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PREFACE

Nec Hercules contra Duos!

Dear AEGEE people:

"Everybody knows about the NB skunks soulful words and funky monks!"

Since we are at the doorstep of another AGORA, it is special occasion for us to steal a piece of your attention, to take all of your sweet time (tribute to: Jimmy James), and to overcome AEGEE gravity again.

In this number, you will not find any new things, although it supposed to be a News Bulletin, the same boring stories, old pictures, the same boring people: Why are you reading this?!

Thank God that we are the only ones that can judge of this, so I can speak my mind clearly. By the way, this is where it happens, if you can make it here, you can make it anywhere. Our eyes resembles yours, speak other peoples experiences, here we inherit AEGEE Kingdom, and when we speak, we speak to our preference!!!

Anyway, if you want to be of a great assistance for us, contact us, or just be aware that you are watched from our corner; write an article on time, join us before the deadlines, you can be helpful, we can be grateful!!!

Let the sun never blind your eyes!

Mirko Milivojević



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presidents' meeting

Story of another dream...

Everyone knows that it is difficult to make dream come true in one's life. So I can tell that I was really lucky person because, for the second time during four years I had the task to coordinate a PM, two letters standing now for Planning Meeting and not President's Meeting, in my city. Anyway, this

CAGLIARI

September 2002.

Enrico Lai - PM Coordinator

time occasions played different role, indeed. First of all, after the SU of 2001 Aegee Cagliari was going really bad, with few members and many difficulties that were going on...

I promised to spend another year in Aegee to work for my local antenna during my public greetings in Ankara. And from September I was working on it trying to find people who were able to stay in a new board and to work for the future of the antenna and more of it people who would be ready to spend one summer working very hard because of a Summer University and a Planning Meeting (well at the same time I indeed began all the possible contacts for lodging and transports basic things to organize the PM). Next I asked officially the local Agora in Cagliari for a permission to candidate Cagliari for the PM and last but not the least of course I sent the application to

the CD together with the budget that was prepared with help from Pietro, It was first official step of another long journey...

Then we began waiting other two months trying to get items of news, information and support. However the only result was to suffer more, until a late January when I received a positive call; yes, the decision has been made. Cagliari had the PM. The worst part was over. Now it was only up to me and to the team that was going to be built to do the work.

Months ran so fast, all fund-raising job had been done, all contacts were taken, the staff was first called then created. At the same time because of the work Aegee Cagliari board was growing fast, especially after organizing 3 great conferences. And before May we were again the greatest Italian antenna with more than 150 members, July was the most

productive month regarding the PM and after a necessary rest everything was so terribly close.



Organizers of Presidents' Meeting in Cagliari

The whole SU was spent on working on the last details. The work of Vanni, our president, Luca and Giacomo was very significant for the event. We needed them so much during the last days, believe me I cannot imagine how could I manage without those great friends... Next, 2nd of September, more than 70 people participated the staff meeting and also the other board members as Uberto, Francesca, Giorgio, Michela, Silvia and of course all the other staff members together with the yellow T-shirts began fulfilling their tasks. The rest is already story and glory. 178 participants, plenaries, and workshops were more attended than in 1998 and honestly it was the only possible improvement, three great parties and well great atmosphere day and night, from AM to PM... and after it a Post PM with more than 100 participants....



agora

Under the holy rock of the Acropolis, near the Theseion metro station and next to the streets where the Sunday bazaar takes place, is the archaeological site of the ancient Agora. Since Agora means market in Greek, the ancient and the modern use of the place are not far apart. But, in ancient years, the Agora was not only the comme-

based. This was where the Athenians gathered on a daily basis, not only to buy and sell their goods, but also to learn the news, to criticize the government, to exchange views or just gossip. Socrates spent his days in rational debates and western philosophy politics were born in this place. All roads led to the Agora, and it was a lively, crowded place. This site was occupied without interruption in all periods of the city's history. The history of this area goes back to Neolithic times when it was used as a residential and burial area as early as the Late Neolithic period (3000 BC). In the time of Solon, in the 6th century, the Agora became a public area. The site includes monuments of different periods: from the Classical to

the 11th century AD represented by the church of the Ayioi Apostoloi. It reached its final rectangular form in the 2nd century BC, after a series of repairs and remodelling. The Persians destroyed the Agora in 480 BC, also the Romans in 89 BC and the Herulians in 267 AD. After the Slavic invasion in 580 AD, it was gradually abandoned. From the Byzantine period until after 1834, when Athens became the capital of the independent Hellenic

State, the Agora was again developed as a residential area.



Case Study Trip to Caucasus

It was a cold night when our train stopped somewhere in the middle of the fields. Shouts and nervous atmosphere indicated that we had just reached the border. Neither me nor Reimund knew how many hours had passed, the trip seemed to be endless. We were in an old soviet train going from Tbilisi to Baku. The passport control on the Georgian side went quite smoothly. We were kindly asked to get off the train and go get our passports stamped. We paid some kind of border fee, giving our last Lari and still had some time for a fast cigarette before the train left Ufff, that went quite well, whispered Reimund.

Arif, an Azeri man traveling together with us in the same compartment just smiled and showed an impressive collection of the golden teeth in his mouth shining in the moonlight. We were heading to the Azeri side, from the distance we could hear music, it must have been a wedding ceremony. It was something quite unusual to see a wedding at the border, but people dancing and having fun also improved our mood. "Maybe the officials will be absorbed by the party and they will not try to be strict" I was trying to cheer myself up. After paying so many bribes everybody becomes suspicious. The soldiers came. They took our passports, cold faces that are usual in many post-soviet countries here were quite smiling to us, but suddenly they became red... Shouts! The soldiers took our passports and ran somewhere crying loud. "what on earth????!!!" Reimund was getting quite nervous, and so did I. After five minutes more soldiers came and they were headed by a huge fat man, with thick mustache and a bunch of starts on his pagoons that indicated a colonel, commander of the border crossing.

Who are you? Why did you go to Armenia? What is in your luggage? Did you go to Nagorno Karabakh? Why are you coming to Azerbaijan???"

They were angry and they wanted fast answers. I started answering. It was difficult since their flash lights were pointed at our faces. I looked for a moment at Reimund, he was pale. I started answering in Russian (this language really helps there).

"We are from AEGEE... we are students, traveling and meeting other student organizations..." I tried to explain with a trembling voice.

"Students?" the colonel was confused, "hmm... students...ha!... student-agent! student-agent!" he started shouting! At the same time the rest of the soldiers burst in laughter.

With the edge of my eye I noticed that one of the soldiers found a pile of the "Key to Europe" magazines hidden in my backpack. "Ok, that's it! now they will really think that we are Armenian spies..." I was terrified. I was not even looking at Reimund, he couldn't understand the language, which made him feel even worse. "Can I tell you about the Case Study Trip?" and I started my presentation of AEGEE activities, "can I offer you the "Key to Europe", our bulletin?"

"Student-agent!"- he started laughing as well, "what is that thing?" he pointed at Reimund's pen-like-flashlight. "Can I have it?"

"Hmmm, eh..uh..yes..."- now I was confused, but after a short consultation with Reimund we decided to give him the flashlight.

Suddenly they left. They wished us a happy journey, they seemed to be very happy with their new trophy. We felt a huge relief. It was almost dawn, we went to bed, in the morning the first rays of sun woke us up, behind the windows we could see deserts and countless oil fields. We were approaching Baku.

The Caucasus is a region of huge differences. Divided by the mountains unique micro cultures on both sides of the Caucasus mountains developed. Whereas the Northern Caucasus is a part of the Soviet Union, the Southern one consists of three former Soviet republics that differ a lot from each other: Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan. Georgia and Armenia are two of the oldest cultures in the world, only few people know that they are the first countries that officially recognized Christianity as a state religion in the 4th century. Azerbaijan a 'sister' of Turkey is a young nation that is the most populous country in the region and owns impressive oil and gas resources that are very promising for the country's future.



However the region is far from unity. There are plenty of political conflicts that make the regional integration very difficult. Everybody heard about Chechenya, but still there is a lot to do about the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh (Armenia versus Azerbaijan), South Ossetia and Abkhazia (Georgia). Relations between Russia and Georgia and Armenia and Turkey are also a huge obstacle for the regional cooperation.

It would take another three pages to describe the culture of people of Caucasus. The variety of sites, monuments is simply impressive and some of them are still little known and virtually unexplored. The hospitality of the Caucasian people is one of the most famous in the world. Being

a guest is sometimes a hard thing to handle because the locals want you to try everything, see all of the interesting sites, taste all kinds of wine, cognac and other local specialties. It is a huge honor to have a guest in their house.



This causes a fact that the youth in the region encounters enormous problems with traveling abroad, student activities are still on the low level, and activities that promote mutual understanding and integration (as it is with AEGEE) face many problems.

On the other hand there is a huge potential in young people. They are and they want to be very active. They only do not know how to do it! CST could easily catalyze this intentions and groom the people in the region. Presence of the European students can give good examples for many

of them, open their eyes and give a huge motivation. On the other hand for us it is a huge lesson of tolerance, a cultural experience that will not be forgotten for a long time.

The most important thing is that many of them feel European. Being situated between Russia and Iran not a pleasant place to be that is why many of them complain about lack of the contact with the rest of the continent

working groups

Yes, it's true! We as Cultural Working Group are still alive. The past months we have been working behind the scene. But within a few moments you will see prove that we have been working and what we



author: Rene Keijzer

have done.

The aim of our working group is to enhance the knowledge, understanding and respect of the wide variety of cultures in Europe. Regarding this aim, we hope to

The Academy has completed another successful Internal Education year. But what exactly does the Academy?

The flagship, so to say, is for sure the European School. a one week training course, where motivated AEGEE members learn and live all it takes to organise quality events and work in a multi-cultural team. Right after the Agora in Ankara the new Academy board faced its first challenge: The **European School in Valladolid**. Even though this ES, at some moments, looked

the academy

Human Resources WG

author: Natalie Kolbe

more like a survival training at the North-pole, it was a really successful one. After attending ES Valladolid, Jose from Zaragoza, for example, managed to motivate 150 people to join his local and increase its size in an unexpected amazing way.

Every ES is different and has its particularities. Participants of the **ES Roma** got to sleep and party in a monastery. In **Vale-**

When we reflect about our action as Visa Freedom Fighters we like to think that we are working for a portion of freedom; not something theoretical, but strongly practical: our activity concerns the phenomenon of visas, that are really huge obstacle for mobility, in our specific case, the mobility of students. Mobility is everyone's right, but first and foremost, it is the right of young people who need to discover, to exchange opinions, ideas and knowledge, to develop



WG's

act for a natural development of cultural and artistic diversity. Also we as Cultural Working Group want to help in the conceptualisation of a common peace culture for humanity. We have a Cultural and Artistic web based magazine, called AEGEE-Live, which is published quarterly. This is one of our main activities the last month. You can visit the magazine at www.aegEE.org/live. At this moment we are preparing the last changes in the second issue, and we're already working on the next issue, which will be about the topic "Cultural Village". If you want to write an article, story, poem or if you can make a drawing about this topic or another cultural topic, you can contact the editor's team at:

aegEE-live@yahoogroups.com

We will be delighted with your input. The other project, where we are working on is "Roots of Europe"-Yearplan Project. In

ncia the staff's biggest challenge was to convince the participants to do their assignments instead of going sunbathing on the beach. The ES in Pecs lasted 2 days longer than a regular ES (9 days instead of 7) in order to allow the participants to get in depth information about globalisation.

In May, after the Agora in Amsterdam, a slightly changed Academy board started a new term. Soon after the **European School II** took place in Aachen. The successful implementation of a new concept and the great work of Grzegorz Stanisz and his team, made this event, where already experienced AEGEE members were trained to become active on European level one of the highlights of this Internal Education year.

At the very moment this article is written, an organising team as well as very motivated participants are preparing for having the time of their life at the **European**

previous relationships: the principal goal of our AEGEE is communication and exchange amongst students who come from different realities; but how many of us have just passed through the unpleasant experience of requesting a visa at some Consulate, for him/herself or for his/her participants, awaiting an answer for days, sometimes weeks, and in the end maybe receive a nasty refusal? How many people were not able to move because of this rigid restriction?

At the moment our board consists of a group of people who come from different countries of Eastern as well as Western Europe: representatives from Belarus, Holland, Italy, Malta, Russia, Turkey, Ukraine. The structure is quite simple: a Speaker and a Secretary for external delegation and administration, two people working for the IT (VB and mailing lists), two people taking care of our relationship with locals (Western Europe and

Roots of Europe we are discussing the future of Europe, as we should know the essential, fundamental, or primary parts or nature of Europe. The coming year AEGEE is discussing origins of European identity as the source of growth, vitality, and existence of today's Europe. The Final Conference will be held in October 2003. We have been working on lately on the web page of Roots of Europe, which you can find on www.aegEE.org/roots. The start of this project will be in Birmingham with a seminar about Cultural Diversity at Work-place in March 2003.

If you want more information about the Cultural Working Group or about one of its activities, just write an message to cwg-board-l@aegEE.uni-karlsruhe.de Or to me personally: renekeijzer@mail.com



School in Gdansk. Even though the weather is cold, the atmosphere is already HOT! So watch out for news from Gdansk.

The Agora in Athina will bring new ideas and fresh blood to the academy, as most of the board members are leaving. We wish good luck and a lot of fun to the new board. May the enlightening power be with you.

author: Luca Falcone

Visa Freedom Fighter

Eastern Europe Co-ordinators), one person in charge of the contact with Embassies and some precious Supports.

Our activity concerning visas is realistic: we are also involved in campaigns in favour of the abolishment, or at least of the 'speeding up' of the procedures (in the past, we worked very much in this direction, especially with the project "A Visa For AEGEE" directed to the Governments, and with the great conference regarding visas organized by AEGEE-Alba Iulia in Romania!), but our first goal is to create an efficient information desk concerning visas that AEGEE people can use when they have to start their (unpleasant) adventure at the Consulates.

continue...

Unfortunately visas (still) exist, and we have to live along with them, at least until their abolishment.

At the moment we have a useful tool: the Visa Booklet, that now we are updating because all that concerns this topic involves continuous changes. In this booklet one can find a database with all the info-

mation that concerns the relationship between countries, then you can know who needs a visa and for which country. But we are also working in order to enlarge the contents of this web-page: we are collecting different visa experiences of various AEGEE members that should act as evidence and we want to make them reach-

working groups

able to all. We are also collecting letters actually sent to the Consulates from each and every country: by placing these letters in the VB, all the locals from every country will be able to find a 'model letter' that they can send when asking for their participants' visas.



During WGs meeting at PM in Cagliari, we discussed about necessity to promote

WGs inside AEGEE network, especially among new members. For these reasons was decided to organize an information desk during Athina Agora and as responsible for this project was designed PRWG. The main work, shared to people that want more informations, is a booklet which in the straight way explains what is a WG and gives a panoramic about AEGEE WGs, with short presentations and contacts for each WG. During the realization I thought how to involve all PRWG members and so for this reason I indeed a contest regarding the realization of a logo that should repre-

sents all WGs. The best logo apart from being published in the booklet front page

Booklet logo contest

author: Amedeo Ferrara

won a t-shirt gently offered by AEGEE Napoli. Personally I consider this work as a good result obtained by WGs hoping it will be one more step for a more fruitful and useful cooperation.

projects



"Every time we even read that an event is taking place in Cluj Napoca, our expectations reach the highest level. No surprise local organizers are aiming very high whatever they do!" this quote comes from the evaluation paper of the conference "The Impact of the Educational Programmes on the enlargement of the EU" that was organized in the framework of EURECA European Education Campaign Project by AEGEE-Cluj Napoca at the beginning of April.

We've been organizing many events in Cluj, but this one was special for us. We were happy that we got the chance to take part in the EURECA Project one of the most significant ones if it comes to the AEGEE involvement in Higher Education. We were lucky to attract great external speakers, but what is the most important, great participants!

"AEGEE is showing a great example of European integration, already for many years", stated Mr. Vasile Puscas - Romanian Minister Delegate with the Ministry of

European Integration, Chief Negotiator with EU - during his welcoming speech. This comment raised a great applause among the AEGEE members gathered in the room.



EURECA

author: Diana Filip

"The actions of AEGEE are extremely effective to reach objectives connected to the Convention on EU reform" claimed Florin Lupescu, State Adviser to the President of Romania for EU and NATO affairs. He added that AEGEE should stimulate the wish of young people to desire another Europe.

"The Enlargement Process is a process which will definitely modify the education systems in the European continent" was the key motto of the Conference

The best moment of the day is the evening when someone is cooking and all the others are working more energetically in order to finish their job before the dinner. It's kind of difficult though to focus on your meeting, but it's a kind of... The CD members are very busy with setting up the office in the evening, because they expect to see everybody behind their computers go on with their work. But don't notice the office during the CD and motivation that makes the CD the whole house revolves and without even stairs there must be Maria Little by her computer, someone is rushing of the front working Discs... wake up the night-life on the shelves...

CD life in Bruxelles

it's not actually about sex, but since everything is related to it, this article should also have a certain connection to sex. After all, it concerns our sexy CD members.

When thinking of those people we call "the CD", living and working in Brussels, an idyllic and somehow musical image appears in front of your eyes. A nice house, a beautiful garden, in the romantic capital of Belgium, beer and chocolates at breakfast it must be a dream life. Right....

Sex in the CiDi

Bruxelles

author: Elena Constantin

As you enter this incredible yard, a poster on the door nicely asks you to knock hard on the door because the ring bell is broken. It's the right time to try your fist power. If Susanna welcomes you with the warm Finnish hug then you are lucky, if after the second trial, you are still staring at the antennae's colorful stickers it means that nobody can hear you and that the best solution would be to dial the office number and announce yourself standing in front of the door.

Once in, you might have the feeling that from now on things should go smoothly and functionally, but soon you will notice that some windows don't shut properly, that computers are in a desperate need of "a man"- Mark, in other words, the chairs synchronize in their creaking without interruption, that the shower in the basement will soon be taken for something else, maybe a telephone set, and the bread toaster in the kitchen can be used as a books support. But apart from these, everything is perfect!

The bunch of people working in the house, getting along very well all the time, except when they have to clean up the kitchen and the toilets, are likely to be the best candidates for a TV show like Big Brother. Early in the morning you can feel the coffee scent announcing that Tomek is up, the sound of dishes being placed in order on the shelves letting us know that Megi woke up, the high-hills knocking in the floor of the hard working Diana heading toward her computer, someone is rushing on the stairs there must be Matina. Little by little the whole house revives and without even noticing the office breaths the enthusiasm and motivation that makes the CD members go on with their work. But, don't expect to see everybody behind their computers, there might be times when you can feel alone in the messy office, because the CD members are very busy with setting out new contacts, attending important meetings, participating in all kind of events, or simply being at home, to recharge their batteries for a weekend or more.

The best moment of the day is the evening, when someone is cooking and all the others are working more energetically, in order to finish their job before the dinner. It's kind of difficult though to focus on your

work when a nice scent is coming out from the kitchen, wetting your appetite, and when your stomach is barking for good, decent, warm food. For some, the dinner might be the breakfast the first meal I mean. And then the bell rings, this one is always working the hunger makes you hear it even when it's not shaken, and, surprisingly, no one rushes to the kitchen. An oral invitation is always awaited. "The dinner is ready!" are the magic words that make you leave your work unfinished, maybe just saving what you've done so far would be advisable, and all the others migrate to the kitchen. The cook always tries to outdo him/herself, and the hungry people always know to appreciate the delicious dinner, the nice arrangements of the dishes and the candles, and the good looking dessert.

Discussions over dinner are very productive since everyone is enjoying it. But after everybody has finished, the kitchen is such a mess that only the Snow White could clean it back fast. The new rules posted on the cupboard door state that everyone should take care of the dishes he/she has used. Thanks God He let someone invent the washing machine, without it, growing piles of dishes would cover the sink! The kitchen looks respectable again, and beside two or three people who strive to have a normal evening program, going to sleep before twelve, the others are working or pretend to be until 2 or 3 o'clock in the night. Usually Krzysztof switches off all the lights in the office.



So, this is how a regular day in the AEGEE house (to be read chaos) looks like depicted in general lines. But things are not always the same. The CD meetings, set either before or on the spot, pull out the CD from the routine they indulge themselves in. From time to time they last for hours and conflictual things may loom; in the end everything settles down peacefully. It happens that not everybody leaves these meetings satisfied or motivated, nevertheless all the problems peter out eventually and a very warm and friendly atmosphere embraces the house again. I've never seen so much hugging and kissing anywhere else. And don't tell me we cannot relate this to the title...

All in all, living in this house is a great challenge and a fruitful experience. You learn to respect the others, to adjust yourself to a new international environment, but also to rough daily programme and hard working activities. After spending the stage period here you might find it hard to go back to the daily life without missing the sexy CD, the great dinners and the chaotic but still harmonic cohabitation.



"I really spent very good days in X, I met very interesting people there and I've understood that, in fact, we are very similar, never mind if we are from Spain, Hungary, or wherever. It has been a very interesting experience, I will recommend it to everybody. The SU gives us the opportunity to travel, and it helps us to know new and not so different people. Now I feel myself more European than before. The organizers were great and, of course, also the participants. I will always remember the people I met in X and I really hope I'll see them again. If I can, I will go to a SU the next year."

This is the comment of a Summer University participant, one of 2500 persons in total who spent their summertime participating to a Summer University. It reflects perfectly how well the concept of this project works to achieve AEGEE's aim of European integration. All 5000 applicants of 150 antennae had the opportunity to select a course out of about 90 events that were organised by more than 100 locals in more than 120 different places. This makes the Summer University the biggest project within the AEGEE network.



summer

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Summer feelings

SU coordination team

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Compared to the past year, there were only few changes. This term, a new SU type got introduced: the Summer Event. It is a Summer University organised by a local on its first experience and may last between one and two weeks. In this way, we could see 5 new SU organisers, among them Constanta for example. The more, we had a slight change concerning the amount of single SU kinds. The number of Language Courses decreased a bit, while in 2002 more Travelling Summer Universities and Summer Courses were organised. The most outstanding SU was surely "Get a message - Join the Baltic Sea Express!", a Travelling Summer University organised by Helsinki, Riga, Tartu, Tallinn, Turku and Stockholm. But also old friends like the Language Course in Valencia were present in the long list. And as in the past years, the chance was still high to meet an Italian, Polish or Hungarian, who is a new AEGEE member (66% of all applications were sent by persons who became members in 2002) and studies economics or humanities. As per statistics, these are the typical characteristics of people, who apply for this kind of event.

Also the countries of typical SU organisers stay more or less the same. With 15 Summer Universities, Italy is the top-organiser, followed by countries like Germany and Romania with 10 SUs each. The most popular Summer Universities are still the Spanish 3: Valencia, Barcelona and Madrid, that received the highest number of applications. To conclude this short overview, it is to mention that the general quality of the Summer Universities raised from 2.1. (good) to 1.8.(excellent)

At this opportunity, the Summer University Co-ordination Team likes to thank all SU organisers for their great and outstanding work!

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"Where on earth is Chisinau?", one can ask. Well, I have heard this question so many times and I'm still eager to answer! Chisinau is a place where the sun shines, where landscapes are beautiful and people are friendly. But most important, here you can find a bunch of crazy people calling themselves AEGEE-Chisinau! The first AEGEE branch in Moldova, AEGEE

Chisinau- is relatively a young antenna, it exists since 1998 and has 21 members! You can say that we are so few, but hey, have you already met any member of AEGEE-Chisinau somewhere? We are known as being smart and crazy, friendly and charming, serious and enthusiastic, ambitious and funny! Need to say something more? It's quality and not quantity that matters.

So, anyone of you want to join us?

Every year since, we are organizing summer universities as a mixture of crazy AEGEE spirit and an opportunity of discovering our small, but attractive country! This year, we organized our best SU ever. 25 students from 13 different European countries where torn apart between serious lectures and adventurous excursions



never thirsty in AEGEE Chisinau

around Moldova. On one hand lectures as political or economical situations in the country and on the other hand Professional Wine Tasting or International Cooking Party,



Boat Competition or famous "Black Elephant" night-club! All lectures were held by important figures in the political life of the country, heads of political parties and representatives of foreign missions in Chisinau.

"Take YOUR Chance To Discover Moldova" tour included trips to the ruins of the oldest city in Moldova Orhei, to the Soroca castle, to some known monasteries and waterfalls, as well as to the heart of the Transnistrian so-called republic Tiraspol. We proved once again that people met during our Summer Universities become friends for life... and even more... Don't believe us? Believe our participants: "If you want to have really great fun and feel strange, exciting adventures you must visit this country."

The history of our antenna is surely similar to the ones of many different local branches of AEGEE in Europe. However as a new, fresh and considerably young AEGEE antenna we cannot get rid of the feeling that in a way we are still special and unique.

First of all we wouldn't be exaggerating if we said that we were "born" on the basis of a high-school friendship of a few people. The motive power of the organizational



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actions and the person who brought the "AEGEE spirit" to Rzeszów was Megi Chudzik. With the enthusiasm equal to one of the biggest and the greatest ideologists of our times, Megi managed to convince us in the ideals of AEGEE. Those actions led to a glorious ending which was the creation of our antenna in October 2001.

The beginnings of AEGEE Rzeszów were not easy despite the fact there are a few academic schools in our City, nobody has ever heard of AEGEE. It wasn't easy to convince people to trust us, to make them interested in participating in something that at that time didn't have any background in our city, something that even we didn't know much about. That is the reason why the very first members of AEGEE Rzeszów (today calling themselves "the old ones") were people coming directly from our environment, studying on the same faculties, people who had a direct contact with us. From the first trip to Gdańsk for the unforgettable regional meeting of the AEGEE members in November 2001, we knew that to fully and really feel the wonderful and unique atmosphere of the AEGEE members' meetings, one should participate in such meeting personally. By that I mean not only the essential knowledge that we managed to get, despite the language

barriers, not only the great time we had, but also and maybe above all the concern and a lot of care we were given as fresh members by the older and more experienced ones. It meant a lot to us and one might say it strengthened our enthusiasm and the desire to take action. Those "more experienced" members our tutors, among others, were: Grzegorz Stanisław, Krzysztof Lipiec, Koen Berden, Jaap Commijs and of course the irreplaceable Betina Szkudlarek, who believed in us as strongly as to permit us the greenhorns to organize the spring Regmet.

And so with the return of the storks (that is with the beginning of spring) it started "to boil" in AEGEE Rzeszów. The peaceful and systematic work on preparing the Regmet that filled our free time during the winter, became a real "marathon". The work included looking for and approaching sponsors (which was almost a miracle in such a small center like ours), looking for patrons, organizing the media background and getting the media support, as well as trying to get help and support from the academic environment in Rzeszów.

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At last in April, AEGEE Rzeszów made its debut with the conference entitled "You in Europe: take action II". The conference was preceded by a seminary organized within the framework of the "Quo vadis Europe?" program. All our efforts were generously rewarded, because both the members of AEGEE Rzeszów that is the organizers as well as the participants of the meeting were fully satisfied and had a great, absolutely great time. All the fears, stress, sleeplessness, worrying if the meals are big enough and the evening parties good and fun enough were all a wonderful and worth continuing experiences if looking at them now.

Today, after a year of existing and taking different actions, AEGEE Rzeszów is still working hard, making new friends and attracting new members. We managed to get an office of our own at the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszów. The University has not only given us an office, but it has also enabled us to develop, realize our projects, it has given us a huge amount of experience and knowledge of all kind.

Despite the fact that we "physically" lost our most active member that is Megi, who quitted her post of the AEGEE Rzeszów president to devote herself to working in the AEGEE Europe management, she is still our kind spirit, the pride of our office in Rzeszów and an example for those, who won't believe that to want something means to be able to do something.



AEGEE ESKISEHIR

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Only a year passed since AEGEE Eskisehir is founded officially with signing the Convention at Ankara's Autumn AGORA. Today AEGEE in Eskisehir is celebrating its first year with a Big Party fortunately matching with the organisation: Balkania Regional meeting '02 is giving the chance to AEGEEans in Eskisehir to celebrate with other AEGEE people from other antennae. Actually, if we look back Eskisehir students discovered AEGEE more than one year ago from the celebration day of first year. Of course, like in every antenna there was the foundation period of AEGEE in Eskisehir also; with the conference of AEGEE Ankara about "Socrates & AEGEE" done in May

2001 in Anadolu University, some young entrepreneurs decided Eskisehir: "The city of students & universities" needs an association working under the four main pillars: "Peace & Stability", "Active Citizenship", "Higher Education", and "Cultural Exchange".

During this one and a half year, AEGEE Eskisehir realised 10 internal and 2 european wide events in the AEGEE network. Conferences about EU, Socrates seminars, Internal Education events, Spring Fest 2002, Balkania Regional Meeting '02 and goes on including many european wide events we attended. We believe that in this year we changed many lives, gave many opportunities to Eskisehir students on

mobility & developing personal skills, made good connection with the Universities, NGOs, Companies and Governmental Organisations in Eskisehir.

The thing AEGEE Eskisehir made, developed that fast & getting into a stable system in all parts was "Giving value to people and sharing our dreams" says 22 year old Onur Metin, the founder president of AEGEE Eskisehir & new member of AEGEE Academy. "We haven't done anything special, we just spread our knowledge to all of our members and dreamed the same dream with them" believing the idea of "AEGEE is THE PEOPLE" so we kept on building our basis under this message.



And without this energy of our members we couldn't have reached this strong position in Eskisehir & AEGEE Network..80% of our members are also active in this way. As members of AEGEE Eskisehir, we have bigger expectations & dreams for AEGEE to have more effect on the society as a european student association. Hoping we could keep this synergy we have and make our position stronger in the network with more european wide projects, events and also with internal events in Eskisehir.

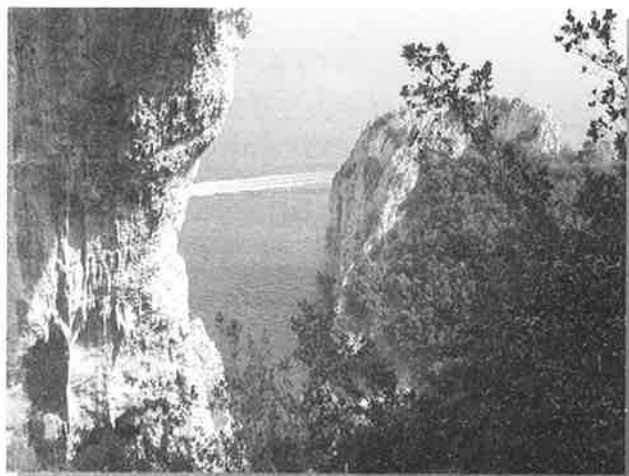


"Leave your umbrella at home: it will be sunny and hot". That's what I said to our participants asking me information about the weather in Napoli. But as soon as they arrived I realized that as meteorologist I was not so good. It was a windy and rainy day.

Travelling Around the Crazy South

author: Claudia Moretti

But who mattered? The sun was printed on the faces of our participants. There were Slovenian, Turkish, Dutch, Spanish, Swedish, Polish, Finnish, Hungarian, Greek and Czech people ready for having fun together. We didn't need a star lighting the sky, we already had all the ingredients for a great summer. Besides the bad weather makes people keep warm one each other and AEGEE population particularly loves doing it.



The first crazy experience our guests had to face was a drive around the city for reaching the accommodations in the old town centre. Driving around Napoli is not so dangerous as many people think, but it can be really shocking, especially for guys from North. Nevertheless they had to get used soon, in fact it was just the beginning of two weeks **"Travelling Around the Crazy South"**.

In the first part of the SU Napoli played a leading role. All the participants visited the main monuments and moreover they had way of learning dialect expression for insulting drivers and for asking for a discount at the market. In a sunny day, visiting a castle situated on the sea, we all took part in a film shot from a couple of newlyweds. In fact it is a very common custom in Napoli taking millions of pictures and shooting films in wonderful sets during the wedding. Thus all the participants managed of coming back in Napoli for their weddings too.

Not just parties, wine, beer, *limoncello*, vodka, rum, sangria and more drinks at night, but even a strange trip around the

underground labyrinths of Napoli, for a dark and exciting walk, crossing narrow corridors that just thin people can pass through.

We could not leave Napoli without visiting the fascinating ruins of Pompei and the paradise of Capri, the famous island in front of the city. Everybody looked really enthusiastic about Capri. We spent a crazy day there. It sounded like I was in the middle of a group of crazy Japanese photographers and it was really hard keep the group together: everyone was taking pictures around, meanwhile Japanese tourists took pictures of us taking picture of the island: a very funny scene. Anyway the group of paparazzi stopped their activity only when they was tempted with a delicious homemade ice-cream.

When we went sailing it was one of the funniest and of the most advantageous day of the SU. In fact when we came back to the lodging the most of us was burning because of the sun. So we didn't have to pay the light for the rest of the event because everyone of us was completely fluorescent. Our treasurer is having a holiday in Spain, with the money we saved up.

After seven days in Napoli it was time to move for another destination. After leaving Teatini Fathers, where we were lodged in Naples, it was the turn of the luxurious accommodation of Sorrento. There we camp in some caravans of four beds each (another way for keeping warm one each other). In Sorrento we had a very great time: eating, drinking, dancing, playing guitar, singing, swimming. Moreover we visited the close towns of Amalfi and Positano, where everyone could build up a supply of *limoncello* for their family that unfortunately never arrived home, because we finished it in a couple of days.

We spent an exciting weekend in Sorrento, but, as everyone knows, AEGEE people do not like to stay in the same place for a long time, they are curious of visiting as much as they can. Thus we left for Cosenza. The end of the SU was getting close, but the last days are often the best. The group was really close, we had become were a very good team. The last three days were really intense. We had everything we needed: the sea, the mountain and a lot of new friends from



Cosenza. We swam in Amantea, visited Sila National Park and danced and drank no stop for three nights.

Soon the time of departures arrived, but there was no need of mourning. After all everyone was too busy planning for the next event. All together, of course.



After having instead opted for witnessing a highly successful PM last year, the Maltese summer finally reverted to its usual agenda, again playing host to the now highly popular and successful SU in our islands - this year entitled 'We Come One in Malta'. As usual, we had to cope with a frighteningly large number of applications,

age-old Maltese hospitality with the AEGEE spirit, and deliver the goods that gave us our high rating with countless AEGEE-people who came to Malta in past years.

What make us so popular? OK - what would you say if you visited a country where the capital city contains the world's largest natural harbour, the only signed painting by

But it's not just the place and the programme that make it so great - it's the crazy AEGEE-Valletta crew who run the show and keep things going during all of the weeks, who participants always remember for years to come, and instantly pick out at all future AEGEE events all around Europe. Together, 'We Come One in Malta', year in, year out!

We come on Malta

author: Alexianne Galea



which is why we set the number of participants at 45, making us one of Europe's largest Sus.

But as our participants know all too well, 'big' doesn't mean 'big mess' here in the centre of the Med - because as the votes of our participants showed at the end of the event, we managed to once again blend

Caravaggio, the fortress where Midnight Express was filmed, and some of the best Baroque architecture in Europe - but which you can tour in only one morning, and have plenty of time left for shopping and a coffee in the afternoon? What about visiting the oldest Neolithic temple in the world, and then going out on a boat trip and stopping for a swim inside the beautiful

Blue Grotto, just a few metres away? What would you say about having a whole little island all to yourself in order to have your own private barbeque and then party all night, complete with DJ and sound system?

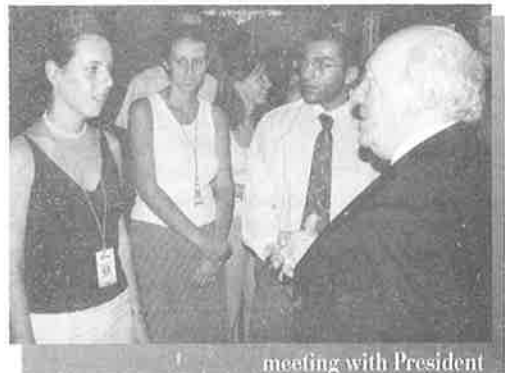


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What do you think of a centre packed with all the country's best clubs, discotheques and nightclubs, offering all kinds of music from commercial to rock through to latin rhythms, all within a short walking distance from your hostel? What about being greeted by the mayor on the very first day, and then being received by the President of the Republic a few days later?

If you've already come to an AEGEE

Valletta SU, you already know what we're talking about, and can confirm every single detail of the above. If not, now you know why so many AEGEE-people are mad about Malta every single summer.



meeting with President



Without doubt the European School in Pécs was the training event of superlatives. The most matured lecture and casework programme with several very successful innovations, the most brilliant social programme, the friendliest and most competent local organisers ever, a programme staff which combined a very high experience

with a very high approachability, a fantastic programme and lodging location in an incredible city, made possible by the highest budget ever that a European School of this type had. In short: it was a breathtaking experience.

31 students from Spain to Kyiv, from Maastricht to Ankara gathered from 21st till 29th September in the



ES European School

Pécs 21-29.09.02.



South Hungarian city of Pécs, in order to acquire different skills from motivation to budgeting and creating posters. Skills, they need to organise great events and to work in a board of a European students association.

Lectures in the morning were complimented with the so-called case work in the afternoon: the participants were put into six teams with fantasy names, such as AEGEE Limoncellulare or AEGEE Absolut.

Here they had to consecutively fulfill assignments on the way to organising a successful congress in the frame work of a project on globalisation issues called "World for Sale". Among these assignments were tasks as task division in a team, writing a programme, doing fund-raising in video taped interviews and much more. The European School finished with a simulated Agora, the general assembly of AEGEE. Of course, people did not only work, although the schedule was tight with lectures and case work from 9.30 until 19.30. A pre-event focusing on globalisation provided the necessary knowledge to create assignment results of a very high quality. During three afternoons and every evening there were fantastic excursions.

Some people could consider talking about religious diversity in an almost unknown town of Romania, a touchy and difficult subject. Arad is small city, which cannot fairly compete with other European cities, so it was a challenge for the fresh team of the local to find something exciting and representative for this bit of Europe and show it to the picky experienced travelling

storming sessions we let our spirit lead the way. The result was the discovery, that Arad is a place where different religions live together without making their believers fight each other. But showing the different "faces of faith" to young European students is a tough thing to do. In a world that moves faster and faster, trying to understand the spiritual side of our existence could be considered of minor importance. *Temporary insanity or complete ignorance?*



Religions - Faces of faith

Arad

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students. So there we were, a bunch of people, eager to discover what AEGEE is about and to organize our first European event.

Our local's slogan is "*meet the people, feel the spirit*" and this is exactly the way we are... During a few interesting brain-

Participants, they finally came from so many parts of Europe. We had Dutch, French, Dutch, Italian, Dutch, Austrian and Dutch participants. Our prayers were listened to. Thanks to a very good promotion campaign made by some brave Dutch students among the Dutch aegeeans, we got 2 vans filled with people from the Netherlands.

The program tried to cover as many issues as humanly possible: sightseeing tour by a very special AEGEE tram, interesting discussions on religious topics, visits at the Franciscan Minorites Church, the Jewish synagogue, the Orthodox and the Evangelical churches, a session of wine tasting at the local wine cellar Minis, religious music concert at the Baptist church Maranata, the Easter Resurrection Ceremony at the Catholic Monastery of Radna and visit at the oldest Orthodox Monastery of the

county. I forgot to mention the cool parties, the cocktail and policemen raids late at night in "Club Bizar"! The program was a bit busy, we showed no mercy for the participants sleep, but we provided the (almighty) coffee!

We had the perfect ingredients for the tasty cocktail of success: crazy participants, very supporting local authorities, sunny days, enthusiastic members, cold beer, kind support from the 2 universities of Arad, big sponsorships, 4 almost unstealable flags, a very open hearted cameraman who made a nice movie about the entire event. (Our participants even pointed out a new religion - the Bobism ; with Bob from AEGEE Eindhoven as a spiritual leader, who had many religious fans.) The conference was presented in all the local newspapers and it appeared also at the local television. Our town was so vivid those days and we all had a great time.

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It was a hot summer night in the cosy student town of Estonia called Tartu, with unusually much excitement in the air for that time of the year. But something was going to happen, it could be sensed...the closer time ticked towards midnight the more excited souls appeared on the streets of the old university town seeking one particular place in the heart of the academic circle. In this small jazzy underground space all the souls coming from different directions and distances gathered together. They then indulged themselves in good food and enjoyed the friendly atmosphere they created while making first contacts with each other. For some mysterious reasons so much remained unsaid that night.

Soon after the sunrise next morning, souls started to hustle and bustle. The face expressions betrayed their excitement about what was going to happen. No one seemed to know what to expect but everyone knew they had come for something important.

A big hall opened in front of them with dozens of souls here and there that morning. All of a sudden humming stopped and every-body's attention was caught by the souls who stood up from the crowd, stepped knowingly to the front, gave a friendly smile to all, cleared their throat and started talking enthusiastically about something that they all seemed to hold dear to themselves. From this moment the souls here and there

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From all sides of the hall one could hear a few phrases being repeated with passion again and again.... non-formal education and youth NGOs!!! Curiously enough, they never got tired of articulating them! Everyone's story behind it sounded quite different which sometimes led to that voices were raised, eye contacts more intensified, and reason had hard times with coming to terms with all the different thoughts shared.

Every evening the souls needed to cool themselves down as by the beginning of sunset they were almost burning from passion and drowning in the ideas. It was agreed to visit other souls in the spiritual places of the town called pubs. An unknown number of those mystical places were frequented and a magical amount of spirits was poured down their throats.

The day after, souls strolled through the mystical town to their meeting place to continue with the same ritual they could not finish the day before. This time they

seemed to find even more in common with each other and it seemed they were aspiring towards one big goal! They stole the sunset before they managed.

All the belief was put on the next day! Therefore it was worked on until sunrise! A guitar concert was there to inspirethe half-covered dancers were there to surprise....a cake with candles and a happy birthday song was there to wish happinessand loud folk-music was there to shock.

The role of NGOs

Tartu 04-07.07.02.

author: Kristi Vene

It worked amazingly well! By the next sunset all the souls felt so much more relieved on the one hand and so much richer on the other hand! They had fulfilled their



goal all of them had been aspiring for: to elaborate a proposal about a cooperation network between youth NGOs, educational institutions, and public sector.

After these four wonderful summer nights and days Tartu remained so empty and sad craving for the souls to come back!!!

This year on 25-26-27th of October AEGEE Eskisehir organised Balkania Regional Meeting '02 : "Internal Education & Personal Development" with a great number of Balkanian participants. First day started with the trainings by a famous external trainer of Turkey : Nilüfer Arýak on the subjects, "Organisational Communication" & "Organisational Culture". After that

cockteyl. That night first year anniversary celebrations of AEGEE Eskisehir took place with a club Party in "Hayal Kahvesi" : the famous bar & disco of Eskisehir.

The next 2 days Internal Education lectures was in Anadolu University : by lecturers from Academy, AEGEE Europe & Network. Live Rock Music on Saturday, Turkish Night with Narghile (water pipe) & Hamam (Turkish Bath) was included giving the chance to participants to live the culture except discussing on Balkanian problems and learning more about AEGEE.

With the post-event to Olympos, there was a chance for the Balkanians to visit where the culture, mystery, history and a



AEGEE Eskisehir with participants of RM

great view meet. It was a great honour for AEGEE Eskisehir to make that organisation and what made it unforgettable was its participants and the great synergy we had all: Balkanians! ;o)

Balkanian RM

Eskisehir 25-27.10.02.

the official night with presentations of Eskisehir started with the speech from AEGEE Eskisehir President & Org. Committee President ending with a

The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, every day in the news, every day is a tragedy... how is the European community supposed to act ?

The IPWG in collaboration with AEGEE Hamburg and under the patronage of the German Orient-Institute organized the conference : 'The European Role in the Israeli Palestinian Conflict'. As from August 12th till August 15th, European, Israeli and Palestinian students gathered in the city of



Hamburg to debate and discuss the thorny question of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.

The aim was to have an in-depth analysis and, in fact the conference was divided into two parts.

Initially, important questions such as the missing intercultural dialogue and the distorted perception of 'the other party in the conflict' were addressed. At a second stage, the participants could express their ideas and views in the four workshops dealing with different aspect of the conflict: the economic, the cultural, the foreign and the European dimension.

The conference was not: more talk and no action! Compromised conclusions were worked by the participants who had to draft a common position paper. Important state-

ments were expressed in such document. For instance, with respect to the economic dimension of the conflict, the participants were sceptical on imposing economic sanctions on Israel and instead called for the full enforcement of the Association Agreement, thus giving state aid and grants to the Palestinian Territories. On the other hand, the cultural workshop gave credit to the third concept of the Barcelona Process

between the West Bank and the Gaza Strip was solved by imposing a demilitarised internationally-monitored corridor, a system which functions well in the Brčko region of Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Heated discussions and arguments were inevitable features. Many time, it was hard to discuss things without getting to emotional. However, a whole picture of the conflict was strived for by inviting several proficient people to deliver lectures and to express their contrasting views. In the final

EU & the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Hamburg 12-15.08.02.

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in placing cultural aspects on the same level as high politics and economy. Civil society support was encouraged as this promotes the process of democratization and

intercultural dialogue. EU involvement in the conflict was criticised because it is not consolidated in its voice and its potential is often lost. In addition, foreign intervention has been seen as necessary for conflict-resolution yet only the US, UN and EU were considered to be the viable partners which can guarantee the implementation of a resolution. The problem of communication

panel discussion moderated by Mr Cichowicz, Head of the Foreign Desk at the Northern German TV-station, the participants together with the public could ask questions to the Director of the German Institute for Middle East Studies in Hamburg, a Member of the German Parliament and Spokesperson for European Affairs and to the Deputy Head of Near East Division in the German Foreign Ministry.



South-west regional meeting

Madrid 18-20.10.02.

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Sometimes AEGEE aims are quite difficult to get. Sometimes it takes you a long time and a lot of work just creating in your mind the event you want. Sometimes it's not that easy to get fun and learning together. But that was exactly what didn't happened in the Fall Regional Meeting for the still- South-West region.

The place was a big hostel in Berzosa de Lozoya, a small village in the middle of the Madrid mountains, and we just needed to get inside the house lots and lots of very different people: new and old members all mixed up in a perfect environment. The cooperation between the SW Netcom-team (Hot-team for the friends) and the local organizers (AEGEE Madrid) was great and the experience of very special guests coming directly from the CD or the Academy was very motivating for everybody (thanks so much Megi, Sena, Nicola and Jaap!!!).

So we finally got 57 people alone in the hostel from all over the region, and for all over Europe, together in one house: new members, old members, the most experi-

enced, the ones didn't have the opportunity yet, the ones who love teaching, the ones who sleep in the classes, the best pupils, the worst singers, a lot of dancers, the ones who couldn't stop talking, the ones who never talked, someone with bowling shoes, something like an AEGEE T-shirts competition, all kind of music, all kind of drinks, all kind of proposals... you can imagine how AEGEE spirit attacked each one of us !!!

On Friday night we all enjoyed the wonderful and spicy Alcoholimpic games organized by AEGEE Valencia (We all know how come they have been able to survive for 10 years... Happy Birthday!!!) and on Saturday we had a very hard day: Introduction workshop, State of the network, Common projects & PR workshops, FR & Agora Simulations, etc... It was a great experience for everybody, we got to know each other more and

more (and Agora simulation let some new people discover, for example, facts about AEGEE Passau or the "state of the hens"). If I'd have to describe it I would say it was a very fun and useful learning experience.

On Sunday we made the evaluation and we realised it was almost finished. It had been an unforgettable weekend and it made the relationship and cooperation between locals in the region much stronger and closer. We just needed great people: organizers and participants, and we got them!!! I only can say thank you and good luck. And remember... never stop having fun!!!





The last European School I in AEGEE took place in Valencia, from the 14th to the 21st of April 2002, where 25 lucky European students were selected from over 150 applications. After some months of hard work, the staff (a team of 6 experienced members of AEGEE-Valencia), was proud to offer the participants all the excitement and the fun of a normal European School, with the most advanced training programme and the most experienced and professional trainers of the AEGEE-Academy (a great team of 12 trainers among which we can name Carlos Miragall, who was the ES Manager, or Mark de Beer, the Case-Ma-

of the *Universidad Politécnica de Valencia*, and a *High Level Residence*.

Can you imagine all this in the frame of a city right at the Mediterranean Sea, with more than 300 sunny days per year and well-known over Europe for its night life? So the staff couldn't dissappoint the participants, and organized an unforgettable night programme, including a party by the sea

nager), which them all colaborated very closely with AEGEE Valencia to prepare the lectures, *plus: External trainers and speakers, professionals, NGO consultants and University professors, Official Diploma*

(including fire, salsa and typical drinks from all over Europe), a karaoke, and of course, a European Night, (not to mention a guided city-sightseeing, and a visit by boat around L'Albufera, a famous lake nearby Valencia, followed by the typical Paella and Sangria), that we all enjoyed in a Restaurant by the lake.

The European School couldn't have had a better closure: after the Agora Simulation,

ES European school

Valencia 14-21.04.02.

author: Rosa Górriz

with beautiful Matina Magkou as chair woman, the remaining participants, trainers and staff moved to the sea to have a last bath, lay on the sand and realize that the ES was over.



Sudden ideas can develop into great moments. Our Belgrade-Budapest exchange is the perfect proof of that. The initiative was a couple of last minute cancellations for the Budapest part of the Tillburg Mannheim-Budapest exchange program. We already had everything planned, the hosts were waiting for their guests, what could we do? And then came the idea, let's ask the neighboring antennas if they have any members who are willing to pack their bags and travel to Budapest in two days. Luckily the short notice didn't cause any problems and that's how AEGEE-Beograd got involved in the project. This truly

100 kilometers away, this was the first visit for all eight of us. Since eating is a beloved pastime shared by all, the typical Serbian breakfast of burek and yogurt on the first morning was a proper introduction to everyone's delight. During the following meals in different restaurants or prepared by our host families we discovered that our national dishes show surprising similarities, sometimes the only difference being in the name. And as we found out, it isn't only the food that the two nations share, but many of our words are almost identical as well. We gave up compiling the list at around word #150 or so, but whenever we didn't know a word in English, rather than trying to explain it somehow, it was easier to make it understood by saying it in Hungarian.

I think I can say in the name of the others as well, that the

paintball battle between the mixed Serbian Hungarian teams was the most popular. We all felt like professional soldiers in our equipments and took our mission seriously so much that one of us even fell into a well full of water in her attempt to reach the flag (and all this in February!).

Despite the continual threats of snow by the meteorologists, for the duration of our stay the clouds evaded the area and some days it even felt like spring. On such a sunny day, after visiting a beautiful part of Belgrade called Zemun, the organizers took us to a boat pub floating on the Danube and frequented by local fishermen. It was so peaceful there, sitting among our new and old friends on the swaying boat, watching the fishers moor their barges to the side and hearing their conversation. I felt to be



a part of the place.

Beside all these activities and the in-depth sightseeing walks led by the most knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide I met in my whole life, we also carried on official functions. The Hungarian Ambassador invited the group to a reception at the Embassy and despite the formal surroundings we had a very informal discussion about the current politiceconomical relations between the two countries.

Belgrade/Budapest exchange

Belgrade 01-07.03.02.

author: Kata Gyongy

European week (with participants from Germany, Yugoslavia, Holland and Croatia) turned out to be really great. The variety of programs included a boat excursion, a folklore show combined with winepálinka tasting, an opera performance, a thermal bath visit, breakfast at a traditional café house, watching a Hungarian movie, lots of sightseeing and the inevitable university parties at night. Our Serbian guests also had a memorable time and by inviting us for a week to Belgrade in return, they promised to show us that their hospitality is even better than the Hungarian.

Of course we accepted the invitation and on a cold day in February a small, but eager group got off the bus in Belgrade. Even though the two cities are only a few

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By the subsequent visit to the Tesla museum everyone was in uplifted spirits as a result of the consumed food and drinks. Especially those who concentrated more on the drinks were probably the merriest people ever to enter the exhibit (although I must confess, that their first move was finding a toilet).

The seven days passed very fast, but tied the connection between the two antennas. In the last few months there were not only friendly visits between the two cities, but also the idea of organizing an enlarged version of this exchange was born. This is the BBB project (Belgrade-

Budapest-Bucharest), which aims at the stronger cooperation in the region and also the sharing of views&experiences regarding the EU and NATO integration.



15 years of constitutions with "Jenever" and drunk board members. 15 years of suits and front row seats at every Agora. 15 years of critical questions on the conduct of the Comité Directeur. 15 years of prominent presence in a network of European Students that throughout those years has grown to the full size of 264 locals and a total of 17.000 members.(These are all the same 15 f... years) That is what is handed to us, the new board of AEGEE Delft.

The bicycle experience

Delft 06-08.05.02.

author: Niels Vegter

What these rich traditions withhold, we find out soon enough, not attending the autumn Agora in Ankara. No time, too far, too expensive, Agora: is that important anyway? We kind of get the idea when we discover the phenomenon 'list-server' and on it we find a real proposal about Delft's astonishing absence at the Agora resulting in a vivid discussion on Les Anciens-L. At our next board meeting, learning this we look at each other, shrug and say "Cool! Everybody is talking about us and all we did was nothing!" Nevertheless it makes us feel obliged to celebrate our third lustrum and make our name known again throughout the network. In other words, we feel obliged to organise a superb European event. And since Agora seems to be something important in our dear AEGEE network, why not organise it right after the next Agora in Amsterdam? And so, the official post event of the Agora "The Bicycle Experience" was born.

After three days of suits, front rows, mind-blowing plenary sessions and fabulous lunches it was high time for some fun and relaxation. With the typical AEGEE mixture of people (multi-national participation team) we left Amsterdam and traveled back to Delft. At lunchtime we were happy to raise the ideas of Dutch eating habits somewhat serving soup, fried eggs and proper Dutch sandwiches. During lunch it is also time to get to know each other. And as common in AEGEE what better way to do so then with one of those nice and typical integration games. Well, we came up with a new and revolutionary idea that would add new dimensions to the concept of integration games. We invented *The Kissing*

Competition > a whole new way of integrating. During lunch we explain the rules (basically: read about it in the one of the following chapters), hand out the kissing coupons and wish our participants good luck. At least the Italians liked our newly developed concept coming up to us saying: "Thank you! We really like this game. It is a very good idea!"

High time to start the bicycle experience. While the sun was making a beautiful spring day, we all together walked to the lovely centre of Delft. As we waited for everybody to arrive it was high time to teach Ania from Romania how to actually ride a bike. We held her one, which she bravely climbed on and as Paul and myself held the bike from behind she tried to keep balance. We ran from one side to the other and try to avoid from crashing into the filled terraces on the one side and the canal on the other. She learned quickly and after a while she actually managed to cycle for the first time in her life. A major achievement for both teachers and student. O.K. enough about her.

Watercycling was first on the programme. After a short explanation about watercycles; that they are not like actual bicycles (that sink) but that they are special plastic floating ones we all jump in one and start pedalling. After this adventure we made a stroll through the centre past big churches, famous squares and over neat little bridges.

In the evening everyone was welcomed on the beautiful yacht we arranged for our first party. As we were under the impression that our integration game is still a bit new and maybe too revolutionary for our saintly participants, we believe it to be a good idea to encourage them somewhat. So our beloved president Lykle gave some more detailed explanation + a few tips from the expert on how to score more points. As the evening proceeds, the beer flew and the music got louder people seemed to get more in the mood. The final proof of success was given when Lykle walked in on fellow organiser Eddy who was integrating on multiply point level with a girl of whom for privacy reasons we shall not state name and antennae. Maybe he forgot that committee members are worth double points. The next day however, he found out to his great disappointment that it was the score and not him she was inte-

rested in.

On Tuesday we had a quiet and relaxing day. Post Agora tiredness and all this cycling and integrating calls for a good nights sleep. Satisfied, we went outside and layed down on the grass field of the hostelling place and enjoyed the sun. In the afternoon we head for the university to learn how to cycle a *rowing bike*. Some students of the university developed a bike on which with a special technique you can exercise your rowing skills, a popular sport amongst Dutch students. After an explanation it is time to try the bike ourselves. Some prove to be naturals, *rowing* away without a hassle, others have some more difficulty and after a while choose again the grass field and sun to be a better pastime.

In the evening we went for dinner, having put something in our stomachs, it is time to discover the great variety of pubs in the student town of Delft. A few drinks here, a few drinks there and at the end of the evening we all end up in AEGEE-Delfts home pub. Here we hang around until we were kicked out early in the morning. Out on the empty streets it was time to find our

We're travelling
without moving



way back home.

Wednesday it is time for the ultimate bicycle experience. We got up early, had a quick breakfast, made some sandwiches and everybody got his own bicycle. With a group of 30 cyclists we manoeuvred through the small streets, carefully dodging

cars and trees until we were out of the city, in the open air. In the beginning we traveled at a slow pace, giving our two participants who never rode a bicycle in their lives before, the chance to get things under control.

We rode our bikes through small picturesque little villages and along narrow paths passing awfully close to the water of canals. The weather is beautiful though and everyone is cycling, chatting and enjoying him or her. In the afternoon we arrived in Schiedam; a town with an old historical centre and four of the oldest and highest windmills in the Netherlands standing at the bank of river the Schie. We visited one and got a tour of the old miller who explained us how everything works. From the top we had a beautiful view of the surroundings. After

Durbuy, the so-called smallest city in Europe, was the ideal place for a 'spiritual aegee-event'. A group of 25 AEGEE members, from the Netherlands, Germany, Spain and France joined the small but very enthusiastic AEGEE-Leuven team to jump into the world of the Hare Krishna and modern witches. During the evening, parties tightened the new made European friendships.

On Saturday we visited the Hare Krishna castle in Durbuy. A young member of this group showed us life in the castle, explained us about their God, Krishna, and led us to the cafeteria, where we all enjoyed a ve-

getarian Krishna-meal. Our guide told us, the Krishna's don't have sex and don't drink alcohol. Is this suited for Aegee-members? No, of course not! So, after the wonderful sneak into this spiritual and very restrained world, we all rushed to a ... abrewery. In the Ardennes, there are, as in Belgium, in general, lots of breweries, who all have their special house-beer. Also in Durbuy, where we visited probably the smallest brewery of the world, in, (of course) the smallest city of Europe. Some of the participants gladly gave their car keys to others, as they were very eager to taste the beer which looked terrific.

After a small recovering stop at the lodging place we regrouped to go to the nature park that is just outside Delft. When we got there we were welcomed with open arms and a barbecue prepared for us. Splendid! After a long day of cycling in the open air, you feel quite hungry(right?). At a small lake, on a big grass field surrounded by trees we enjoyed the pleasures of barbecue (rare on the inside, burnt on the

outside) and together with a beer we came to our senses again. Satisfied and pleased we all took our bikes and returned to the lodging to get ready for the traditional European Night

After a last breakfast it is time to exchange email addresses and to say goodbye. Also it is time to see who won the kissing competition. As we start inquiring about who had the most coupons, we got kind of suspicious about the results. Some people seem to have acquired more coupons then there are participants. The only thing that can be said for sure was that the winner, not very surprisingly, was female (a check!!!). Of course for the organisers it was still far from over but satisfied participants made things more relaxed.

Fortunately, one of the participants was a former chief-cook, and he made us probably the best spaghetti ever! (Thanks again, Stephan!) During the night, we left

Spirit in Ardennes

Leuven 26-28.04.02.

author: Katrien Pype

our hostel, and explored some of the woods. Thanks to a night visit to a grave yard and a camera, we made our own 'Blair Witch Projekt'. AEGEE went creepy.

The next morning, on Sunday, Carolien, Geert and again Stephan made us wonderful pancakes. I think everybody will agree, when I say, that we were spoilt. We all ate too much pancakes. Afterwards, Geert, a specialist in yoga, learned us to meditate and I opened up the world of modern witchcraft, Wicca. It was a strange event for AEGEE, but I am very glad that I was there. I passed a splendid time in a wonderful European group.



Water fiesta

Sofia 09-13.05.02.

author: Ralitzia Petkova

This was definitely an excursion filled with lots of emotional experiences. It's great to tell apart from the noisy and tensed city and to have a walk among the wild nature. Everything was so fresh green surrounding, brooklets, small bridges, paths in the forest, caves, waterfalls are just the basics we took a look at. It is hard to describe the aroma of the flowers, the splashing of the falling water of the cascades and the music of the crickets hidden in the grass. Beside the silence and the tranquility, nature offered us some extreme experiences as well. The participants in Water Fiesta had the opportunity to go down with a rope along the water at the village of Krushuna and to swim in the river at the Drianovo Monastery. Regarding the people they were youngsters from Italy,

Russia and Bulgaria that have fresh spirits and will for adventures. We got to know each other better not only during the travel but also at the campfire.

You can call it a spooky fact that our visit at the Drianovo Monastery coincided with the Bulgarian national fest and we

were happy to see fireworks and go to a disco in the open air. We also visited another cultural event the recreation of the ritual of rose pick-up a traditional Bulgarian means of living. The concert took place in Veliko Tarnovo and

was a vital part of the folklore festival at this time. As a all participants in Water Fiesta were happy with every single minute of the trip and we'll keep only positive memories of the exclusive moments we spent together.



AEGEE

reportage from Slovenia

True! ...The nice little young country, situated there, where all those different cultures meet, yes the one from the heart of Europe, where Alps get seduced by a mediteranean Adriatic and Panonian slowly joins in and everything gets blurred together with a sea of forests and wine hillies. Sure you will visit it someday, "the" Bled, "the" Piran and "the" Postojna pearls. But you will put it off for later and bring your young family there since now, there are so many

chance to experience it, to really live the short snapshots of Slovenian funky everyday!

So panonian Prekmurje you will taste trough its great gourmet specialities, funky dancing raft experience, you will also start your education about Slovene vines there in Maribor and since practice makes perfect, by the time you reach the coast of Adria you will be able to indentify all the wine regions and have a new favourite wine!



Natural expirience

AEGEE Ljubljana

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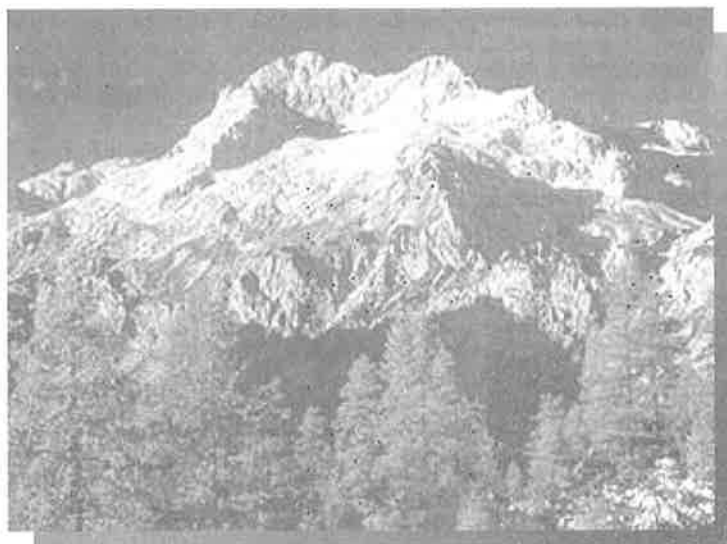
more of these other trendy destinations! But what if these are really the only offer you will find special then, with your early teenage kids, waiting for you to go to bed so they can explore the funky part of the country? What if YOU'LL miss out then? What if this funky little place has more to offer to you right now or in the summer of '03? Now, that you CAN afford to just let go, trust your two funky organising teams and JUST DO IT!

I was told I should write an item about this beautiful land and about what makes it unique and all that and I can choose now between laying it all down, word by word, like in a phone book: all those highlights you should visit, but here I really wouldn't make a difference then, because we all know that every country has a list and every country is unique. So instead I'll try to point out why from all these countries you should visit Slovenija as soon as possible:

So first, if you like: because you have a chance to choose! Secondly: because going to Slovenija via AEGEE will guarantee you to really see and experience a lot more than just the basic Bled-Piran-Postojna trio! and third big reason: because there are two great teams working on welcoming you whenever you like, as we speak! So you will get a lot for the fee you'll pay for any of our events, because the only plus we are working on is getting to know all of You! And we won't only be showing you stuff! We will give you a

Štajerska, Dolenjska will both hold a memory of something you participated in for you, all the forests will leave you wondering whether it's true about them brown bears: the fact that forests are that quiet and cosy and that they all ran to seek shelter in Slovenia and now we're exporting to other countries? You also will know for a fact that there's this country where it's almost impossible to make a bad photo no matter how untalented you might be beca-

use it's just so extremely photogenic. We promise you no conventional metro sy0 stems, but we will offer you an underground of our own, carved out by rivers into thousands of caves, some of them even protected by UNESCO. There is a big underground treasure we hold in our Alps and it is called fresh clean water and we'll share it with you! Ever been rafting on a river that is so clean that you can just lean out of the raft and drink it? With us, you will! We know you've heard about them Alps as well, but we promise we will produce sympathies towards mountains even to those who don't like exercise and moving about too much! Yes, we will take you into the very heart of Julian alps and then make you fly down the valley on mountain bikes with a view your brain will keep reproducing all over again in your dreams! And no boring hiking as you might think: always a source of water to play, or a waterfall to admire, or animals to feed along the way. And we'll get you some experts to let you into details of this fragile environment as well! And nevertheless, every day there'll be time to splash about in a pool, a river, a mountain lake or the sea and live the poetry of new friendships! And we are promising: since we've done it before, we know we can do it again for You!



The hot Italian summer heats up 45 crazy people from all over Europe! August the 4th 2002 saw the beginning of the first event of AEGEE-Termoli: the new Italian antenna in probably the smallest university city ever. When the crowd of guests made their way to the tiny village on the Adriatic sea, people were welcomed by the traditi-

Hooooot Termoli

author: Fabrizio Fantini

Termoli 04-16.08.02.

onal party for the saint "Basso". In the first warm night fireworks were given to the advantage of the participants sitting around huge fireplaces on the sandy beach. <<"Falò!" It was my dream to swim in sea during the night!>> says one of the participants who learnt the Italian word for "fire on the beach".

In the following days the programme was quite relaxed (do you know anything about Italian time?). Nevertheless, organizers challenged the most (in)famous problems of siesta and hot weather in the effort of providing university classes, a crash-course in Italian, wine-tasting, endless parties and an unforgettable visit to the paradisiac Tremiti islands. But it was not only watermelon and Nutella to excite the participants; the gym is reported as

having given extra adventures to the guests. "For me it was great to sleep with 5 girls but they didn't like me" complains one unlucky guy in the evaluations questionnaires, and it was fun reading among them "There are a lot of people in the rooms... it's ok... but why did men use ladies' toilets?".

Giuseppe Nardone, chief of the organizers' committee, proudly reports "It was a huge effort to keep the group of organizers together; especially considering that they were all hot-men and most of the participants female! Apart from the jokes, it was a huge pleasure to see my city with different eyes. Expectations of the people were satisfied and they appreciated Termoli even more than some of its citizens do: they enjoyed in particular the beautiful landscape, the great climate and an unique sea! Of course letting them eat for free every day in a restaurant made them taste the best of our cooking traditions. All this things have been offered, according to participants, with high quality

and low price. So we can say that "Hot Termoli" was a great event and if we consider that it was the first experience...

The dream became reality!!! Aegee



Termoli is starting to live!". Being born just last May in Amsterdam "under lucky stars, and with an unforgettable introduction to the network" as says founder Fabrizio Fantini alias "Hot Fab", Aegee-Termoli underwent a rapid growth and its first event made all the fresh members rejoice. The antenna is now aiming high and growing towards interesting new perspectives...



Below you can find some traveling tips that may help you to avoid major troubles on your way to great AEGEE events! All of the tips are based on the AEGEE members' experiences:)

1. Traveling with **Interrail** is very comfortable but at the same challenging I don't have to tell you that. When you are already heading towards a crowded platform, full of other desperate people, who are willing to take YOUR place in the train, make sure no extra payments or reservations for the Intercity or Eurocity train are required! It is not a nice thing when having 5 Euro in your pocket you are made to pay 4.60 for the supplement:)

2. Another easy way to get to the place you want to, is flying with Ryanair. This great **airline** provides transport services in Western Europe and is a very popular mean of transportation among CD members. The main idea that makes their offers so cheap is the fact they never use the main airports in the cities, but the suburban ones. The price you can find on the Internet doesn't include airport tax as well! Keep that in mind when you are preparing your budget lines. Once you have bought the ticket you cannot return it or change the dates of the flight either! They are cheap but they can easily trick you! Be aware!

3. Happy Wochenende Ticket valid in Germany the most expensive **trains** are available there as well! If you use this great invention, be sure you always have a backup solution in case the tracks are being repaired at the very moment YOU decide to use the trail! Always try to find two ways of reaching the target of your journey; it happens to be very useful. Another thing you have to know is that the ticket itself is valid during the weekend, for one day, always until 3 a.m. I don't have to remind you about taking the address book with you, right?

4. **Hitch hiking** - it is a real adventure!

It is also a very risky way of traveling, especially if you are in hurry, not to mention the situation when you are alone. Generally speaking I would advice hitching in couples, however nice triangles are possible:) When you have to cross borders, make sure you are allowed to do that walking not all of the crossings accept this way of mobility. Even if you manage to get a lift just through the border, in some countries there are only highways in the close neighborhood and you are not welcome to even walk on it, not speaking of hitching.

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AEGEE



author: Megi Chudzik

Dear AEGEE members! It is one of our greatest pleasures to travel all over Europe, however we often encounter many difficulties and we often have many amazing, unexpected adventures!

The problem becomes bigger when nice custom officers, who are eager to check what you will do when they turn you back from the highway, spot you. If you see their car parked 50 meters from the place you are standing, don't think they are having lunch! They are observing YOU! When it comes to that, you can either sit and wait until they get bored with waiting good solution for the summer or start walking towards the closest inhabited area, of course through the forest in winter time it guarantees that you will not freeze to death at least!

KISSING COMPETITION

author: Niels Vegter

An overall competition/game during these three days of fun at our bicycle congress in Delft was our *kissing competition*.

"Transylvanian swine"



Laura Vrabie

A friend shares the following recipe:
(It is delicious)

2 large onions
1 head garlic
salt
pepper
3 rounded tablespoons hot Hungarian paprika
six boneless pork chops
6 slices thick bacon
water
lard (optional)

Chop peeled garlic. Fry the bacon. Remove bacon from pan. Saute the onions, diced, with 2/3rds chopped head of garlic in the bacon grease with salt and pepper to taste until onions are slightly caramelized. Add hot paprika, and stir. Add about a cup of water, to cover onions. Simmer. While sauce simmers, fry salted and peppered pork chops in lard or bacon grease with remaining 1/3 head of chopped garlic. When chops are cooked, pour sauce over chops, and top each chop with a slice of bacon. Serve with potatoes and with steamed green beans whose only topping is sour cream with dill (dried or fresh).

Wine to be served with Transylvanian Swine should be a robust and tannic cabernet (preferably a bottle of Foxhollow '91 Paso Robles).

Enjoy!

5.Traveling by **car** it seems to be the best option in many cases. However, if you look at it closer, you will realize that you will also have to face with the dark sides of this mean of transportation. Cars like to break down in the least expected moment, they like to be stolen sometimes, they also happen to need green card, extra insurance in some countries, liters of petrol... If you eventually decide to go somewhere by car, take some maps with you, a good torch/you never know!/, check the speed limits in certain countries and, if you go out of

Since it was a recreational congress and both cycling and kissing are very much recreational, the two match perfectly together.

It is a good way of getting to know one another. A whole new, revolutionary way of integrating with people. And also to get to know people in another then the usual way: a little more intimate. It is a good way of mixing the warmer cultures from the south with the colder northern European cultures. And of course you can win some GREAT PRIZES!!

THE RULES

1.The following points are rewarded:

- Kiss on the cheek 1 p.
- Kiss on the lips 2 p.
- French Kiss 4 p.
- Hicky 6 p.

2.You don't have to play (there are always those boring couple-types)

3.It is not allowed to use any physical or psychological force

4.You keep your own score

5.As a verification, points should be claimed and acknowledged by both parties

6.In order to score the 6 p. the jury has the right to ask for any physical proof

7.Also the jury has the right to ask for a reconstruction of events when doubt concerning a claimed score arises

8.Cheating will be severely punished

9. there is only one score possible between each two persons

10.boys-girls, boys-boys, girls-girls: all allowed.

11.Committee members are excluded from competition, but....

12.Committee members are worth DOUBLE points

13.The competition ends Wednesday at midnight

Schengen, exchange money! Euro does not work everywhere! Last but not least: check the rout you are planning to take for instance the shortest way from Krakow to Brussels does not lead through Hamburg!

6. There are many other examples to be mentioned but I am sure all of us had a chance to experience traveling adventures. At "the very moment" they seem disastrous but after some time there are things to recall and make fun of.

The only wish we can have is "always happy end"! Good luck to all of you and see you somewhere in Europe.



Ilija Popovic

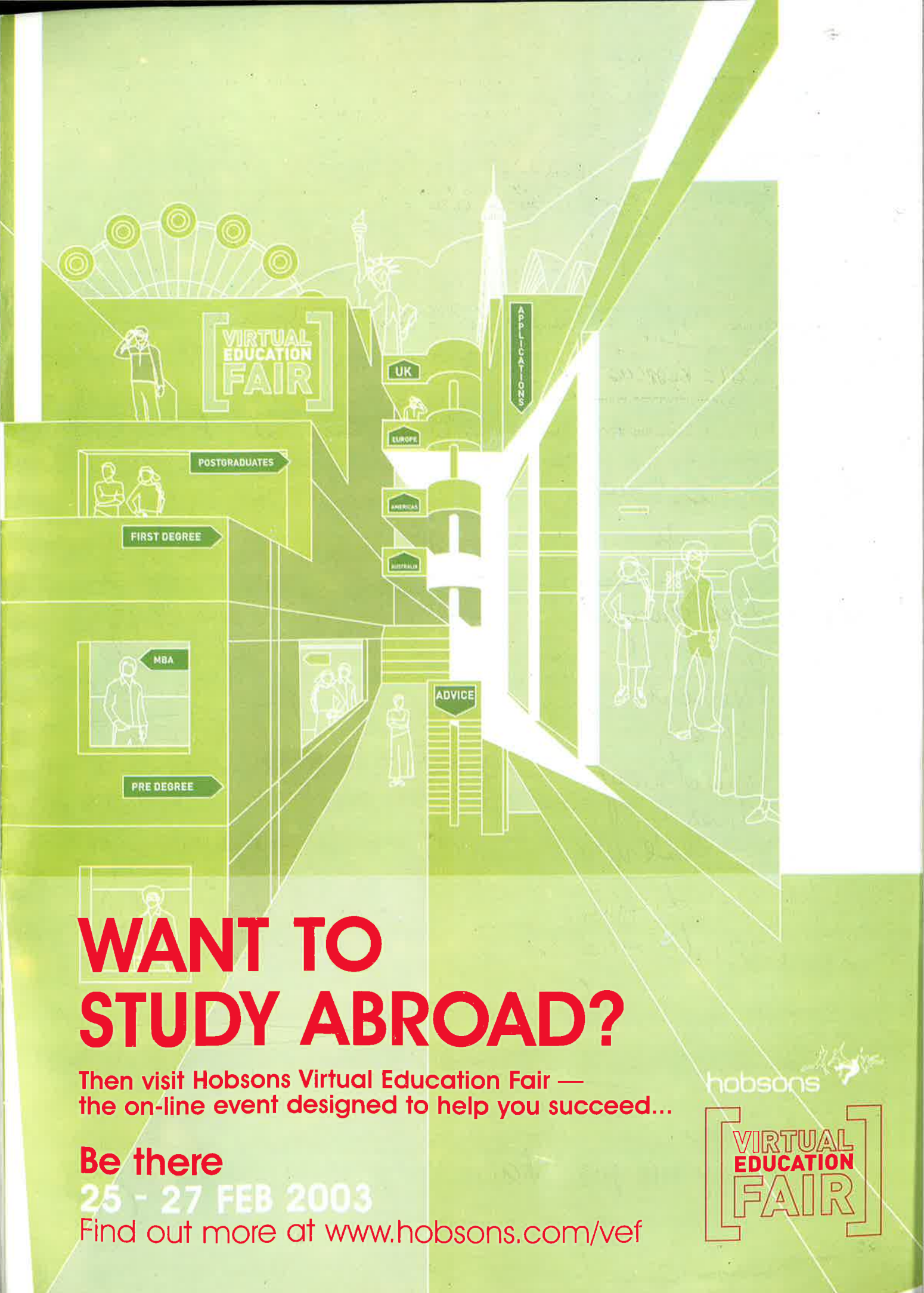
One of the best memories in my life is participation on Balkan Youth Festival in Litochoro (Greece) last summer. I heard for it from my very good friends Katerina and Matina from AEGEE-Athina (one big EVHARISTO to you girls for letting me know for it!). Besides traveling, meeting new and interesting people, working in NGO and few other things :-), my biggest love is music. The festival gathered together young people from Balkan countries that competed in music, video and fine arts categories. Together with around 300 hundred really great people I spend 5 unforgettable days! My group (we play hip hop music:) performed three nights in a row and won "3rd Honorable Distinction" (apparently people really liked us :-). After the festival I stayed in touch with lot of people and made few really nice friendships.

Later I found out that info about this festival was under the "NON-AEGEE EVENTS" on the official aegEE web-site, so people check it time to time-you never know what you will find there!

14.Attendance is at your own risk

15.The organization can't be held responsible for any possible results or effects of this competition (marriages, baby's, break ups, diseases, etc.)





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Project = budget planning, coordination ???

Mark → three strongest points of AEGEE

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