrative and representative body of AEGEE, with responsibility for contacts to the European Union and The Council of Europe.

Working Groups

Working Groups are the thematic backbone of AEGEE. They are multinational groups of AEGEE members which organise events on a specific topic, such as education policy, minorities in Europe and environmental issues.

Project Teams

The Project Teams coordinate the work of the European-wide projects of AEGEE. These projects are series of conferences and other activities on a certain subject. The teams consist of members from the different participating locals.



DWG - dance working group

Laura Vrabie

Dance Working Group is the youngest WG of AEGEE, but already one of the biggest, having so far more than 50 members. It was born at the Agora in Constanta, firstly as an experiment. Person "Responsible" for this is the spokesman of AEGEE Europe, Koen Berden who, after seeing some members of AEGEE Brasov dancing in disco, pushed them to found this WG. And he didn't have to say it twice - the next morning, in front of the Agora, his wish became real.



"A dance WG? Why do we need that?" Everyone who first hears about DWG seems to take it as a good joke. "We don't need a WG to teach us how to have fun". But thinking a little bit, we realised that there are many things to be done in this field. Our main aim is to promote one of the key elements of the different cultures in Europe: music and dancing - and to make them better known in the network, this creates a music minded generation, which just not simply think of British, american and Latin music, when it is asked about international songs. Of course, very strongly related to music is dancing culture.

So, what can we actually do? For example, everybody agrees that we need better music for AEGEE parties!!! That's why we intend to collect in a CD best international songs, a kind of "top 20" - which should be played at every AEGEE

party. We will do this by asking an important number of AEGEE members which songs they prefer for their parties. Another project is to promote in AEGEE a special kind of parties -theme parties- as Oldies Party, Dracula Party, Disco Party, Medieval Party, Sexchange Party, Latin party, Kitsch Party...and your suggestions are welcome. We are also concerned also about traditional music and dances. For promoting interculturality in this field, we will make a compilation with folk songs representative for each main region of Europe. And if you think you can't join our DWG because you don't know to dance, don't worry! We will have plenty of events based on dance courses, where professionals will



teach you latin dances, classic or maybe traditional. If you are still not convinced that there are a lot of things to improve about dance and music in AEGEE, just watch us and you'll see!

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BOBIGOSA working group

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ALL THE TRUE ABOUT BOBIGOSA WORKING GROUP

between Udine and Treviso: BOrgonobili di Blbano di GOdegà di Sant'Urbano. Few months later instead of a new Local was founded officially a new Supporting Working Group called BOBIGOSA, from the name of the original village.

This is an extract of the new WG: " Irony, sarcasm and provocations will be our ways of reaching the goals even when we organize Events. This is the only rule we request from the members.... AEGEE is not a Travel Agency. In this case we agree on the fact that those locals and people who intend the association in this key have to be in the center of our criticism. To refer to this mentality it would be better to call them Travel AEGEEncies... AEGEE remains an association of students. It means that it MUST be clear, simple, even if well organized as for principles and procedures. Bureaucracy and unusefull discussions will be in the center of our criticism".

The main criticism actions were against: some high fee Events, announcement for rent a flat on AEGEE mailing lists, non showing up participants, by organizing fake Events recognize yourselves, and fake. It's important to remind that all of this ironic criticism was never offensive and never personalized. The result of this campaign is that now many Locals before organizing an high fee Event are stimulated to looking for sponsors and partners, following the idea that all members of AEGEE are allowed to participate, and not only the most rich ones.

The biggest result is the introduction of a Basic Course of AEGEE in the Summer University Working Format, it was a Bobigosa proposal elected at the Agora of Udine, autumn 2000. In this way an SU participants that approach AEGEE for the first time is able to understand much better our Association. Bobigosa WG is a thematical virtual square were people with common ideals meet for creating new and useful proposals, and spread their own vision of what AEGEE should be but it is not. Sarcasm is never used without clear and announced targets. Now we are planning a Workshop for the PM in-Helsinki in order to know if the enthusiasm in AEGEE on the Western European countries is decreasing because of the reasons already pointed by Bobigosa.

How many people in AEGEE know what is Bobigosa WG? How many know its past activity? How many know why it was founded? Now finally I'll try to answer to all of these questions.

At the Agora of Utrecht, Spring 2000, few people coming mostly from Italy started to discussed about the distance between the AEGEE spirit and the real life of our Association. Talking about spirit and roots of AEGEE wasn't an unuseful and abstract discussion, because it helped to underline what was unfortunately evident: the two levels of our Association were increasing the respective distance. The results of this situation were mostly: higher fees for Events, higher bureaucracy in AEGEE, personal profit by using the AEGEE Network. How start some changemements? How to awaken more people to these problems?

It was decided to use IRONY and PROVOCATION as the main tools. In the beginning those few Italians tried to found a new Contact in AEGEE, situated in a charming Italian village

Do you worry sometimes about people being put in prison after expressing their view on politics or religion? Do you believe it is inhumane to torture, mentally and physically? Do you care about refugees who are being sent back to their countries, while their life is in danger? Do you watch the news and see how wars are being fought, people are being killed without mercy in front of the eyes of their relatives? In general, do you care about the **FUNDAMENTAL** rights and freedoms of **EVERY** person, everywhere?

ALL HUMAN BEINGS ARE BORN FREE AND EQUAL IN DIGNITY AND RIGHTS THEY ARE ENDOWED WITH AND SHOULD ACT TOWARDS ONE ANOTHER IN A SPIRIT OF BROTHERHOOD

WE DO!!! If you do as well, it's time you joined us!

Last year has witnessed one of the most active years of the HRWG in recent times. A lot of work has been done in the field of awareness-raising, activities and events, discussions about human rights and the attempt to generally guide AEGEE a bit more into the direction of a somewhat forgotten field within our organisation, human rights.



We believe that we have been quite successful in this regard and we are fully confident to keep up the fast pace of the last year. We are living in a

We are living in a very exciting time concerning human rights. The tragic happenings on the 11th of September have dramatically revived attention for human rights. Milosevic' trail has started. The International Criminal Court is due to arrive in very short time. In general people seem to share an increased interest in the well-being of other people and the defending of their basic rights. We are here to guide this new interest to AEGEE.

The most important event organized by the HRWG, in close cooperation with AEGEE-Torino, was of course the Human Rights Conference last November. It was a huge success, and not only did the participants enjoy very interesting lectures from top-professors in Italy about crimes against humanity, like torture, human trafficking and persecution, not only did they view an award-winning documentary on this topic, but they also had the opportunity to ask many questions and have an interesting discussions with the experts themselves, at the UNHCHR offices in Geneva! The event was definitely something meaningful, high-profile, that brought AEGEE back to human rights and human rights to AEGEE.

But that was not all. Duygu, our previous speaker, organized a couple of very interesting workshops on human right-related subjects during the PM's and Agora's, human rights was put into the strategy plan due to efforts of the HRWG, we supported a couple of human rights related events with information and finally we tried to raise awareness about human rights and keep the discussion alive!

In the coming year our focus is on crimes against humanity. At the moment we are in the process of considering our activities for 2002. Ideas include setting up a volunteer exchange project within AEGEE with Romanian orphanages, a conference connected with the Yugoslavia Tribunal and the Milosevic trial in the Netherlands and a subject, connected to human rights, in focus every month. Generally, we are looking forward to an extremely busy year!! If you are interested in joining the HRWG, you are more than welcome. Human rights is very interesting, but also very serious and sometimes hard to handle, because of many horrible facts. But every helping hand is one hand less that is able to commit atrocities!

ENWG - environmental working group

B. Zeki Hamedaroglu



AEGEE SPIRIT COVERS PLANET

Especially after the industrial evolution in 18th century, mankind has started to pollute and exhaust the environment. At first, people have not realized the dimensions of the consumptions since the technologies used were fundamental and natural sources were like unlimited. However environmental disruption has become magnificent by 20th century due to unbelievable development of technology and doublings of world population. By the time passes we have become crafts in polluting meanwhile we postponed dealing with wastes. We defined environment as luxury.

Today the footprints of humanity are impossible to miss. Human activity has affected every part of the planet, no matter how remote, and every ecosystem, from the simplest to the most complex. Our choices and interventions have transformed the natural world, posing both great possibilities and extreme dangers for the quality and sustainability of our civilizations, and for the intricate balances of nature.

Human race successfully keeps its position as the only species, which breaks down the balances of Mother Nature. But deadline has been passed over: 1.5 billion people do not have access to clean potable water. 2 billion people are on the edge of starving due to environmentally disrupted agricul-

ture! These statistics mostly belong to poor south countries but globality of environmental problems threatens all world. Global warming will affect all countries, which have seacoasts. Some of them will be flooded even.

AEGEE, as a young non-governmental organization, should direct its studies according to its responsibilities. That is environment is one of the most important topics that AEGEE should have a standing for it. Of course it is not late for AEGEE to put its ideas in front. As UN and EU have very comprising studies, projects, etc. on environment we might well start discussions, conferences and projects through our locals.

Environmental Working Group of AEGEE-Europe can be relieved to start-up action. It is an essential way to broaden AEGEE's vision just on the point of discussing to focus on global matters. I believe that AEGEE Spirit can handle all. It is time for putting hands more beneath the rock.



Our efforts will leave a better world than we found for the next generations.



To present AEGEE in a few words is always a problem. To express wonderful things this organization gives us is always easy, on the other hand, if you would have three minutes how would you do it? There is an obvious and most common dilemma among PR-Responsibles in AEGEE. It is one of many which trouble those that decided to be active in the PR field in AEGEE. These days, many AEGEE members already know that if they are interested in PR they can join the Public Relations Working Group or they can attend one of its "fab" PR European Schools! It all started in 1999 when two PR European Schools were set up in Groningen and Karlsruhe. Since then these 5 day courses called PRES became a hit and the good tradition of PRWG organizing such a PR training course has been kept ever since. You may wonder what makes it so special? Maybe because it brings answers to, for example, question mentioned above. It brings many answers which you later develop on your own giving it your



own personal touch. I have pronounced many bad words, spent many sleepless nights, started to hate my computer and its programs, even doubted my imagination, before I have created my first flyer, press release and many other PR materials. PRES simply represents a solution to all your headaches. It is a course filled with useful lectures and practical assignments guided through work in small groups and competitive but motivating spirit.

Unfortunately not all our PR fans have an opportunity to participate in such an event so we invite all of you to apply to become members of PRWG by sending an email and motivation letter to the secretary of PRWG Simona at: simonnuca@yahoo.co.uk

Read our PR magazine "E-zine" maybe you find yourself inside!?

With us, PR is always FUN!

EWG - education working group

www.aegee.org/wg/ewg

Sandra Adolf

EDUCATION WORKING GROUP



Feeling European? What's the point ?

During our membership only a few of us truly feel European. And when we first get this feeling, we try to become active on the European level as well as on the local level. The easiest way is, to become a member of a WG of AEGEE, according to our interests. What's a working group then? A working group works without any local or national level and is in this way the most European thing you can get within AEGEE. The list-server has proven to be an effective way to provide communication and knowledge transfer between the multi-national WG members. Most working groups are focused on one topic of interest. Most topics are chosen in such a way that they are relevant to students. What's the one of the biggest concerns of students?! EDUCATION. EWG idea comes from here. It is a platform where AEGEE members who are interested in the field of Higher Education can meet, discuss and develop projects. You will soon find out that there is unmeasurable fun and experience to gain, that working in a team of many different nationalities makes your life much more interesting and richer than it was before!

In addition to Socrates Action Week which is organised European wide every year in November (this year on 11-15 November), we are also aiming at spreading information among the students in Europe about the Socrates Programme during the whole year in order to make them well-informed about the opportunities they have and provide more mobility in Higher Education. Why should there be mobility in Higher Education? Don't we all feel very comfortable

sitting in our hometown lecture theatres, living in the usual environment, meeting the people we have known for a long time and talking in a language which sounds familiar? It would be so easy to stick to this nice and well-known situation... But frankly speaking, doesn't this sound really boring and old-fashioned?

In 2001, during the European Year of Languages, some board members already formed part of the European Day of Languages Coordination Team. The importance of language skills increases rapidly, and we want to make everybody aware of this fact. This year (26th November), the organisation will be in the hands of EWG, and we are hoping to attract even more locals this year, with the aim to develop the European Day of Languages into a project that will take place every year, such as Socrates Action Week.

The Education Working Group also promotes the Bologna Process, which aims among others at improving the recognition of studies abroad and at synchronising the curricula in the different countries. We are informing all interested parties about the challenges and advantages of this process and about new developments, which we would also like to give input to. In this respect, several study trips like the one which will take place this year in autumn to that will show the participants different universities in several countries. By comparing the situations, innovative and traditional solutions to the challenges of the modern university world, the "ideal" university structure will be identified, and proposed to be implemented in the Bologna Process.

Pinar Yurddolasaner
EWG General Secretary



'Take the challenge' or 'How to organise very interesting events with a **Working Group**' by Olivier Genkin, IPWG

'Summit of 28', 'Trip to the ICTY' and the 'Conference about the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict' are only a few examples of the events organized by

the International Politics Working Group (IPWG). In fact, within the whole AEGEE-network, most Working Groups are either organizing or co-organising some of the most important events. This renders the Working Groups to become a strong backbone to the entire network. As You might already be aware of, Working Groups are networks in themselves bringing together AEGEEans from all over Europe who are interested in a special field, in our case it is International Relations and Politics. Every topic that is related to this subject is discussed frequently on our mailing list: IPWG-L. This works out as a promotion to the political interest present amongst young Europeans.

In addition to this, IPWG has a circle of people who are willing to organize interesting and innovative conferences concerning topics like International Justice and Politics, the Issue of Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, just to mention a few. One of the main action fields for IPWG is certainly the Balkans. Moreover, the Enlargement of the EU and the Middle-East Conflict is being highlighted within our Working Group. In fact, ever since its creation, back in 1997, IPWG contributed a lot to



the AEGEE Yearplan topics, such as in: 'Europe and Euro', 'Peace Academy' or 'Quo Vadis Europe?' IPWG was instrumental in that it provided thematic support to the locals, co-organised events together with an antenna or simply organised conferences on its own.

Several questions arise: But how is it to organise such a conference? How can we communicate between Cluj-Napoca and Paris, between Hamburg and Belgrade? How can we share the different tasks and respect the deadlines? How do the Public Relations and the Fund Raising work?

I believe that there are two very important rules for a successful project management: On the one hand, You need one main co-coordinator for the whole conference and a team of motivated people on the other hand. Secondly, You can divide the tasks among the members: You must give clear specified responsibilities to everyone, for example, the concept, contact to speakers, logistics, website, public relations, fund raising, participants management etc. The most important thing is **TRUST**. You have to trust the people and let them do their task. That is the only way to decrease the work of the board and the main co-coordinator. Naturally, this works only if the people fulfill their duties and do their work properly.

I feel very proud to have many motivated and active people in the IPWG, not only on the board, but also some of our members. This is very important, for leading our events to success, and especially in order to find successors for the next board of our Working Group. As many antennae, the Working Groups in AEGEE have to face a perpetual succession of ups and downs, depending on a few highly motivated individuals. Thus, the main task of a board must be to give the opportunity to as many people as possible to get involved in the activities in order to ensure the continuity and stability of the Working Group.



From my personal point of view, I find that it is an excellent and unique experience to spend some engagement in a Working Group. Organising events on the European level with colleagues from many different countries and cultures can be hard and demanding, but it is exactly this challenge which allows You to grow, to learn how to motivate people and co-operate with them, without meeting them and sometimes even without knowing them. The chance to become a board member gave me the fantastic opportunity to learn how to manage a Working Group in situations of crisis as well as on the long run. I strongly recommend such experiences to all of You!

For further information, please do not hesitate to visit our website www.aegee.org/wg/ipwg or to send me an email to aegee@genkin.de.





The final conference "Europe Without Borders" part of the year plan for 2000 was host by AEGEE Cluj-Napoca from the 28th until the 2nd of May 2001. 100 young European students gathered in the beautiful city of Cluj in order to conclude and to analyze the results from the entire project of "Borderless Europe". The participants worked in study groups focusing on the thematic pillars of the project: 1. State Borders - Origin, Present and Future; 2. Overcoming Mental Borders; 3. Mobility of European Citizens Visa Requirements; 4. Mobility in Higher Education; 5. Mobility of Labour. After long debates and case studies the participants managed to reach conclusions for every topic Concerning state borders they concluded: "If Europe wants to maintain and expand its geopolitical and economic position, the idea of Borderless Europe cannot remain just a dream. It must become a daily living reality." Overcoming mental borders and developing respect for each other, trying to live together and to understand different mentalities, to accept values, beliefs from other cultural backgrounds, promoting tolerance and mutual understanding are ways to unite the Continent.

AEGEE belief is that Europeans must have equal opportunities of mobility and asks for the total abolishment of visa. Even Her Excellency, Baroness Nicholson of Winterbourne, Vice-Chairman of the European Parliament, official guest to the Borderless Europe Project Final Conference affirmed "A united Europe where citizens cannot freely move from a country to another is not a United Europe". As a result of "Mobility in Higher Education" discussions AEGEE decided to carry out a European Education Campaign (EURECA) in the year 2002 as a Yearplan Project.

The Global Employee Project, organised together with AEGEE-Europe and promoted so many times in AEGEE at Agoras, PMs and other occasions is finally under way! The whole idea of organising this Project started on the stairs of the Cathedral in Szeged at the Presidents Meeting when a few people gathered to discuss how AEGEE could do something about the European Labour Market and offer the possibility to its members to explore their possibilities and think about the region and area they would probably live and work in. European Youth would gather and discussions and visions on the future of the European Job Market were going to be analysed. Students and participants would have the possibility to meet with interested firms and companies as well.

The seminar in Prague about 'International Employee Mobility' between 8 10th of February was the first possibility to see how the Project Global Employee would go. For that occasion any participants,

AEGEE PROJECTS 2001. AEGEE projects 2002.

AEGEE will continue promoting and monitoring the European mobility programmes and the Bologna process among European students. After debating labour mobility and aspects of European job market AEGEE committed itself to organize "Global Employee", a project at European level which will focus on strategies to make more people work abroad. The Borderless Europe project aimed to show the meaning of mobility in achieving a European identity and to find ways in overcoming prejudices and stereotypes which still exist in Europe. AEGEE members have proved that prejudices can be overcome, social and cultural barriers can be removed and that Europeans can live, discuss, work, learn new things and enjoy themselves together, irrespective where they come from. The final conference had the support of Romanian authorities and important people from academic field. Mr. Vasile Soporan, the Prefect of Cluj-Napoca, and Mr. Vasile Dancu, Minister of the Public Information, delivered speeches on behalf of His Excellency Mr. Ion Iliescu, President of Romania, Mr. Adrian Nastase, Prime Minister. They emphasized the role of Romania in a new Europe, a Europe with common values, and a Europe of solidarity and social concession, built on good governance and a solid educational capital. Apart from summarizing the results of the previous events, the conference was a nice chance to hold a reunion of AEGEE members from different backgrounds. The organizing team did its best to combine the serious discussions from the workshops with an enjoyable social program. There was a city tour, visits to museums, to the Botanical Garden and of course the parties which define the AEGEE spirit. In the end, participants didn't know what was the best: the surprise party- a foam party- where everybody got really wet and had a lot of fun or the Traditional Romanian night where besides the tasty Romanian food the participants could improve their dancing skills significantly by learning Romanian Dance.

Diana Filip - Cluj Napoca



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first selected and then invited by AEGEE-Prague, gathered in Hotel 'Krystal' to discuss various aspects of international employee mobility and enlargement. Very interesting discussions and workshops. Topics included the enlargement of the European Union and the consequences for mobility, harmonisation of tax and pension systems, politics versus economics when it comes to mobility, etc. To that goal speakers from all over Europe had gathered in Prague to interact and 'fight' with the many interested participants. A lot of great informal discussions involving many participants

took place before and after the official programme and some of the quotes written down there were much more spicy than uttered during the panel and workshops!

There were some great speakers and the seminar was so much fun that two of them did not only stay for the day-programme but followed the organisers until deep in the night through beer-cellars into one of the famous discotheques in Prague. Due to the excellent organisation of AEGEE-Praha, the participants really were able to integrate, have informal chats, enjoy the beautiful city of Praha and feel mobile and European for a short while. For all these achievements and many more, the Global Employee



Coordination Team would like to congratulate AEGEE-Praha and thank them sincerely for making this opening seminar such a success!

The seminar in Prague was the Opening Seminar to the Project Global Employee. More seminars and fairs are coming soon as well as the essay contest and a European Survey. If you are interested, curious or want to enjoy yourself while learning a lot, surf to www.globalemployee.org, inform yourself and apply for any of the other events that take place until October 2002. (KGB)

Koen Berden

WHY EURECA?

the answer is: because we need a change in education programmes. That is why I joined the EURECA team. I myself had the opportunity to study abroad and it was a great experience. However, it seemed that from a formal point of view I was faced with as many problems as possible. It all started with the fact that no contract was signed between my faculty and any of the faculties/universities that would be interesting to me. This already excluded me formally from the SOCRATES programme. More, when I finished my exams and came back it turned out they wouldn't be recognised and so I had to take all exams from the semester I "missed". I know that there are more people with such and different experiences. **EURECA European Education Campaign** is OUR (students') response to the problems of today's education. We want to take an active part in shaping the new educational programme for the whole of Europe and that is the most important and challenging goal of the Yearplan 2002. Something real that we can achieve, not only talking and debating. I believe EURECA concerns all European students that value getting new experiences and knowledge in different countries, discovering the culture on all its levels. I admit, it is a program with a very idealistic goal.

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While I was writing this article the **Education Action Week** has already started. 30 locals from 14 countries are organising panel discussions, workshops, interactive role-plays and information campaigns about the higher education in Europe. At the end they will evaluate the results in a special questionnaire and send their representatives to **Enschede for the Opening Conference (from the 4th till the 7th of April)**. If you would like to join this debate and check out what AEGEE-Enschede prepared to give you also a lot of fun-time check out the webpage: www.openeureca.com.

Join the **conferences** covering different subject that have influence on education.

1. **The atmosphere in Europe: Enlargement, Cluj Napoca,**
11th 14th of April
2. **Universities building Europeans, Krakow, 16th 19th of May**
3. **Institutions: shaping the Students' future, Barcelona,**
23rd 26th of May
4. **Non-formal education: the role of NGO's, Tartu,**
4th till 7th of July



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After that there is time to sum up and reflect about everything that was said and gathered up to now. That will be done during the Education Study Meeting in May with the contribution of the Alumni Network and Les Anciens. It will also point out what could still be done and analysed in a next phase of the project. In this way we come to the 4 seminars organised in cooperation with European institutes and institutions.

Finally, we come to the Closing Conference in December in the European Parliament. Everybody who contributed to the project and worked for its outcome will be welcome there to see the results. I hope to stay in touch with you during this year. For more information www.aegEE.org/eureca. If you have more questions or ideas how to contribute to the project just write to the team on: eureca@aegee.org

See you soon somewhere with EURECA.
Lets make things easier for us students!

Karolina Pomorska
PR responsible of EURECA



Youth for SEE

(Twin) Academic Trainings Programme - Youth for SEE

With the successful launching of the Balkanidea Project (www.balkanidea.org) in the year 2000, AEGEE has made the first steps towards the establishment of a student and youth NGO's in the Balkan region. To further this process of regional dialogue and co-operation, "Youth for SEE" aims at helping young activists from transition countries in the region understand their activities and daily life.

The Academic and Trainings Programme is made up of two (twin) trainings with a strong academic component, organized by AEGEE-Beograd and AEGEE-Istanbul in co-operation with their respective partners, the Alternative Academic Educational Network (Beograd) and the Helsinki Citizens Assembly (Istanbul). The training in Istanbul "Regional Co-operation and Stability" will have a regional focus, while the training in Beograd "One Europe" will be European in outlook. The philosophy of both trainings can be summarized as: "regional co-operation and European integration start with people working together..."

The trainings, taking place in Beograd from the 16th to the 25th of November 2001. And in Istanbul from the 14th to the 23rd of December 2001, will gather 60 youth and student leaders from the countries of Southeast Europe, 50 invited as participants, 5 as tutors and 5 as case moderators.



Objectives of the project

- Bring together youth (student) leaders from SEE countries
- Promote regional co-operation and integration
- Promote dialogue and information sharing
- Encourage mobility and exchange
- Provide academic background on social, economic and political problems
- Provide information on regional and European structures
- Develop personal and social skills
- Practice intercultural learning and co-operation in multinational teams
- Create a solid sense of mutual understanding
- Establish a network of befriended NGO's (or partnerships)

The academic programme of the trainings will be made up of plenary sessions (lectures, presentations and (simulation) games, case studies (involve study groups of 10 participants, their tutor and the case moderator) and tutorials (necessary preparation for plenary sessions and case studies).

A 'staff' of tutors and case moderators will support the trainings. The staff will be made up of experienced young activists who have specific expertise in the field of training and/or in certain academic disciplines. Internationally renowned academics will be invited to give lectures on relevant subjects of the humanities, social sciences, law, international politics, economics, etc. Moreover, presentations of field workers and representatives of inter-governmental organizations (EU, Council of Europe, OSCE, UN) and non-governmental organizations involved in **policy** of the academic programme.

Preparation

The preparation of the Academic Trainings Programme "Youth for SEE" will be carried out by the project teams of AEGEE-Beograd and AEGEE Istanbul. The two project teams will work closely together. The project teams will bear the full responsibility for logistic arrangements, excursions and leisure programme, promotion of the activities and the application procedure.

Evaluation/follow-up

The evaluation of the trainings will be conducted on the basis of the expectations and evaluations of the participants. The participants will be asked to define the types of skills, knowledge and contacts they have required (or improved) at the training, and to describe when and how they expect to make use of them in their future activities.



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Follow-up activities will include the publication and distribution of results; the setting up of e-mail listservers for future contact and co-operation; and the continuation of the programme with a new series of trainings in SEE.

Igor Stamenković

CST

case study trip



CASE STUDY TRIP EX-YUGOSLAVIA PART III

After CST I in 1996 (Maribor Zagreb Novi Sad Skopje) and CST II in 1999, (Ljubljana Zagreb Beograd Skopje), here comes part III, even bigger, more exciting and interesting! What exactly CST III should be? It is a trip through all republics of former Yugoslavia where you will get to know countries, cities and cultures of Ex-Yugoslavia nations.

Once we were living in the same country, now we are working together: 5 different countries, 6 different cities, 8 AEGEE antennas! From Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Yugoslavia (Montenegro and Serbia) to Macedonia.

CST will take place in October 2002, lasting 15 or 17 days. During that time you will attend study sessions, introductory lessons, round tables and discussions on 4 different topics in every place/country: education system

and student standard, minorities and their rights, political situation, economy and social status in three different periods (last 10 years, present situation and future development). At the end you will have the opportunity to make your own conclusion at the final conference, taking place in Macedonia.

In short: lectures, workshops, cultural and social program, traveling. But most of all, the contact with true Balkan hospitality, warmth and party fluid! Wait for more information in the future and explore the most exciting part of Europe!

Tamara Novak, AEGEE-Maribor



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p r e s e n t s

In December 2001 there was a big party in the very heart of Europe... AEGEE-Praha celebrated its 10th Birthday!!!

Our antenna was the first AEGEE-child in the Czech Republic. It was established in 1991 by a group of Czech students, who were interested in promoting "the European idea" and putting together young people with "European feeling". Vaclav Havel, the president of the Czech Republic, became a patron of AEGEE.

Members of AEGEE-Praha have always been smart and amusing people, who love travelling with loads of fun. They took part in great number of conferences, Summer Universities and other events across Europe. In each of these events people could be attracted by a very special way of Czech humor or by the beauty of Czech girls. Today we have 156 registered members and more than 20 of them are active.

During ten beautiful years of AEGEE-life many different international as well as local events were organized. This involves about 10 conferences (*Quo Vadis Czechoslovakia* - 1992, *Micro-university* - 1996, *Training Course* - 1997, *New Dimension of Student Mobility* - 1999, etc.) *Agora* - 1993, *European School* - 2000

and number of student exchanges. Apart from that, we organize every year an unforgettable Summer University where people have not only a chance to "Check the Czechs" but also to

experience the taste of the Vltava River during our great canoe

AEGEE Praha



trip, and the event is becoming more and more popular. During the last months AEGEE Praha has been very busy. We have been preparing the opening conference of *The Global Employee Project* together with AEGEE-Groningen and AEGEE-Rotterdam (you can find more info about the project at <http://www.globalemployee.org>). This event took place in our beautiful city at the beginning of February. The title of our conference was "International Employee Mobility: the perfect job market in 2005?". It was focused on the main barriers of employee mobility to show this problem from different points of view. Because this conference took part in the Czech Republic, which is one of the candidate countries, the topic of European Union enlargement was also largely discussed. There were many interesting speakers for the lectures and the workshops. It has been a great learning experience for all the participants and they enjoyed it very much.

Our last event was a success, but AEGEE-Praha is not only a „conference producer“, it is, above all, a bunch of good friends enjoying fun and spending a lot of time together... Over the next months we are going to prepare a few local events - a student ball, a trip to the mountains, various parties...



At last but not least, we will start collecting new ideas for our Summer University, so that you could check the Czechs again... AEGEE-Praha is open to people from all over Europe!!!

Dagmar Nova
Vice-president
Secretary AEGEE-Praha



1. how long does your antenna exist and how many members do you have?

AECEE-Tallinn exists since March-April 2001 and for now we have about 50 members

2. any bigger events that you have been realized or any special that u would like to put?

The biggest event was taking part in SU "A Tale of Two Cities-Tallinn & Helsinki" in 2001, when SU participants spent

nearly one week in Estonia. Then we had RM Northern Region, where we were discussing plans for work in co-operation with our neighbour antennas. pre PM was in Tallinn.

3. what is all like inside your antenna, meetings, local events, friends and planning?

We meet once a week in some local pub to discuss our plans. sometimes our meetings are not in so usual place as a pub, but at the bowling club, where we also play bowling or at the ice-skating hall where we can ice-skate. we also going together to the cinema & having great parties. Although officially we meet once a week, we always stay in touch with each other, and if somebody gets known about some interesting event coming up, he or she let us know, and it can be the reason for us to meet again during the week.



4. future plans and what would you like to be changed?

The biggest plan for now is Travelling Summer University 2002, that covers three countries (Latvia, Estonia, Finland), 5 cities (Riga(L)-Tartu(E)-Tallinn(E)-Helsinki(F)-Turku(F)) in three weeks. so now we are discussing the program for the Tallinn part of SU. PS: u can look for this SU program in AECEE Europe SUs plan.





TSU Moscow

Summer University 2001.



writing:

Mirka Ondrasova

AEGEE Praha

Everything started in Moscow where I was happy to discover 29 (+8) other crazy homo sapiens that were all eager to survive the "russian survival". The first thing that struck everyone was the weather. Some 40 degrees nearly for the whole week as we were there. So all the images in my memory of russia and it's people in warm coats and caps dissapeared very fast. What I liked a lot was the Moscow metro stations... sometimes you feel like being in a palace not in a metro. Besides it was one of the few places where you could hide away from the heat if you didn't want to end up in McDonald's or with the police. The Moscow policemen are for a chapter of their own. They have a nice way of making money: so swimming in a fountain in Alexandrijskij sad will cost you 1000 rubles, getting inside the big cannon in the Kremlin is for 600 (after an hour of negotiations), walking around Moscow without a passport another 1000 :) They must

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get pretty rich like this very fast! Lenin is really dead. I'm not sure whether he is falling apart because I didn't have my glasses but he looked pretty dead to me. The Red square is not red but beautiful. At least that should be the real translation of it's russian name. Krasnaja in old russian means beautiful. And it's pretty big. Everything in Moscow is pretty big... you can still feel the big SSSR everywhere.

From Moscow we went to Vladimir,

Suzdal (to look at a typical russian wooden village and throw cold water on everyone in your way), Bogolubovo (to finally have a swim in that hot weather). Most of us experienced the biggest horror of their lives when we wanted to go to the toilet in a typical russian train. Till I figured out how it works I nearly missed my station. And then back to Moscow. From Moscow to Novgorod. To tell you the truth I don't remember



Novgorod that much because the train journey lasted for the whole night (and I was playing cards nearly all the time) and in the train it was hard to sleep well. And just as we arrived in the Novgorod train station in the morning the russian organisers announced that we're going sightseeing. So I somehow slept more than I listened or took care of what is going on around me. Besides I wasn't the only one. I've got some pictures of people sleeping everywhere they managed to sit down. (But I think Novgorod was a nice town as well). And then we went camping. Near one wonderful lake... I still remember the sunset over the water. Our "choir" singing russian songs. Eating grechka. The molo that was just right to sleep on, but you couldn't move too much or you'd end waking up in the water. The "red russian bus" which suprisingly managed to take us to Pskov and Pushkin Mountains with only one stop to get water out of the river and pour it somewhere-I-don't-know-where in the engine because it seemed to be steaming too much...

Everything ended in St. Petersburg where we have again seen all possible churches and cathedrals. In Petersburg I didn't feel as much in Russia as I did in Moscow. It looked much more european. Well with some exceptions. Ask someone where is this and this and

"Russia?!", exclaimed my mum with true horror in her eyes... and I guess this is how it all probably started. "No way, you're not going anywhere. You're crazy, absolutely irresponsible, all your things are going to get stolen and you'll end up in a brothel. That's a bit too much but still it's not that hard to guess how much authority my mum has..."

It would take a whole day to explain all the reasons why, so I'll just sum it up this way: Russia is enormously big, very strange, absolutely crazy and a really interesting country with a lot of beauty inside. As everywhere else you meet a lot of nice, friendly and helpful people as well as robbers and beggars that you can't get rid off when eating your food on the street.



they tell you: oh it's just at the end of this street. Well ok thanx and off you go.... and go and go.

And then you realise that the street has about five kilometers. But the city with all it's channels and bridges that went up every night was wonderful. The weather changed and it was raining quite a lot. And we, clever people, were in the biggest rain wondering around and sightseeing Petrodvorets. And the next sunny day was spent in Hermitage. But still I'm sorry that I didn't manage to see the whole of it, one day for a place like that was just

not enough.

In Slovakia we have a saying "Life is like a book. The only difference is that you can read a book many times, but life only once." (if I managed to translate it properly). I think many of us that were there are thinking how great it would be if we could repeat the whole thing again.

Mirka Ondrasova





AEGEE Roma

events

19. - 21.10.2001.

AEGEE-Roma: gimme five!!!

5 events in 1 year... 10 years of activity!



Fabrizio Fantini
child of AEGEE Roma

Just the time for some refreshment and a typical fisherman guides us to the conquest of the island of Santo Stefano...there's an former hard prison, reachable only by feet, where you can't escape from AEGEE organizers...

After recovering our self in a tiny hotel with its rooms occupied by crazy AEGEE members from different antenna the first celebration party takes place in the cave, where everybody has typical mediterranean dinner and free cocktails, dances, and enjoys AEGEE-Roma jam session...we succeeded in doing everything without falling in the water opposite...

The day after, a visit to the ancient villa romana and a relaxing bath in a warm water (...even in October...unbelievable!) prepared us for the real celebration in the main square of the island: the organizers thank

Last days of October, 30° degrees, sun is shining and wonderful Mediterranean Sea looks particularly peaceful this weekend. The ferry's noise seems to announce that something special is going to happen...soon!

Ventotene! The paradise is only a couple of hours away from Roma! AEGEE and it's army of 80 crazy participants from all over Europe invade this quiet historical island where not more than 300 people live peacefully and unaware of what's going to run them over! The ferry docks, the major authorities welcomed the "strange" group and lead it to the first meeting place...a little cave nearby the port where AEGEE-Roma organizers have prepared food, drinks, music, t-shirts...and fun!



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the authorities and invite them on the stage just close to a white screen where pictures AEGEE-Roma events are slide-shown. In the end, typical drink and food is provided by the locals, while music and drinks make everyone dance in the middle of the square...with all the residents being involved by the celebration! Simply superlative!

Michele Cardone

Winter Rainbow Regional Meeting, Kranjska Gora, 22.-24.2.2002

FROM INFORMATIVE LESSONS TO FULL MONTHLY ...

Active members of AEGEE Ljubljana have spent quite some time preparing for the Regional Meeting, organized in cooperation with the NetCom Team. We have decided to stage the event in the idyllic Kranjska Gora Representatives of the Rainbow Region were present in their full number also our friends from Budapest and the representatives from the Spain.

It all started on Friday. Those who arrived among the first were enriched by a visit to a cultural heritage monument, the Liznjek's House. In order to get to know us better and prepare for Saturday's classes we continued the European night with a drinking contest and then found our way to the Casino in Kranjska Gora to listen to the Prljavo Kazalište concert and later try our luck at the slot machines. Since not all of us were having luck that evening, which however did not alter our cheerful mood we continued partying at the local pub.

Saturday was intended for Internal Education. After a sleepless night almost 30 sleepy heads appeared at interesting lessons and I would like to congratulate all those who not only showed up for the lectures but also actively participated in them



After a laborious weekend, filled with new experiences and new friendships we splashed in the swimming pool like little children! The sun set too quickly again and even the most persistent participants had to depart. The Regional Meeting united us even more and new events are already shaping in our heads, new events where we will surely meet again.

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As the day slowly gave way to the night we staged a dancing competition for our, joyful and spirited participants. Unfortunately blushing maidens soon became hard to find so some eager boys were left without their counterparts but they made a great public! The competitive spirit pervaded the dancers and, to convince the Italian and Croatian judge, pretty soon some of them took of their pants, which sent their female dancers and female public into waves of ecstasy. With the sultry Lambada, Waltz, Can Can and other rhythms we discovered their many talents all the way to the final. Even taking off the top was not enough there and even though both couples were neck-to-neck only one couple won. We went again for an all out dance frenzy to Papa Joe's, while some were getting rich in the Casino ... and even those soon exchanged their winnings for a pint of beer :-)

Sunday. First we attended an Agora simulation and were faced with a lack of still sleeping Rainbows. The staff team did their best and all those who joined our morning coffee and attended the lecture were left with smiling faces. We concluded the official part and promised ourselves to meet again soon and dance to the Rainbow rhythms!

Saša Širca

FUND RAISING EUROPEAN SCHOOL

26.11.2001-01.12.2001

"They put stones around the spring in order to build, when the warm weather returned after the winter, the Well of Three Brothers, which could forever recall a fantastic adventure and the fraternal love." This is how ends a famous Polish legend about Bolko, Leszko and Cieszko the sons of Polish king Leszko III. After a very long separation they finally met by the spring and because they were so happy to see each other they decided to build the well and then a town called CIESZYN (from Polish verb cieszyć się to be happy). This time AEGEE people came to this historical Polish place in order to become the leaders in fund raising. Fund Raising European



AEGEE Katowice

School took place from 26th November till 2nd December so today everybody is home. Lets take a small review of the ordinary day.

8.00 a.m.(sic!) everybody knew what this hour meant and none of participants could hide under warm guilt from penetrating Naitala's (Waking up Responsible) eye. It was a torture for everybody understandable especially when there were so many attractions and such a short night. The organizers from Katowice were very happy because they didn't have to put much work in waking up people when there was lack of warm water in the morning. So there was no mercy for sleepyheads each of them was treated with frosty natural mountain stream.

During the whole lovely 7 days 32 heads from all around the Europe were drinking in the Great Sergio Maestri words and Grzegorz Stanis... Appearance.

The knowledge could also be used in practice (don't worry Grzegorz was adored by only females). Participants got a special task to find as much and as valuable sponsors as possible for Summer University. So the game: "how to catch sponsor and not to fall down" started. But I guess the most awaiting day was the day of interviews, when participants could negotiate with potential sponsor. Imperceptibly the 19.00 stoke...Time for dinner! And an unforgettable night ahead. Most of us wouldn't have ever said they could skate and do the splits in the light of stars. This special night on the ice skating was kept in Fun(d)raisers minds for a long time...or at least until bruises and bumps disappeared. Hot Romanian temperament made the winter ice almost melted during never ending night, when we noticed that the dawn was coming out. So the team - dancing in the street marched to the youth hostel hoping there would be warm water. The pub Omega became almost a new AEGEE local. Each night was full of great fun and new experiences not necessarily connected with FR.

And the 1st of December came...a very special day for AEGEE Katowice it's 10 years since we make such a fuss in AEGEE tears and laughter, breaking arms and giving black eyes in collision with stairs... also some alcohol... not much. No doubt we became a great family...specially when there was still no warm water in youth hostel and Father Christmas was implacable. Hugging became a normal gesture.

Hopefully it was not the last FRES and it will be recalled as one the nicest.

Wanda Bryndas

On the program were the obligatory city tour through the capital of Bavaria and parties besides the course.

Our guests seized the opportunity to gain knowledge of other European cultures by dancing and enjoying each other at the parties. Finally, on Sunday morning, we had a great brunch combined with first steps in a special group version of Salsa (Rueda) where the students got a feeling for all the steps they had learned over the past two days by changing partners constantly. And - as it is usually for AEGEE events - we talked all the time, but still would have liked to extend the event to learn even more from each other.

This was another possibility with AEGEE to LIVE Europe! Many thanks to all participants and organizers. We hope to see you for our next SalsaFever.

Alexander Schäl

BTW: AEGEE-Muenchen learned to take care of its flag :)

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Salsa
Fever
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18. - 20.01.2002

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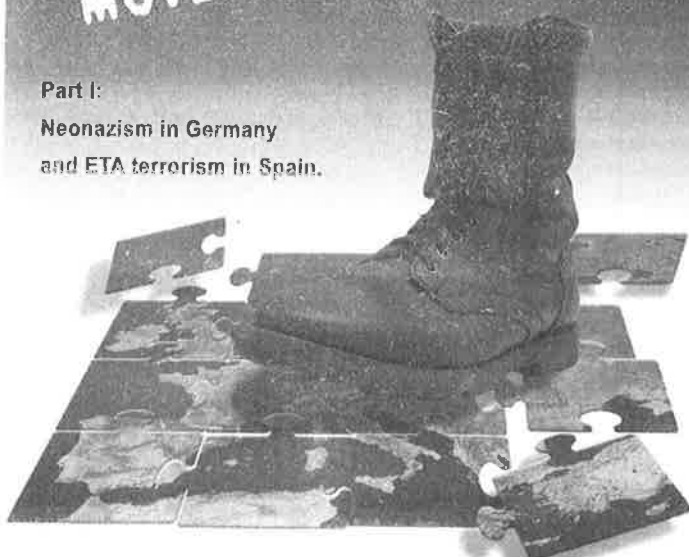
In January 2002 AEGEE Munich organized another workshop for Salsa dancing, like we did 3 years ago. This time we had 20 participants from 8 European countries. They learned the basics of Salsa from Friday till Sunday afternoon.



ANTI-DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENTS IN EUROPE

Part I:

Neonazism in Germany
and ETA terrorism in Spain.



Taking a look at the international section of any newspaper we will unfortunately find enough examples of human-rights violators and democracy despisers around the world. The most popular cases can be found in wars and/or under dictatorships in developing countries. But even in the wealthy and democratic states of Europe there are individuals who undermine democracy with their activities, ignoring the most basic human rights and killing and chasing after those who think or look different.

AEGEE Giessen decided to start a series of lectures about this issue called Anti-democratic Movements in Europe. The first part has been dedicated to Neonazism in Germany and ETA Terrorism in Spain and was held from the 9th to the 11th of November 2001.

AEGEE members from 16 towns and cities attended the following lectures on Saturday the 10th of November from: Prof. Dr. T. Maruhn, Professor for Public, European and International Law from the University of Giessen (Lecture: "Anti-Terrorism in Public International Law Recent developments and special problems"); Mr. Bodo Becker, specialist from the BAVS in Cologne, one of Germany's secret services (Lecture: "Right-wing Extremism in Germany,

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present overview"); and Prof. Aurora Bilbao from the University of the Basque Country, who kindly accepted to come from Bilbao (Lecture: "The Basque Country Conflict, Historical Overview and Present Situation"). Unfortunately, in the last minute the lecture of Mr. Branimir Gajic, journalist of the Serbian magazine "blic" was cancelled due to flight problems from Beograd. The conference was introduced by the President of the University of Giessen and by AEGEE Giessen.

On Sunday the survivors attended the last seminar. Here, in a friendly and relaxed environment, the participants had the possibility of asking Mrs. Bilbao about her life in the Basque Country, being on ETA's black list, and having to share her life with bodyguards and police.

AEGEE Giessen wants to thank all the participants who visited (and tried to visit) our event. All of you were great! And special thanks to those who arrived from the very distant places in the Ukraine (visa-crisis what visa-crisis?), Turkey and Sweden and those who did it by hitch-hiking. Thank you!

We would also like to encourage other AEGEE groups to organize a second part! Just ask us about it if you require any help - posters, patrons even sponsors.

A. Gerique

AEGEE Erlangen

SMILE 01. - 04.06.2001.

The congress organized by AEGEE-Erlangen/Nürnberg, which has btw. This year its 15th anniversary, from May 31st to June 4th was entitled "smile-all about laughing" and was also a bit to show that "germans and humour" could possibly fit together and what common things as well as cultural differences of "humour and laughter" can be. Next to the congress we had in Erlangen our biggest public event of the year, the

"Bergkirchweih" - a typical Franconian beerfest. Our 5 very professional lecturers told the 32 participants from nine European countries about the aims of the "laughter movement" - a group of associations who meet together just to train laughing and feel better, about the psychology of laughter, about therapy and motivation training with the aid of humour and all held workshops to train our participants in laughing:

Mrs. Florentina Ionescu, born in Romania, lives in Schriesheim (Germany) is a humour therapist and holds courses on different aspects of humour according to the methods of Dr. Madan Kataria had various tv-appearances contributed to our congress with a motivation training speech and a extremely professional workshop for humour training.

Mr. Manfred Leitner lives and works in Regensburg (Germany) and founded and chairs the "Lachklub Regensburg" (local laughter club) and also holds seminars on laughter for companies and "all who need it" - there is a weekly laughter training



SKE WEEK" GOLDEN FOX: 17.02-24.02.2002

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AEGEE Maribor

Ski Week is certainly one of the most relaxing type of events organized by AEGEE locals. In general what you need for to organize a common ski-week is a mountain, a bit of luck to have snow and AEGEE spirit for crazy to do parties. But, AEGEE Maribor wanted to make much more! Nightmare for the organizers in Maribor lasted almost till the very beginning of the event the temperatures were constantly high and almost all of snow on Pohorje, some 1,350 m high mountain, was melted. A bit sad but not dejected, AEGEE people of Maribor formed a complete back-up plan for all the 7 days of the event for those of the participants that would come to Slovenia even if no snow at all!

Finally the first ski-day was there. Monday, quite early around 9 already the bus was waiting to take the skiers to ski lifts. As the organizers already arranged Ski Passes, the

snow fiesta had started... dozen of slopes of different difficulty, nice weather, bit icy but fine snow pad... and hours of pleasure... The bus was waiting for the skiers to go for a meal at a dormitory. But this was far from the end of the day! There was a new challenge onwards ice-skating! An hour and a half, with nice music and few drinks, bit of crashes but lot of fun... The evening hours were easy and calm, which was a great atmosphere for get knowing to each other. Knowing it would be pity for the participants not to have a sightseeing of the region, the ambitious organizers provided a full-day excursion covering the most important and the most beautiful spots of Slovenia (apart from Maribor, of course): Ljubljana, the capital city; Bled and Bohinj lakes, the two pearls of this part of Europe and of course Postojna cave worth of seeing, don't skip it if you're passing around.

As the presentation would be incomplete without cultural aspect, a "Slovenian night" was held offering rich national cuisine followed by traditional dances and music...

A special tit-bit for the ardent skiers night



skiing on "Golden Fox" slope under the light of reflectors and torches was preceded by the full relaxation day spent in thermal baths! Jacuzzi, Turkish and Finish Sauna, thermal warm water, indoors but also outdoors, even the "waterfalls"! Couldn't fit better for an exhausted body!

Parties? AEGEE style never fails: crazy and fully drunk people, Balkanian music, drinks brought from all parts of Europe, table dancing, male striptease in front of the shocked barmaids, European night with a working title "A Death on a Dance-floor"... A crown on the magnificent ski-week giant slalom competition! Profy organization, gates, electronic time measurement, special stuff hired, artificial snow to cover the ice, spectators, speed,

technique, flashes, crashes, rejoice, and medals for all the competitors, with logo of AEGEE Maribor and "Golden Fox" Ski Week on it! Splendid! Finally, this very active program resulted with few medicines to cure flue that most of people caught, one car stranded on a rock 'cause of fatigue of the driver... kisses and tears, as it usually is... and lunch-packets as a gift for a long trip back home! (Thank you for that, dear organizers!) At the end, a small vacation afterwards to repose from the repose!

How to conclude? Brave and very successful undertaking by quite an inexperienced but highly motivated team of AEGEE Maribor. If only we could clone them to have more locals likewise AEGEE would have been... Wuf!





The intention behind writing it is to further the on-going discussion on the subjects of that conference, while not forgetting points already raised. The following, then, will summarise all discussions singly, including all panels and workshops, and provide some comment by participants. Recall the first day, a review of events ten years ago on the very spot of the gathering that day, the provincial government of Limburg in Maastricht. After the introduction by the governor and university rector, an account of events, the contents of the Treaty and a subsequent evaluation of their impact took place, all allowing for questions by the audience.

Recall the second day, looking into the lasting effects of the Maastricht Treaty today. The Economic and Monetary Union (EMU) along with the actual introduction of the euro was one important outcome all of us were experiencing just then, so the focus of both an introduction and a panel debate was the economic impact this had and is likely to have. This was followed by a more diverse set of workshops, covering legal convergence, ecology, economics and European journalism.

AEGEE Warsaw - AEGEE Lviv

AEGEE ANTENNAS' EXCHANGE 11. - 17.02.2002.



If friendship had wings, it could have serious problems with stretching them wide enough... wide enough to embrace all these spots on the European map, where people of different nations, cultures and likings enjoy the same spirit... the famous, unique and totally overwhelming... AEGEE spirit...

For a week (11 - 17 February 2002) two of such places, "somewhere" in the Central Eastern Europe, were closer to each other than ever before. It was on one of these awfully - frosty Polish mornings, when a group of AEGEE Warsaw members stepped on the train heading for L'viv in the Ukraine. This is how the second part of the exchange within the Twin Antenna Project was set in motion... As it was soon to turn out, this somewhat fairy tale beginning was nothing but a foretaste of what we were to experience the following week!



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25. - 27.01.2002.



"€UNITED 10 YEARS MAASTRICHT TREATY

Recall lastly the concluding outlook on Europe's future implementation of the Maastricht Treaty and its successors, first in a panel of political experts, then in a panel of students made up ad hoc. This was a chance for participants to make up their own minds, exchange their ideas and speak their mind in the presence of current decision-makers, a direct contribution to the Future of Europe debate, and a preparation for future decision making.

To name but a few highlights, the euro by now has completely replaced all twelve national currencies, and is now a matter of everyday life rather than everyday debate. The Laeken Convention has gathered, and its president, has stated his intention that at the least a written constitution for the European Union will be aimed for as the outcome. And very recently, the Barcelona Summit of European heads of state has furthered economic integration and competitiveness by reaching among others a deal on state monopoly liberalisation.

Life after "€United" goes on, and so does the process that is Europe, as well as the debate about it. One last time, we repeat our call to participate in both!

Europeanly Yours,

€United organising committee



For most of us, it was the first visit to L'viv and everyone was more than eager to explore this "magic" we heard so much about... Amazing: it wasn't until the very first moment we saw the well known faces, that we forgot we were strangers. Later in the evening, we were already more than sure that the chorus of a Polish song which goes (more or less): "...only in L'viv" was 100% adequate: for is there any better place where you can eat delicious "bliny" or "varenky" prepared with such load of heart? Or does any other vodka contain as much of a unique spirit as the Ukrainian "percovka"? How wonderful were these long, long evenings... well, maybe only a slight disadvantage to it: we didn't manage to see the sunrise in L'viv... but the Opera in the midday sun was just as splendid view! (Hopefully!)

And so we began our trip back in time: each of the churches, monasteries and tenement houses we came across, told its own history of the city which succeeded in preserving its almost intact beauty for hundreds of years... It took therefore the next hundred of... photos, to get all these moments present in our personal diaries. Another (thrilling) experience was the one day trip we went for on the coldest day one could imagine (will anyone believe it was the St. Valentine's day?!). We visited the old mansions and castles beautifully situated in the hilly countryside outside L'viv. A small "sausage party" we held in the main hall of a neglected palace is certainly something to remember! Let alone the mistletoe we found on every step after all St. Valentine didn't forget about us!

It may seem that after a couple of days, we were already overloaded with an incredible lot of impressions and memories... Nothing of this kind! It became clear that our capacity in this respect had to be extraordinarily extensive our Ukrainian friends had much more up their sleeves! That is how we found ourselves in the heart of the Karpaty mountains on one sunny morning. Slavsk was one of these places where bread with strawberry jam eaten for breakfast, dinner and supper had the most exquisite of tastes! And the unforgettable extreme: a "downhill race" in a rusty "bobik" (that used to be a jeep a long time ago) driven by a passionate Freddy -

Kruger like guy, at a pace far from moderate... An experience highly recommended for anyone who already got bored of bungee jumping!

Weronika Ruszecka
Anna Sobierańska



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LAMB EVENT 06. - 17.04.2001.

AEGEE Athina's European School amidst the lambs

Yesterday there was a mail on AthinaSchool-L... People still remember each other, even if the European School in Athina took place one year ago...

Not very often do the Orthodox and the Catholic Easter coincide, But this was the case in 2001, and this was a great occasion for a European School, just before Easter in orthodox Athina. A great combination of learning and enjoying!!!! So from the 6th to the 17th of April, young people from all over Europe met in Athina, learned a lot about AEGEE at the European School and then celebrated the Greek orthodox Easter in the countryside.

Those days had all the ingredients a European School has: people from all over Europe, new and motivated members, experienced members, endless hours of lectures, interaction, enthusiasm, friendship, motivation... And red T-shirts with little white lambs. Because this European School was amidst the lambs...

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AEGEE Athens

After one week of hard work in Athina, almost everyone joined the excursion in Kalavrita, the Lamb Event, there where organizers and participants could experience what is the Orthodox Easter and how we celebrate it in Greece. I've been meeting around Europe lots of people that joined us there... They still talk about the fireworks on Saturday night outside the church, the roasting of the lambs on Sunday, the red eggs, the traditional greek dances, the wine, the tzatziki... I even think that now most of them know how to prepare tzatziki better than Greeks do!

One thing I want to say from the point of view of an organizer... Traditions become even more intense and have a more profound meaning when you share them with friends, friends from your country and friends from other European countries...

Yesterday there was a mail on Athina School-L... People are still active all over Europe, this is the result of the European School. They took their memories and enthusiasm back home... And this year, although orthodox and catholic Easter don't coincide, everyone is in each others hearts...

FASHION WEEK IN UKRAINE

Matina Makgou

28.09.2001-02.10.2002

Ukrainian Fashion

AEGEE Kirovohrad



The Fashion Week In Ukraine event took place in two very different parts of Ukraine : its capital Kyiv, and one provincial town named Kirovohrad. Two days spent in Kirovohrad (29. and 30. of September 2001) when also 20 participants from different institutes and faculties of Kirovohrad took quite active part in our programme.

Members of Aegee Kirovohrad weren't lazy , so they



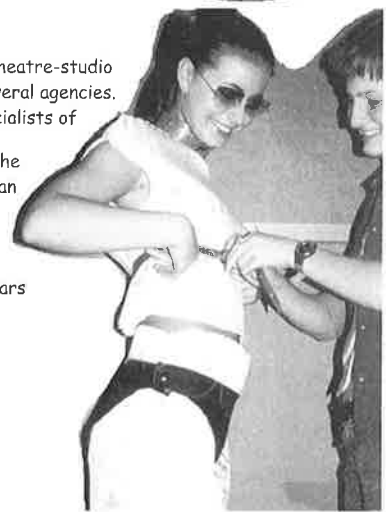
managed to organize 2 different seminars based on fashion : Men Fashion was held by Vasily Bondarenko in the building of the specialized college#14.

Fashion in Kyiv and province was held by Elena Smirnova in Kirovohrad Pedagogical University. During the seminar participants could (did) communicate with Tetiana Zhyzha (the head of the theatre-studio Moda), the teachers of the construction and modeling college, and also with few models from several agencies. During the 2. day participants were invited in the fashion show demonstrations designed by specialists of the theatre-studio Moda.



After all this, participants moved to Kyiv for the 2. part of the programme: they had an opportunity to see the best Ukrainian designers with theirs new collections (Onisimov, Pastoviyt, Zalevsky, etc.). This was actually unique opportunity to compare to different fashions in Ukraine. We would like to use this occasion to invite you all to next years event and to thank all the last years participants !

Maryna Bondarenko



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RALLY OF EUROPE 14.08.2001-25.08.2002



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The Rally of Youth 2001 "Case Study Rally Tisza River" might have been one of the most interesting events in 2001 within the region. It was organised by YOIS Europe (www.yois-europe.org) and AEGEE Europe, under the patronage of EU Commissioner Margot Wallström, we biked from Budapest to Bucharest. We started on August 12th in Budapest and arrived at our destination Bucharest on August 24th. The reason behind this course of the tour was the accident at the river Tisza in January 2000, which resulted in a heavy pollution of the environment. We wanted to increase the public awareness of environmental issues and to inform about sustainability and intergenerational justice. Our aim was to get in contact with the local population in order to involve especially younger people in discussions as well as to share experiences with them. The rally followed in general the course of the Tisza river in Hungary and Romania to legalise that environmental problems shouldn't stop at the borders of states and that co-operation is necessary despite existing conflicts between the countries involved. The aims of the Rally were to:

- Arise interest and awareness for environmental problems, sustainable development and intergenerational justice.
- Enhance education of young people in this direction, showing them the importance of a sustainable development
- Increase intercultural understanding, build an atmosphere of friendship and brotherhood in a multicultural team to strengthen the relations between young people from all over Europe.



The first one we met was the State Secretary of the Minister of Environment of Hungary. After that, we talked to the Mayor of Budapest, the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the State Secretary of the Bureau of the Hungarian President and then to a representative of the EU office in Budapest. We also had the opportunity to speak with the mayors of some smaller cities. In Romania, we accidentally met the Minister of Defence of Romania. On the way did we also meet several mayors including the mayor of Bukarest. But we also met in Romania representatives of the Ministry of Water and Environmental Protection and of the Presidency of Romania.

We also asked the young public about their opinion and in general about their knowledge of environmental issues in their country. Of course, we learned a lot about technical and biological facts and got to know the rich cultural heritage of the two countries. Biking on the roads of Central Europe is an unique experience, moments of relaxed pedalling leaves enough time to enjoy the magnificent countryside while having a good talk with your fellow travellers. The mixture of the participants

made such an exchange very fruitful, since we came from the east and west as well as from Hungary and Romania. The latent tensions between the former two nations did not disturb at all the group, yet those of us unaware of the relations could now understand how and why the history of these two nations affect still present day politics. It was obvious that better Co-operation would not only lead to effective communication thereby may prevent further transboundary pollution, but above all the general populations would profit from a better relationship.

Peter Baum



FUTURE FILM FESTIVAL 16.01.2002-20.01.2002

The "new life" of AEGEE-Bologna started in Fall-Winter 2001. A group of brand new Board members made their way to the AEGEE world and their new beginning was followed with a special event: the **Future Film Festival Event**, taking place from January 16th to 20th within the beautiful scenario of the medieval city of Bologna. The Festival, this year at its 4th edition, has become one of the most relevant Film Festivals in Italy and for sure the most important in the field of sci-fi and animation. This year's

edition presented some important movies (among the others, the Italian premieres of *The Lord of the Rings* and *Amélie*), a special retrospective exhibition on Osamu Tezuka (the father of Japanese manga) the making of several films and discussions with many directors and producers.

AEGEE-Bologna, in collaboration with the FFF Staff, offered a special discount card to the participants who joined this event. However, Future Film Festival did not only mean "going to the movies". Guided tours of the city with the world's oldest University (established in 1088), a trip to Firenze, night crawls in the numerous osterie and lots of international partying in the liveliest city of Italy made these 4 days a tasty bite of Italy, especially



for the international participants who attended. An advice? Check out the next activities that the AEGEE-Bologna Board is preparing for you...a great city and the new enthusiastic AEGEE-Bologna Board are looking forward to meet you!



Gaetano Vivo
AEGEE-Bologna, president



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SHUNKU WHITE WEEK 28.12.2001-04.01.2002

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The meaning of shunku is super fun, extremely friendly, too sexy, so smoooooth, extra gentle, full of humor, nonconformist, the perfect way to enjoy life, crazy parties and very special atmosphere. But if you'll going to ask our 15 participants (from Germany, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, Italy, Moldova, Holland, Slovakia, France) who chose to enjoy a winter week with AEGEE Brasov (Romania), you'll find out more than those simple words.

Shuncu Shuncu AEGEE Brasov



The truth is that "shunku" can be more than all that. And we'll make you imagine how it can be. Try to picture a very nice and small motel, with a bar and a restaurant, that looks like a bigger chalet, with a small salon, in witch you'll find a small fireplace and a billiard table. That's only the place!!! Now try to put a small and strange group of 23 AEGEE alcoholic people finding a way to have fun!

Its was not very easy at the beginning, but after every-night sangria and party, every-day skiing (of course that this program began after 12 in the afternoon!) and trying hard not to kill the DJ (the DWG was always protecting him!) and not shave or burn the motel's cat

And above that, all the participants had the chance to learn something more about AEGEE, during a super-contest organized with the help of Alin Stan from AEGEE IASI and Mark de Beer from AEGEE ACADEMY, two of our "shunku participants" (you're the best!). I have to say that the hardest part was the "beer stafeten". This was the perfect opportunity to learn how you can work as a team with other European Students and manage to drink big quantities of beer as quick as you can.

Maybe the really important thing that you should know was that the true spirit of AEGEE was present all the time in our small motel and the real satisfaction came after the participants left saying: "I want to come back here soon!"...And we hope they'll come back not only for the girl's short skirts!.. (OK why not)

In the end try our song: " The road to Mandalay"...Pa-ram-pam-pam-ra-ram-pam-pam....(of course Robbie Williams was there all the time!)

AEGEE Beograd



What we call the tradition has only one face and a thousand of bright lights right to our face, the word that perfectly fits what Guca trumpet festival exists for. For an ordinary visitor or every passerby that was a weekend no.38 in their lives, but for the very first time AEGEE tribal survivors felt connected through the sounds of the real Balcan, scent of natural born blues and the taste of sweet sin.

Without compromising any facts or hopes, this is what an ancient survival ment to be: 35 participants (mostly from Italy, Slovenia, but also from Germany, Croatia, Hungary,...) among 200.000 crazy senseless beer drawn men tried to save the AEGEE spirit from dusk 'till dusk. I guarantee you, no Kylie Minogue, no Tom Cruise, no Robbie Williams, no fancy clothes, no fruit juices, no comfort, no sleep at all. Probably this was

actually the first time that AEGEE found a secret of the gipsy maglo, that has been given an angel in that certain look recognized by gipsy eyes or smile.

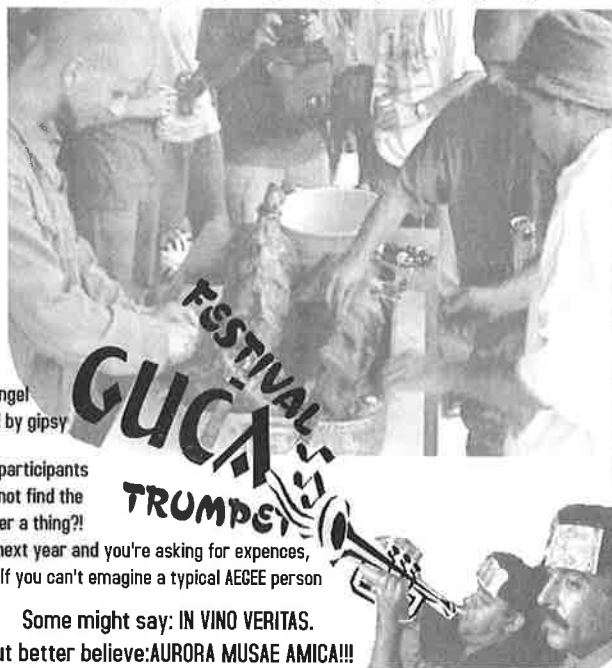
If you try to ask the participants about the feelings, you will not find the answer they can't remember a thing?!

If you are thinking to come next year and you're asking for expences, better don't it's priceless!!! If you can't emagine a typical AEGEE person here you're rejected!!!

Some might say: IN VINO VERITAS.
But better believe: AURORA MUSAE AMICA!!!



AEgee Brasov 2001 - A. Popescu



PERSONA NON-GRATA
LIVING LEGENDS IN AEGEE

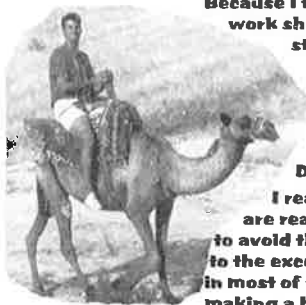
Dimitar Dika AEGEE Skopje

Everything started on a sunny afternoon, in March '96. I was bored at home, and needed action, incidently I found out that one NGO has a member meeting in one hour. I went there and since then, I can't rid of the influence of this organization. I am speaking about AEGEE, yes. An organisation, where drunk you can unite Europe.

I was lucky to find out about AEGEE just one week before AEGEE Skopje had an event. So, I was on the right place, in the right moment. After a relatively short period, I became an active member. I was more and more involved and I was having bigger duties and positions.

First, I was the president of supervisory board, then I became a board member, and I retired as a vice president and finance responsible. Not that I'm not inspired by AEGEE any more, I just leave more space for the next generations.

Looking in the past, my first AEGEE event. Normally the first one you'll never forget.



Because I took part in every lecture work shops, and all other boring stuff. As a really new member I thought, that I must do it, and that's the price which I should paid for the pleasures given from AEGEE. During my AEGEE career

I realised that most of these are really useless and I started to avoid them. With all due respect to the exceptions, but I think that in most of the cases, they are only making a hole in the water.

PERSONA GRATA
LIVING LEGENDS IN AEGEE

Mojca Cvetek AEGEE Ljubljana



Being single, with a wish to travel and meet new friends is a perfect combination to join AEGEE and dedicate some of your best years to it. Free your spirit and start to fly enjoying your life. Everything started in a spring 1999. Bored of my own life I saw an Aegee flyer and I didn't have to think twice for participating for summer university. Just needed few days to decide on which SU I should go to. My choice was definite: Debrecen and sun eclipse. Perfect combination for myself: sport, travelling and experiencing the eclipse. What else did I need? The other 50 participants shared the same opinion and we spent unforgettable time, having fun driving canoes, drinking Palinka and being a team with one mind and



By making so big conferences, we couldn't unite Europe in the last 50 years.

We are old enough to have a personal attitude, why should we hear others preaching. Let's follow the example of the spirit of unity and friendship of the people from ExYugoslavia. Together singing songs is unavoidable detail on the events like Agora and PM. Usually late at night, very loud.

I must admit that this kind of having fun is my weak spot, and I don't miss them. That's why on couple events I got nickname "the singer". On Spring Agora, Constanta 2001, one evening, we have party on a open air and with live music.



When the musicians were making a break, we took their place, and started singing in front of the microphone. Normally after a short time somebody switch off the microphone, but we were so loud and we didn't pay attention. Just imagine approximately 30 people singing (read yelling) like idiots in front of an unplugged microphone. This picture was repeating several times during the Agora, and of course I took an active part. On the previous spring Agora Utrecht 2000, I tried my voice abilities but this time solo!

When I came back in the gym (4 o'clock in the morning) probably inspired from the audience (more than 600 people, in less than 600 sleeping bags) I started singing (pardon yelling). With this act of heroism, I deserved my place in the Agora Bulletin, judging by that how my room mates were looking at me the next day, I realised that they didn't like my performance. That's why I sing now only as a choir member.

There is another "joke", which I can't forget. We were on our SU, and we decided to organize a "cocktail night". Normally, I was responsible for the cocktails. We (my team and myself) made several really nice cocktails, so with the rest of the drinks, we decided to make one more. We named it "Death in the discoteque". It contained: Vodka, Dzin, Whisky, red and white wine some juices and an extra aditiv AFTER SHAVE! We thought that nobody will drink it, but after less than 15 min. there was no more left. Everybody said that it was the best! The comments were like: "It has some strange taste, but it is great, you have done a great thing! Nobody was angry when we told them why this cocktail had that strange taste. Everyone accepted it, only as a joke. Believe me, with this kind of jokes and adventures, the people would become more open to each other and then the European integration is only a matter of time spent together. But, nobody is perfect, not even AEGEE.

one thought: spend the best summer we could, and we did.

Immediately after I joined the Aegee I started to be active on the local level. I have visited all the meetings and with a small role I tried to do something for the SU in Ljubljana. Unfortunately I was busy when the SU took place. 2 months after the SU in Debrecen I went to the Agora in Poznan. A week later I was elected for a treasurer of Aegee Ljubljana. Christmas event, New Year in Roma, Regional Meeting, ES in brescia, Agora in Utrecht, Rafting event, Vucko event (unfortunately unborn child), PR school, exchange with Aegee Beograd, Agora in Udine



European integration, and the other principles which are used as a motto of AEGEE when we are promoting this NGO in front of the students and sponsors can be realised much easier, with real mixing and friendships among the people (more parties, sight-seeing and coffee breaks) rather than raising a hand when you want to say something. That is my personal opinion. I am not saying that AEGEE should become a Travel Agency or a possibility for getting VISA, I am just saying that changing information and ideas is more productive when it is unofficial. On the official meeting people are stiffs and tightened, so they can't give 100% from themselves.



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Rafting event, Vucko event (unfortunately unborn child), PR school, exchange with Aegee Beograd, Agora in Udine and another Christmas event gave me no time or energy to do other things except working for Aegee and for the travel-money on the other hand. I forgot all about the university for a while because I wanted to enjoy myself, and at the end I know I didn't failed. Aegee was wide open for me. Once Sergio (Maestri) told



me : "Aegee is like a river ; if you swim close to the border you can enjoy a lot , but if you go in the middle, then the water is too fast and you risk to go through the waterfall." He was right. I tried with the Aegee and I loved it. I still love it but now I have to make up for all that passed me by while I was enjoying myself with all the friends that I have met through Aegee. Anyway, I never felt a regret.

For the last year I have been studying and working within tourism. Beside this I still lead the project I have started 2 years ago for the kids from social instable families. My life has completely changed and I miss the time when I was going around the Europe meeting my friends.

Aegee taught me a lot, I learned a lot by working for it, also gave me lots of true friends and unforgettable memories. Aegee is one of the biggest bites in my life and believe me so far this meal is quite big. Aegee changes you wheter you like it or not. It changes your way of thinking, your personality and your life for ever. The thing I would still like to do is to organize a serious conference/event here in Ljubljana. Well who knows maybe someday, some how .



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AEGFE events:

06.05.-08.05.2002 The Bicycle Experience Delft NL



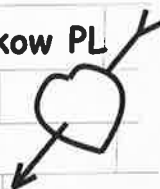
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16.05.-19.05.2002 Universities building Europeans Krakow PL

23.05.-26.05.2002 Institutions, shaping the Students' Future Barcelona E



24.05.-26.05.2002 ICT and the European Divide Berlin D

30.05.-02.06.2002 Sounds of Silence - Nonverbal Communication Passau D

06.06.-08.06.2002 The New Nomad, a Search for Identity Barcelona E



22.06.-29.06.2002 Swimming week Ulcinj YU



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