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# Message From The Editor

It's a great pleasure for us to greet you again with the 18th edition of AEGEE's traditional News Bulletin Magazine.

By preparing this edition, we think that News Bulletin is an important magazine for communication of locals with each other. It has been used as a PR material for long years.

We considered that during the preparation process of News Bulletin and have created a new concept. We guess it'll be done well.

In this edition, you will find articles from the past events which were organized in AEGEE network.

Events which were organized under the Youth & Globalization, Find Europe and the Turkish – Greek Civic Dialogue Projects are the most attractive ones in this issue.

Special thanks to Secretarial General for the EU Affairs of Turkey, which was our sponsor for this edition. During the preparing period, all AEGEE network and especially AEGEE-Eskişehir members were very helpful and encouraging. So, it's our pleasure to give them our thankfulness.

While you're reading this magazine, we hope you will pride yourself on being able to peace of AEGEE.

**On behalf of the  
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# Conference on the Integration of Immigrants

## AEGEE-Valletta/HRWG

**E**nd of the Road: ... Now What?  
The conference 'End of the Road: ... Now What?' came to an end last Sunday 21st March after three successful days of discussion and cooperation between both foreign and local participants. During these days the topic on the integration of immigrants was thoroughly exhausted and seen from various points of view. The conference was closed by the President Emeritus H.E. Dr. Censu Tabone who also addressed the participants on this issue.

The conference was opened on Thursday 18th March by the Hon. Dr. Louis Galea. Many guest speakers were invited over to share their views on the problem of the integration of immigrants here in Malta, including Dr. Francis Agius, Dr. Roderick Pace, Assistant Commissioner Andrew Seychell, Mr. Mario Mallia, Mgr. Philip Calleja, Mr. Owen Bonnici, Dr. Ian Spiteri Bailey and Professor Ian Refalo. These speakers greatly contributed to increasing the awareness of young people vis-à-vis immigrants. It was an eye opener to make them realize that at the end of the day immigrants are just human beings like everyone else who were forced to leave their country and look for safer hospitality elsewhere because the conditions and circumstances of their country required them to do so.

Many points regarding how easy or difficult it is for an immigrant to be integrated into a society which is alien to him were raised. For example an immigrant who has studied and got qualifications will integrate better because he/she can contribute something to the society in which he/she desires to work. On the other hand an immigrant who has had no chance at getting a decent education will more than probably be forced to leave the country in which he/she wished to work.

Another point that was raised in the conference was about the way immigrants were treated once they landed in Malta. A participant, who was a member of the audience and a refugee here in Malta, recounted his experience on arrival in Malta, telling us that he

had been handcuffed and imprisoned like an ordinary criminal. This helped to make people aware that there is need that on arrival in the foreign country, an immigrant must be told what his/her rights are to avoid incriminations later on.

At the last session on Sunday participants displayed the conclusions at which they arrived to, in the form of a presentation. These were done in innovative ways in order to arouse the interest of the audience. There was one group who actually did an interactive game on computer which displayed how hard it is for an immigrant to be accepted in a foreign country. Amongst the results displayed by all four workshops were the need for acceptance and tolerance towards immigrants from the foreign nationals, the need to educate the immigrants entering our country in order to give them a chance in life, the need for justice to be done in order for them not to be treated like animals, and most importantly the need for people to see immigrants as equals because at the end of the day they are just like us.

This conference truly made people aware that there is need for a radical change in attitude towards immigrants and that it is time to start thinking of them as being on the same level as us and not as something inferior. This newly acquired awareness which was gained by all participants taking part in the conference is the confirmation that the conference reached the targets that it set out to achieve.

We would like to thank the following partners and sponsors, without whom this event would not have been possible: Delegation of the Commission of the European Communities in Malta, the Ministry of Education, the European Parliament Information Office in Valletta, the Ministry for Youth and the Arts, the Ministry of Social Policy, the Malta Council for Culture and the Arts, the Malta Tourism Authority, Air Malta, Farsons, Croc Cafe' (Paceville), Xerox - Image Systems Ltd. and Benna - Malta Dairy Products.

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# The International training

## Human Rights and the European Identity

Iasi, Romania, 21 – 28 March 2004

**W**hat are Human Rights in fact? And how must the main human rights to be protected? The perfect occasion to answer these questions was the United Nations' International Day for the Elimination of Discrimination, annually celebrated on 21<sup>st</sup> of March. Inspired by the need of a coordinated campaign at the European level, in order to combat all types of discriminations, the HRWG felt that the "Human Rights Year plan" would be the perfect platform for the launching of a European-wide Action Week against Racism.

The main AEGEE event of this Action Week was the international training "Human Rights and the European Identity", organized by AEGEE-Iasi between 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2004. Managing to pass a difficult selection process (we had about 70 applications) 25 participants, from 10 European countries gathered here, in Iasi, the former capital of the Moldova country (from the Middle Age until 1959).

Knowing each other was to be made very early (in fact, too early), on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> of March at 5.32, in the local rail station, where the first twelve persons group unexpectedly arrived, asking for accommodation. So, the dancing pub "City Café" just seemed the perfect place to have a rest, after long hours of train traveling. Briefly, we started well !

But the start was pretty tricky, as the rest of the program was mainly composed by classes, lectures, case studies and the final simulation case, the training sessions taking about 7 hours per day. Eight trainers (three coming from abroad), among them great personalities as Adrian Severin, President Emeritus of the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE and ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs and Prof. Dr. Albert P. van Goudoever, from the Utrecht University, Netherlands, struggled to keep the participants' attention at highest quotas.

The quality of our training seminar was proven by the final evaluation

questionnaires (anonymous, by the way), 88% of the participants stated that AEGEE-Iasi organizing team kept its promises for this event, 56 % of the participants evaluated our 8 days event as "very good", 36% as "good", 4% "excellent" and 4% as "satisfying", and these results made us very proud!

The main training themes were focusing on "The civic multiculturalism and HR in Europe", "The international protection of HR", "The Procedures before the European Court of HR", "Mass media fighting against HR violations", "Gender discrimination", "European culture and the American one: how are they influencing about HR perception?", "Surmounting the problem of terror in society". The practical side of this training was best revealed by the case study Ms. Brandt-Nielsen versus Tele Denmark Company and the final simulation case (The United National Security Council action against a country which violates the basic HR and detains weapons of mass-destruction), the last one generating a wonderful debate and powerful personalities among the participants. At the end of this seminar we were pleased to see that the notions "Human Rights" and "discrimination" were not anymore abstract and senseless, but vivid, rising in the participants' conscience new perspectives, challenges

The Human Rights WG of AEGEE-Iasi truly assumed the role of being the AEGEE's conscience during one week, raising awareness on violations of human dignity. We tried hard to be professional in our actions. We tried hard to keep the standards high and to offer our guests an unforgettable experience in a city that needs to be the host of more international events of this kind, in a country that needs to be seen as a Human Rights defendant, with enthusiastic people fighting for this!

**Florin Dorian Dascalescu,**  
**President of AEGEE-Iasi,**  
**From behalf of the AEGEE-Iasi Team**





# Youth & Globalization

## Breaking through our European shores

**W**orld Youth Summit on Globalisation  
Brussels, December 10 – 12, 2003

This world has become a melancholic strain, seeing that not everything is going as fine as it should be and sensing our eternal utopia of making this world a better place growing farther and distant is, to say the least, distressing. However, the thrill that in our own little, as young committed citizens, we can somehow do something has motivated all the delegates assembled at the European Parliament for the World Youth Summit on Globalisation.

Having all the four corners of the world present to the Grand Closure of the 2003 Year plan Project was indeed a real breakthrough for AEGEE. In fact, for the very first time, our association hosted other international NGOs and active youths from over 30 countries all over the world, ranging from pacific Australia to exotic Costa Rica; from cosmopolitan America to charming Zambia and from delightful Azerbaijan to remarkable Britain! Indeed, only a truly multicultural youth debate could produce such a bold enriching Final Strategy Paper on Globalisation.

The World Youth Summit transcended mere talk and discussions, primarily through its working methodology. Aiming at obtaining concrete sustainable results, the three-day long summit was endowed with thematic workshops and alternating forum discussions and open dialogues. Thematic workshops on the effects of politics, economics, culture and civil society were held by AEGEE's very prime facilitators being, Marcus Khoury, Koen Berden, Betina Skudlarek, Natalie Kolbe and Megi Chudzik. In addition, the delegates could tackle major discussions of our time with illustrious personalities such as Haleh Bridi, World Bank Special Representative

to the EU and Brigita Schmognerova, Executive Secretary, UNECE as well as Joao Vale de Almeida, representing the European Commission and Christophe Ersnt, from the International Labour Organisation amongst others.

Despite the cloudy Brussels weather and the public transport general strike, in the end, after lengthy fiery discussions, the delegates managed to produce a bold Final Strategy Paper on Globalisation! Departing with a finely tuned definition of globalisation as a 'dynamic multi-dimensional and interconnected process that generates intertwined links affecting all aspects of contemporary life', the delegates advocated the importance of adopting free and fair trade thus permitting developing countries to have equal bargaining power in international trade. Apprehension was shown towards the current status of International Organisations and the recommendation falls within enhanced accountability and enabling nation states to develop in-line with their indigenous political culture. A global civil society endorsing cultural diversity was cherished while sound acclamation welcomed the assertion that globalisation remains an opportunity to reduce insularity and eradicate prejudice thus enhancing deeper cultural knowledge leading to common understanding within the global context.

The World Youth Summit on Globalisation enjoyed the Patronage of Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne, Member of European Parliament and College of Europe and has received support from the World Bank. Euractiv.com and Foreign Policy Magazine were the official media partners while the International Youth Parliament had observation status throughout the working sessions. It is also noteworthy to deeply thank Nicola

Rega for his wholehearted commitment as chairperson of the Summit and naturally inmost appreciation is shown towards chair women Oana Mailatescu and Diana Filip for their equitable contribution towards the Summit.

Significant is also to give credit to the magnificent logistics team from AEGEE-Utrecht plus Sonia + Martha who helped the Project & Summit Team to co-ordinate the Summit and its enthusiastic delegates in a most efficient manner! Having gone so far and reached so high, it is imperative that the globalisation debate is extended to the brand new concept of the Youth & Globalisation Project for the year 2004. This time round, we will be focusing on our proactive role as young Europeans vis-à-vis the growing questions related to the existing globalisation gap in this world, where concepts of civic engagement, cross-cultural dialogue, sustainable development and democratic deficit will have an added impetus. For further information, please consult [www.aegEE.org/globalyouth](http://www.aegEE.org/globalyouth) and email at [globalyouth@aegEE.org](mailto:globalyouth@aegEE.org)

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# Find Europe

## Find Europe is going to start sooner than you expect.

**F**ind Europe is going to start sooner than you expect. This year.....hundreds of events all over Europe, in antennas and in contacts will take place.

Do you want to see cities you already know very well (or you only think you know)? If your answer is "yes" Find Europe will give you a chance to do it.

Cultural events will show you places from an absolutely different point of view. National food, national dances and jokes about its citizens. National atmosphere. Culture everywhere.

We are going to be with you throughout the year, during weekends or weeks, or even for longer. During festivals, during dance teaching courses, during beer drinking and even eating.

We will involve the whole network and all AEGEE members. Our FE events booklet will be spread to all antennas with 3 months timetable for you to be able to choose and plan your time with AEGEE and with Find Europe.

And how does the project work? It is simple. At the Agora in Saragossa FE Project was accepted by you. And now, with new status and with a very motivated and enthusiastic team this long term project is ready to take you in a cultural tour around Europe.

We (Mother Nature) divided year in 4 parts. Spring, summer, autumn and winter. First season is from the 1st of March. You can apply to organize an event one month before the new season, so FE Team will have enough time to give you the best promotion. Events must be culture oriented, however you understand it. But there are some criteria you have to fulfill. At least four hours

of cultural program per day, one national or regional dish per day, short language course, good atmosphere and AEGEE spirit. Events can be from 3 days to 2 weeks long, for at least 15 participants and can be held during the whole year. Simple, isn't it? So now, be ready to join us, to have fun and to discover a "different" Europe in Cultural Tour with Find Europe.

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# Aegee Adana

## Let's spread Aegee spirit

**A**ECEE Adana has been active since the year of 1998. Until now, we have organized lots of events both on European and local level. The shining ones have always been the summer universities that we organize traditionally since 2000. Currently, we have 80 members and this number keeps on increasing since the beginning of the semester.

The internal educations taking place twice a year at the seaside are one of the important events in our local in terms of gaining experience and learning the Aegee rules( ! ) among the members. Training during the day and partying all night are the things making the

internal education fun during the time we spend together.

Our local started celebrating European Days of languages in 2002 in order to increase the cultural awareness through languages. EDL was really very successful in 2003 with the workshops of native speakers of the European languages.

This year, we set up dance working group and now getting ready to organize a European event with the help of this group. So, if you are interested, get ready to hear some dancing news from us!

The very new born project of Aegee network ' Find Europe ' is running in our minds now. We are tempted to organize a cultural event in the frame work of this project!

Social meetings are part of our lives in our local. Without them, we do not think we can be motivated enough to do something. So, we really value its importance and try to get together as often as possible to increase the Aegee spirit that we need a lot !

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# AEGEE-Magusa

With the PM,  
we hope, we have  
achieved to build  
up new bridges  
between different  
cultures, nationalities,  
and ethnicities.



Magusa castel

# Carpe-PM in Mağusa

**A**EGEE-Mağusa, together with AEGEE-Europe, organised the Fall 2003-Action Europe Planning Meeting (PM) between 12-14 September 2003 in Famagusta, Cyprus. Approximately 85 members from many locals in the AEGEE network attended to this significant event, took part in several workshop sessions and helped the development of our society. By organising one of the two PMs of the year, of which the first was held in Enschede in February, 2003, AEGEE-Mağusa made a dream come true in spite of a set of difficulties. Therefore, we tried our best to arrange the workshop leaders and participants with all the tools in order to have a milestone in the history of AEGEE. So, we endeavoured to put all AEGEE ideas and principles into practice.

As it happens in every AEGEE meeting, we aimed to overcome prejudices and cliché statements and stereotypical discourse. With the PM, we hope, we have achieved to build up new bridges between different cultures, nationalities, and ethnicities. Seeing that we have contributed to the fostering of the cooperation and solidarity among AEGEEans made us truly happy. Since we believe we share common values, we attempt to create reliable, cohesive, and harmonious relationship. That is why we want to take part in striving for liberty, equity, and fraternity. As we are in line with our society's principles we want to play a part in promoting human rights, justice, peace and stability.

Nonetheless, we will always be ready to work with all our European friends to fight against narrow-mindedness and

discrimination. We will always be with you in celebrating full democracy and unity in all these diversity. With the mobility of our society, we had the chance to develop mutual understanding, empathy and tolerance between all those diverse cultures. By organising this event, we aimed at contributing to the progression of communication and integration among us since we are in accordance with the philosophy of AEGEE. In order to work for the betterment of our society, and our continent, we should carry on standing for autonomy and internationalism.

On 12<sup>th</sup> September, Friday, AEGEE-Europe organised a conference called "Cyprus in Europe, Europe in Cyprus" in the Buffer Zone, Nicosia and it took great attention. The next day, on 13<sup>th</sup> Saturday, the PM opening ceremony took place at the Library Auditorium of Eastern Mediterranean University. Right after the opening ceremony, the workshop sessions -such as "European Identity", "Immigrants and Refugees", "Euro-Islam", "Youth for South-East Europe", etc.-had started. All these workshops had continued until the closure of the PM, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>. Some workshops, especially "Euro-Islam" was very successfully indeed so that an e-mail list had been established. Apart from this, AEGEE-Samsun had signed the Convention d'Adhesion and became a new contact of the network.

Nevertheless, PM was not only consisted of workshops and all that serious stuff. Of course, there were higher moments that we all will always remember! There were dancing under the stars of Cyprus sky at open air discos, at charming clubs, and at beach. Although this PM was called "Fall PM" we still had summer in September in Cyprus. And more fantastic was the "Beach Party"! Almost

everybody was in the sea at midnight and drunk and that was European Party which brought us closer!

What is more, our participants who stayed for the post-event (between 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September) had more chance to enjoy the sun, the sea, the Cypriot cuisine, the landscape, historical sites, and the cultural heritage of our beautiful island. Just as they liked the warmth and intimate friendship of Cypriot people. We are always ready to welcome you all again!

**AEGEE-Mağusa,  
Hakan Karahasan  
Kemal Değirmencioğlu**





# Spring Agora 2003 Bucuresti

## How to push your luck or a Agora organizer point of view

*Motto: "Seraph: Have you always known it?  
The Oracle: No! But I BELIEVED IT!"  
(Matrix Revolutions – the movie)*

**S**ome loved it. Some hated it. Most both hated and loved it in some "Agony and Ecstasy" sort of something. Anyway, one thing is for sure everyone felt it ;-)! We are talking of course about the ultimate extreme experience of AEGEE-Bucuresti when comes to event organizing – Spring Agora 2003.

One can say many things about it! Quite to many! And it goes the same when it comes to the organizers.

The "mission statement" of the event was short and simple from the very beginning: to organize "the coolest" Agora ever! Working rooms in the Romanian Parliament House (you know, that huge building which comes as second biggest in the world as surface), hotel accommodation, a great social program with thematic parties each night... Some said that we are out of our minds, some others that we are a bunch of incorrigible dreamers and a contact with real life won't hurt! Some just said (that) we are "pushing our luck"! And the moment of the truth was soon to come...

After all pushing our luck it probably the best description! By the way, how many options could somebody have when one month before the event things start to one by one? First you are told (in a quite nonchalant way actually) that the Parliament House is going to be closed when you needed it! Than the accommodation money are gone! OH BOY! You are not only an extreme dreamer, but also in deep trouble!

So... take a deep breath, than another one and start all over baby! 'Cause there is plenty of work to do! Two more weeks to go (including Easter) and things are to be re-organized completely! So keep the faith!!!

There are lots of issues not known by many. Those two weeks proved to be the most intense in the lives of many ;-)! The most obvious (like finding accommodation, working rooms and food for around 850 people in Constanta, quite a virgin place from the organizational point of view) proved not to be even the most challenging!

Having a train to and from Constanta was quite a nice one! A bit more nasty was to calm down a rector threading

one day before the event start that he is not providing anything anymore because he "heard" that a press article didn't mention his university (which proved to be a fake rumour after all). Or finding out in the middle of the night that 200 promised accommodation places vanished while you already have the whole hotel filled and two buses plus several mini-busses stuffed with participants who are on their way (and having all organizers sleeping in the lobby for that night). And many, many others, but (un)fortunately this article should have a decent length ;-)!

This is over long time ago! The event was definitely quite different than the one many people pictured only few weeks before! But definitely it was an experience to be remembered! Life goes on and sooner or later it will be forgotten by many. But when time will come, for some it will be a good story for grandchildren to be told ;-)! And it is a true story; made real by some people that even when hope was more like something to be dreamed of and everything seemed to fall apart they were too stubborn to believe in it!



# Diplomatic Seminar

## Another Dimension



**D**iplomatic Seminar: suits, briefcases, formal receptions, endless discussions on politics. These are the things that pop to mind when one first hears about such an event. And YES, Diplomatic Seminar meant all of the above, but still, much more remains to be told.

"The Diplomat of Tomorrow" was the subject of the essay the applicants had to compose in order to be selected. A lot of valuable opinions were expressed, but what was actually great, was that during the whole event the participants lived up to them.

High expectations and a lot of enthusiasm, shared with both the speakers and the organizers, this is what accompanied the participants throughout the event. So, waking up at six in the morning after having gone to

bed at four (also in the morning, of course) succeeded not to be such an ordeal after all... And it did not seem strange that in such an atmosphere - with a schedule consisting in several lectures, workshops and simulations everyday - the debates that came into place after lasted also the dinners and the parties.

The purpose of Diplomatic Seminar, in my opinion, was to give the participants a taste of "real diplomacy", to show them the beginning of the road and to let them choose this path forward on. It succeeded that and some more: it gave them a good advance.

The common message they left behind is that diplomacy in the future should consist in achieving win-win situations using all its subtle approaches and intricate techniques. That is why we can honestly say that the abstract diplomat of the future has come into a more

concrete shape and we can start trusting tomorrows diplomacy and have realistic hopes that diplomacy will occupy its rightful place on the top of the politics world.

**AEGEE Bucuresti**  
**Radu R\_c\_reanu**





# The FRES

**is a European School focused on fundraising.**



**T**he FRES is a European School focused on fundraising. In October the FRES took place in Utrecht, the Dutch city famous for its Dom-tower (the 112 meter high tower, which we climbed on Saturday), its Mr.Jacks (the 'special' Greek restaurant, where AEGEE-Utrecht likes to go) and its girls (because of a lot of social studies 70% of the students are girls, also in AEGEE-Utrecht).

The participants and staff arrived on Saturday, they stayed in a nice hostel in the city centre. On Sunday the program started officially, the participants got an introduction in fundraising and they began to work on the case. After a whole day working we were ready for good Spanish tapas and a party in a club. Nice detail: every 5 minutes the alarm sounded in the club, but this did not stop the AEGEE-people from partying.

The participants were divided in groups already a few weeks before the FRES. Every group was a different local in another country. During the whole week everybody worked in the groups, trying to get financial support for their event. The lectures were about networking and contacts, commercial companies and institutions, lobbying and negotiating, etc.

On Monday the groups worked on networking and they had lectures about presenting themselves. That evening the local staff cooked for the group and afterwards we went to the social meeting of AEGEE-Utrecht.

Tuesday was a travel day. In the morning we went to The Hague where we spoke with people of the European Commission in the Netherlands and with and with a fulltime lobbyist about Europe, youth, networking, and sponsoring. Afterwards we went to Amsterdam where we had a the afternoon free. The dinner was in a typical Dutch restaurant, we ate stamppot and pancakes. That night we went to the social meeting of AEGEE-Amsterdam.

On Wednesday we prepared ourselves for that night, the cocktail party. We knew there would come a lot of interesting people so we prepared ourselves for a conversation with Sir. Bolkenstein and his secretary and other nice ladies and gentlemen. The cocktail was in the Dom-tower, a nice location, but unfortunately it ended too soon, so we went to a student party under the CityHall.

Thursday was the closing day, all groups presented their work and got feedback from their tutors. The staff did a nice play for the participants, with Pieter playing a nice girl and Parcifal being a tree. The European Night was in a small place at the Oude Gracht. There were a lot of AEGEE-people from other cities in the Netherlands. At 2 o'clock we were kicked out, but we just kept on partying and went to a party of the Erasmus students.

Friday everybody left Utrecht, but not after first having a fantastic campaign breakfast!

After the FRES, everybody should be able to fundraise a lot to make the perfect event!!

**The Fundraising European School in  
Utrecht 4-10 October 2003**

**T**hree months of preparations, two months of really hard work, at least one sleepless week, about twenty organisers, almost two hundreds participants, things to do- impossible to count.... and all these things just for a three- day long event... Are we some crazy people??? No we AECEE- Wroclaw, "Think Europe - Planning Meeting 2004" organisers...

Friday: arrivals, registration, meeting old friends, sightseeing and dealing with some basics of polish language. Later we had opportunity to spend the night in one of the most popular club in Wroclaw... some of us finished the party much later than we could expect...

Saturday started with a spectacular and unforgettable wake- up... All of you, who slept on a gym, know exactly what i mean... Then like it supposed to be: opening ceremony (very nice), first plenary and first workshop sessions - the real reason why people came to Wroclaw in the middle of March. Some

very crowded coffee breaks, lunch, more and more hot discussions brought us to the evening. And here come best memories - European Night was absolutely perfect: great food, UV dancers show and dancing till the morning!!! During that evening AECEE-Wroclaw had its 13-th birthday and we all could drink champagne and eat delicious cake to celebrate it.

Sunday started in the exactly the same way as the previous day: very loud. Second day of workshops and hard work moved a little more sleepy than the first one, and coffee was still the "first- aid" for many of us. As the last plenary started, workshops brought really lost of ideas and plans for the future. ATV gave us opportunity to know better some of AECEE members... from a bit different then usual way. The closing ceremony was just one big "Thank You Telling and Kissing Time". And it was very sad for us to see everybody leaving in the evening...

So far, the PM have been the biggest event organised by AECEE-Wroclaw. On behalf of the whole PM organisers I would like to say thank you (again) for help and great cooperation to the CD, Chair Team, all of you who helped us in any way, and all the participants for these ...only three days.... it was worth to do much more just to have opportunity of being there with you!!!

See you all in Europe....

**Katarzyna Pilarczyk**  
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## Serbian Woodstock

### Gucha Trumpet Festival

**W**hat is the "Serbian Woodstock"? Never heard of it? Big mistake!

Gucha Trumpet Festival ("Serbian Woodstock" as some came to call it) passed a long way during it's 43 years of existence from a small gathering of the local trumpet players and their brass bands and the display of traditional customs to the international spectacle of a four day collective madness done in the most Balkans way. It takes place in the first week of August in Gucha, a village in western Serbia with a population of a few thousand inhabitants. Every year more than hundred thousand young and old people from far away places as well as local peasants flood the place. Why?

Because it is absolute 100% complete entertainment all the time. Once you

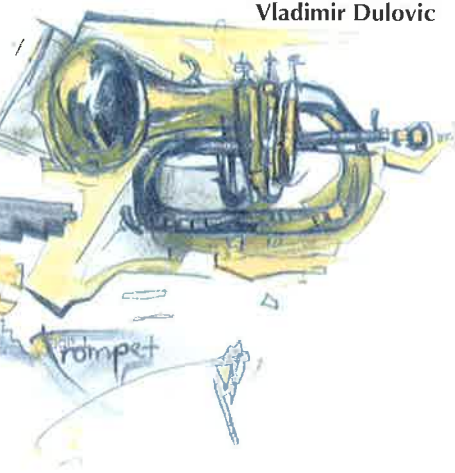
come, you can't stop. And that is exactly what happened with all our participants. Festival is actually the competition of Serbian trumpet players (music like Goran Bregovic's and many times better) and it is deeply connected with the folklore and the tradition of Serbian village.

Amongst various happenings, AECEE Beograd is putting the accent on having enormous and uncontrolled fun, drinking and eating, discovering the unknown depths of Serbian culture and making friends.

Discover a whole new world: heavy folk trumpet music, old and new Serbian iconography, cuisine specialties like kajmak (cream), pragnje (roasted prase - piglet + jagnje - lamb) prepared by us (!!!), rakija (Serbian national drink, fruit brandy), svadbarski kupus (wedding cabbage), dancing on the tables, hangovers under the table, waking up

in ditches! Come and witness the forming of the world trends in trumpet & brass music at its very source. No sobering and no vegetarians, please! As we say: It doesn't matter what you do as long as you overdo it!

**Dimitrije Stamenkovic**  
**Dusko Paripovic**  
**Vladimir Dulovic**



# PRWG IS CALLING YOU...

**Don't you want to be a part of PRWG Team?**

**improve your PR skills?**

**meet with the AEGEE members in the same interest?**

**C**onferences, symposiums, seminars, exchange programs, ESs, RMs, PMs, AGORAs, etc... May be you are an old member and you have joined some of them; may be you a fresh member and you will have the chance to join or you already have been organized one of them, or may be you will. There is only one fact: a successful event needs an effective PR.

Annnnd are you lack of PR knowledge? Do you want to improve your Antenna's image and do you need a better PR strategy? 8 'Seriously Creative' Public Relations Working Group Board members are here to support the Network, to develop understanding and experience beyond the local level and pass it on to all members of Antennae, especially to the new ones.

They have a lot to offer to you: Every

month there will be online PR lessons on PRWG-L. Surfing on , you will also find E-zine which is our electronic magazine and focused on PR matters with great creativity. Another alternative is to have the chance to join Public Relations European School

which aims transferring theoretical into practical knowledge in terms of public relations, internal and external PR to the next AEGEE generation. PRES 7 had been taken place in January 2004 - Napoli and 8th edition will be organized by AEGEE Mannheim as pre-event Action-Europe PM 2004 in Aachen. Wouldn't be a pity to miss this chance? During the AGORAs, workshops are addressed to all of you, who want to find out more about PR and who want to give their inputs.

To reach to your needs, but to think and do everything you could dream of, we need YOOU!!!

Don't you want to be a part of PRWG Team?

Don't you want to meet with the AEGEE members who share the same interest? Don't you want to improve your PR skills?

If the answer is 'yes', this means it is time to join us:

Our name is Public Relations Working Group; we are a 'Seriously Creative' Team and you can reach US at: .

That is all for the moment. What is more? It is up to you!!!

**Article written by a real 'Seriously Creative' PRWG Board Team**



# AEGEE-Budapest

## Are we getting true European students?

**A**EGEE-Budapest is proud to announce that its Erasmus Working Group has been recently established, which will take up all the tasks concerning the Erasmus students coming from all parts of Europe to study at the Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration.(BUESPA)

How important and useful is the cooperation with Europe -we can hear it nowadays a lot. However, the way we can realize it, is a more difficult question. In our career, a semester spent in abroad can play a very determinant role for more reasons. On the one hand, you can get acquainted with foreign languages more profoundly, and on the other you'll experience a different culture with different habits which can highly contribute to the professional development of students through becoming more flexible and tolerant. And guess what? The Erasmus Scholarship Program is aiming to ensure all these possibilities, as you can experience yourself the benefits of a more unified Europe and the several opportunities for meeting and exchanging experience with your foreign fellows.

Thus, it is a great pleasure for us, that from now on we can organize all the programs and events for our Erasmus students, in compliance with the spirit and mission of AEGEE.

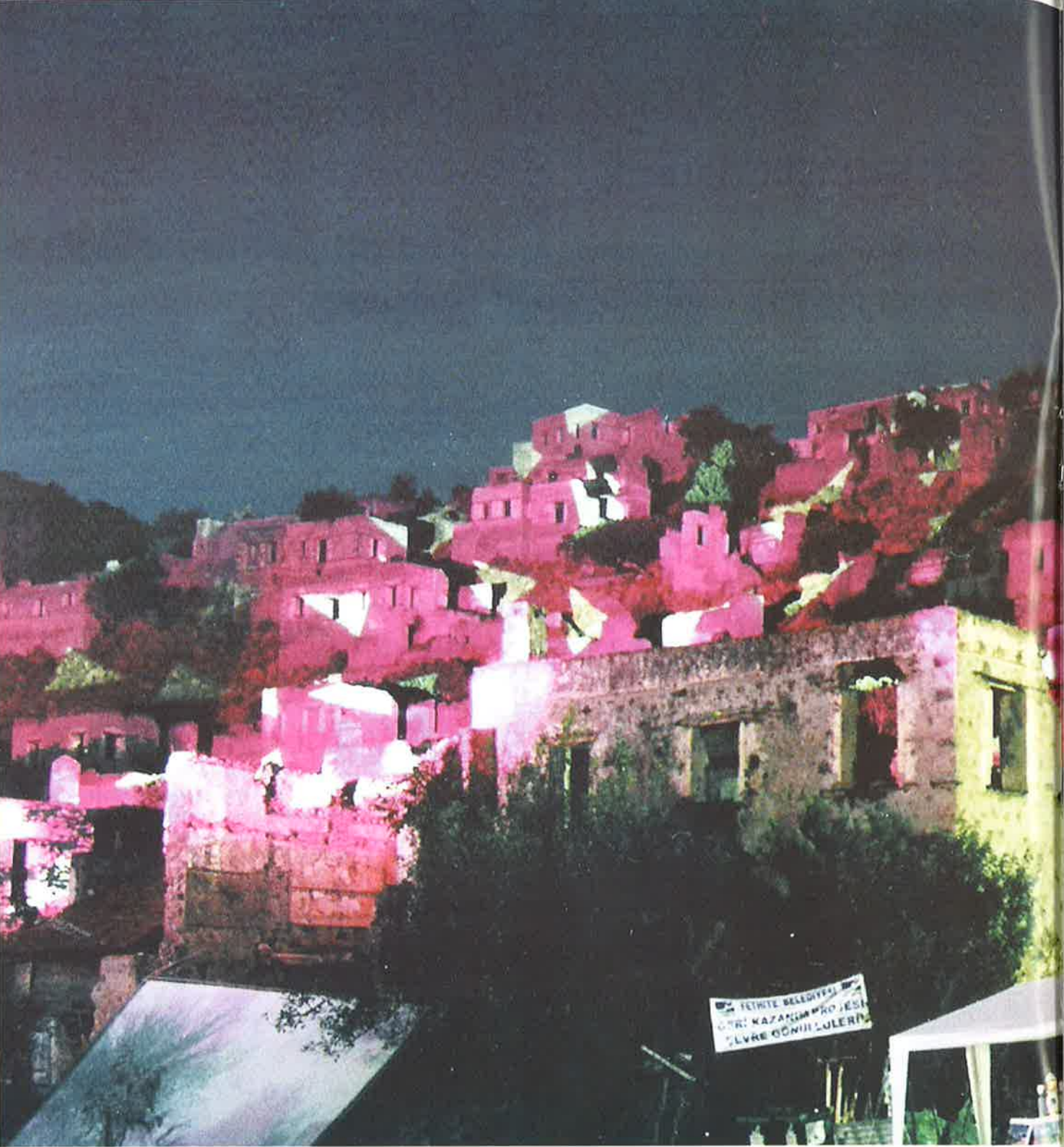
We have a successful event just behind us, namely the famous Erasmus Action Week, - taking actually just two days- which was organized the second time by AEGEE-Budapest with the support of the International Bureau of the university. It aims to spread information about and making more known the possibilities offered by the Erasmus Program. It was

a great pleasure to see how cooperative and helpful the foreign students were in organizing this project, as we set up information desks for almost all nations. They were proudly coming to represent their countries and to give information for the Hungarian students studying at BUESPA, and also in joining to play with us in the huge EU-board game. The highlight of the second day was an official reception, with a surprise Santa Claus and finally, on top of all, an exclusive bye-bye party closed the event.

We believe that we are getting true European students and by benefiting from the possibilities residing in the exchange programs we can look forward to joining to the European Union with more confidence. It is very important for us that AEGEE-Budapest could actively join to this process. Besides, we've realized that the projects carried out by the European institutions of higher education provide us with exceptional support for making our life more successful.

**Enik\_ Bocsi-Erasmus Coordintor**  
**Edit Kiss-PR-Responsible**  
**AEGEE-Budapest**





# Turkish Greek

Just Like Spring  
Carrying on and  
Refreshing...





# Civic Dialogue



Culture Festival organized in  
Fethiye-Kayaköy  
one of the symbols of  
the compulsory population  
exchange between  
Turkey and Greece

**T**urkish-Greek Civic Dialogue financed by the European Commission is being held with the same enthusiasm of the first day by AEGEE-Ankara (European Students' Forum) and has just achieved its Final Conference in 2004 after the successful activities in 2003.

Project's aim is to strengthen the dialogue between youth organizations in Turkey and Greece and to develop the communication network. For this aim, an opportunity for participating non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to meet and present their projects to each other has been given through the NGO Fair organized in KayaFest Youth and Culture Festival between 28 July - 3 August 2003. And within this framework, project carried on the aim of encouraging Turkish and Greek youth to organize partnership projects. The Final Conference of the Project took place between 2-3-4 April 2004 at the Middle East Technical University (METU)-Ankara in participation with 80 Greek and Turkish university students. The participants attended workshops on Empathy & Sympathy, (M)ASK Yourself, Theater of the Oppressed and Peace Education. They also enjoyed the project management and fundraising training by European Commission



representatives, an assessment panel and had the chance to elaborate on future Turkish-Greek partnerships at the road map session.

The target group of the Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue Project involves university students, youth organizations and NGOs in Turkey and Greece, as well as academicians and media.

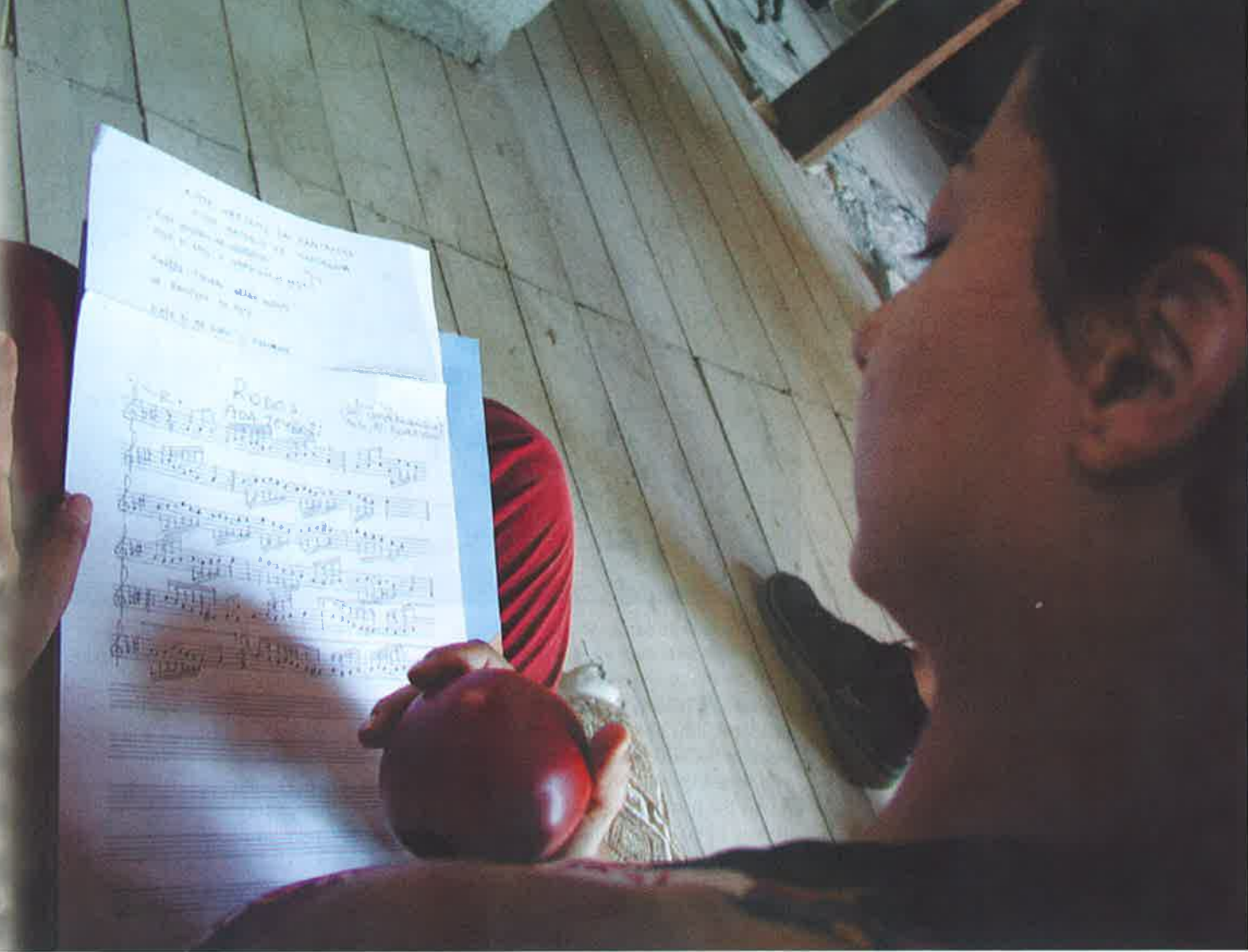
In addition to the three main activities done within the frame of the Project, various activities such as preparation visits to NGOs and youth organizations, the preparation and publishing of a database of Turkish and Greek youth NGOs are within the content of the Project.

The three main activities are; "Rebuilding Communication" conference realized in Sakarya with the partnership of AEGEE-Sakarya between 20-23 March 2003, KayaFest Youth and Culture Festival organized in Fethiye-Kayaköy between 28 July-3 August 2003 and the "Population Exchange Reconsidered" Symposium of Compulsory Exchange of Populations Between Turkey and Greece" on its 80th Anniversary held with the partnership of Lausanne Treaty Emigrants Foundation on 7-8 November 2003.

"Rebuilding Communication" was the first step in project's path of building Turkish-Greek civic dialogue. The activity hosted over 100 youngsters from Turkey and Greece who experienced new friendships and great fun also attending workshops and conferences through the activity. In the end the participants showed their commitment to peace one more time by preparing a declaration parallel to the activity, against the ongoing Iraqi War and presenting it to public.

Then between 28 July - 3 August 2003, AEGEE-Ankara experienced the enthusiasm of realizing the Culture and Youth Festival, KayaFest, in the village of peace and friendship Kayaköy. Being one of the symbols of the compulsory population exchange between Turkey and Greece, Kayaköy hosted over 3000 youngsters from Turkey, Greece and other European cities. Important figures such as Major of Nea-Makri (New Fethiye), Governor of Dodecanesse





Kayaköy, exhibitions, trekking, Turkish-Greek shadow theatre, theatre sport (Mahter-i Cümbüş), sirtaki and zeybek lessons and “rhythm of peace” activity.



Islands, Fethiye Sub-Governor attended the official opening ceremony of the festival, in which the strong relations founded between Turkish and Greek youngsters created a warm atmosphere.

Some of the various activities carried out along the festival were the concerts of bands from Turkey, Greece and other European countries, movie and documentary sessions on compulsory population exchange and Kayaköy, exhibitions, trekking, Turkish-Greek shadow theatre, theatre sport, sirtaki and



zeybek courses and “rhythm of peace” activity.

The most important activity in the festival was the NGO fair held with the participation of over 60 NGOs. Thereby during the festival the participant NGOs had the chance to meet each other and be informed on each others’ projects. Since the target of bringing the Turkish and Greek civil societies together in order to encourage them for new projects of the fair, is the main aim of the Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue



Project, observing the first steps of NGOs towards partnership projects was promising.

Besides, the workshops held with the participation of Turkish and Greek youngsters, and with the leadership of experienced artists and academicians left permanent peace messages through their results such as documentaries and photography exhibition. The workshops carried out during KayaFest included Music workshop led by Cenk Güray-Giannis Papaioannou, Psychology workshop led by Serdar M. De\_irmencio\_lu, Dance Theatre workshop led by Gülüm Pekcan-Tatianna Mirkou, Photography workshop led by Faruk Akba\_-Takis Lazos-Gioulis Bagietakou, Documentay workshop led by Özkan Yılmaz-Michalis Gerianos.

The workshops that enabled Turkish and Greek youngsters to understand each other, to have fun together and to create something, and which lasted the whole festival have ended with the enthusiastic presentation and sharing of the workshop participants the workshop results to all festival participants.

As regards the last activity held under the project, two years ago, a couple of young people willing to do something on the population exchange issue and the Lausanne Treaty Emigrants Foundation composed of children and grandchildren of the emigrants got together and consequently the "Population Exchange Reconsidered" Symposium was realized. All participants gained new ideas on how improved the studies on population exchange and cultural heritage are in Greece, how the



population exchange should be told to youngsters, for the new future projects by the help of presentations and panel discussions held by a lot of distinguished academicians and professionals in the fields of architecture, literature, history and sociology from Turkey and Greece. It was the first international event in Turkey to tackle population exchange issue after 80 years.

AEGEE-Ankara carried on its ambition by organizing the closing activity for the project, the Final Conference took place between 2-3-4 April 2004 in METU. Under the roof of the activities of the Final Conference there were panel sessions on project management training, road map and project assessment, as well as highly interactive workshops dealing with issues like stereotypes, peace-training, invisible t

heater, conflict resolution techniques, role-playing, etc. The Greek and Turkish youngsters had once again the chance to come together, changed cards and this time studied on the ways and made proposals on how to sustain the project in the future. To his end, first steps were taken to designate a roadmap on Turkish-Greek youth partnership. The conference ended with an official closing ceremony organized by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism whereby our enthusiastic project team of young volunteers also built strong relations with the participants.

In October 2004, a result book encompassing the Project and involving the details of all activities, proceedings, photos and various articles will be published. In addition to that, a database including the aims, the projects, and the contact information of NGOs in Turkey and Greece will be prepared and published on-line through the official web-site of the project ([www.aegge-ankara.org/trgr](http://www.aegge-ankara.org/trgr)).



# Together In Europe

## Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland on the Road to the European Union

**T**ogether in Europe - Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland on the Road to the European Union

AEGEE-Kraków together with AEGEE-Budapest and AEGEE-Praha participate in the trilateral exchange - the first such project ever organized by our antennae.

The aim of the exchange is to bring members from the Visegrad Group countries closer together by making them realize the similarities of their history and heritage as well as common future connected with the integration with the European Union.

The first part of our project took place between 29<sup>th</sup> September and 5<sup>th</sup> October 2003 in Budapest. Participants attended series of workshops focused on the future of our countries in united Europe. Special emphasis was put on educational dimension of this process. Economic aspects of existing cooperation were presented during the meeting with Czech diplomats in the Embassy of Czech Republic.

During the week we had a chance to see the most beautiful parts of Hungarian

capital with its impressive architecture, monuments and places of cultural and political importance. Social program made us immerse in Budapest nightlife and gave us unique opportunity to get to know Hungarian folk music and learn traditional dances.

Kraków's part of the exchange took place between 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> of November. Participants were greeted by representatives of city council, university and the consul of Hungary. During the week university lecturers presented to them the historical aspect of the Visegrad cooperation and the ways to strengthen it in enlarged European Union.

During guided tours participants got to know beautiful historical parts of Kraków and had a breathtaking trip inside the Salt Mine in Wieliczka. Sightseeing Auschwitz Museum was accompanied by a meeting with the president of O\_wi\_cim, who answered the questions about future of the town and its international cooperation.

During evenings we all happily integrated in Kraków's countless pubs and clubs. European Cooking and European Night parties brought us even closer together.

The last part of the project will take place in Prague between 28<sup>th</sup> March and 3<sup>rd</sup> April of 2004 - just days before our common accession to EU. The topics of workshops and lectures will be devoted to European funds and perspectives of employment in EU's institutions.

The exchange has already made us more aware of the similarities between our countries. We all hope that it will contribute to making us more conscious EU citizens; ready to transform nearly acquired knowledge into action.

**Kinga Mazur, AEGEE-Kraków**





# BUD' MO

## Ukrainian spirit

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We shouldn't remind you what deep meaning is entrusted in Ukrainian word 'bud'mo'. BUD'MO for Ukrainians means everything - translated as "Let's Us Be" it speaks for itself! With such enthusiastic spirit 15 participants all over Europe and Ukraine travelled around the country! The goal of event - getting aware of important cultural cities in Ukraine, influenced by different foreign cultures. It's hardly understood, how cities in one country may vary from gothic and romanian middle ages style in the North and West to southern asian style of Crimea! Started in Kyiv we went to Lviv- the pearl of Western culture! Visited such cities as Ivano-Frankivsk, Kamynets-Podilsky, Kolomiya,

Yaremcha! But real AEGEE-SPIRIT we



felt while climbing on the highest mountain in Ukraine => And when, after 4 hours of obstacles, bushes, stones etc, standing on the top of it with the flag of Ukraine, and crying out something like: "God Bless Aegee"...we were really proud. Three days in Odessa brought us energy on, at least, the half of the year!:)The colours of this city can feel only those, who stays there for a couple of days. We were lucky enough to feel it as well as Odessian hospitality:)...And the last but not the least - travel around

Crimea - so popular place among European Youth: Khan's palace, ancient Karaima and Khersones civilisations are only the small parts of what we saw there...We had real fun!

And surely all this was crowned by the great European Night in Kyiv! The biggest thanx to all participants and specially to all organizers (Aegee-Zaporizhya, Iv.-Frankivsk, Odessa, Kyiv)

Olga Pysareva , Aegee-Kyiv

# SprachDuo



## The online language-partner-database for YOUR antenna

Lots of antennas have already been running language-partner-projects (e.g. "Intercambio"). On the one hand the task of those projects is to increase the integration of foreign students (ERASMUS-students for the most part) into the communities at their universities. On the other hand language-partner-projects focus AEGEE's aim of supporting tolerance by helping students to practice their language-skills under "real-world-conditions".

Although those "native"-speakers from abroad and language-interested students at your university form a very good target-group for AEGEE, the majority of all the antennae do not use this "human resource" whereas they do not make use of modern technology but still search language-partners with pen and paper. After AEGEE-Munich Germany, (see <http://aegee-muenchen.org>), for instance, had started its Intercambio-project in cooperation with an initiative of the Technical University of Munich "TUMi" (see <http://www.lrz.de/~tumi>) in June 1999, the person responsible, Tim Appel, soon discovered that the coordination and combination of

language-partners is a full-time job.

Therefore Holger Bosk and Alexander Schäl set up a web-interface to give students the possibility to register and search for language-partnerships online by just using a browser. This approach has been accepted very well so far. Due to some problems with the first name "Sprach-Tandem", AEGEE-Munich renamed the project and finally got the domain <http://sprachduo.de> in June 2001.

Today the database of Munich of contains more than 1'500 records. Every 6 months (after an ERASMUS-term) expired records are deleted, but the number of records recovers soon due to a "mouth-to-mouth-propaganda" among the students.

See the possibilities: Thanks to SprachDuo, AEGEE-Munich can invite 1'500 more students in a direct way to its events! AEGEE-Trier, for instance, asks its about 250 SprachDuo-participants to excursions, wine-tastings and "get-to-know-parties" - getting pretty well response. Furthermore the feedback

for supporting organisations is great: For example scholarships from the "international centers" of some universities sponsored SprachDuo not only in Nuremberg but also in Trier and Munich.

When in September 2003, with AEGEE-Innsbruck, the 4<sup>th</sup> antenna requested an own "SprachDuo"-Database, the development of a common solution - "SDv2.0" - began to accelerate. In this project experiences from the first solution of AEGEE-Munich (programmed in "perl") will be combined with another web-interface-solution of Philipp Balasch (AEGEE-Erlangen/Nuremberg, written in PHP) on an own server, sponsored by the University of the federal armed forces of Germany in Munich (adminstrated by Axel Haas and Sönke Brecht). Can your antenna miss this chance? To join, just <mailto:admin@sprachduo.de> !

Alexander Schäl  
AEGEE-Trier AEGEE-München DWG



# Europe's (Torn?) Identity

## International conference organised by AEGEE-Ljubljana

**A**EGEE is one of Europe's largest interdisciplinary student associations, which promotes a unified Europe, cross-border co-operation, communication, integration among students and strives to create an open and tolerant society of tomorrow. During the year there are many different conferences, seminars, congresses and in the summer young people can choose from 95 Summer Universities all around Europe.

AEGEE-Ljubljana, local organisation so called antenna, in co-operation with International Politics Working Group AEGEE Europe had organised international conference Europe's (Torn?) Identity between 12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2003 under the patronage of Mayor of Ljubljana, the Head of the Delegation of European Commission in Slovenia, the Rector of University of Ljubljana and with the support of European Council.

42 students from 20 different European countries took part in this conference. Throughout the week Slovenian and foreign professors lectured about European integration, identity and future. Even though the schedule was overfilled the participants were actively involved at lectures, discussions and simulations of negotiations. The most interesting lectures were by dr. Peter Stania from Peace Institute in Vienna, dr. Maria Hadjipavlou from University of Cyprus, Slovenian Minister of European Affairs dr. Janez Potočnik, mag. Igor Stamenković from Youth for SEE Project in Beograd, but also we cannot leave aside the lectures by dr. Silvo Devetak, dr. Anton Gosar, dr. Mitja Čegar and dr. Vladimir Simić because they opened some very interesting questions that participants

are still discussing on an internet forum. At the lectures when mingling and discussing about European identity the participants were exchanging opinions, different approaches and were successful finding common answers and bringing up new questions. The main question throughout

the whole week was if the famous dilemma of a common European identity. The countries are so diverse if we look from geographical, historical, political, economical, religious or culture point of view that we can not say yes or no. Too many factors can influence that but we are the ones who will be capable or not to build some kind of common European identity and in the same time keep our national identity.

For most of the participants it was their first time in Slovenia and besides sightseeing tour of Ljubljana we organised two afternoon excursions to Bled and Novo mesto. At famous touristic resort of Bled we had a reception and a lecture at the School of Management IEDC Bled. In the evening everybody tried famous Slovenian dessert – "blejske krem\_nite" – and danced the night away with a group of Slovenian folk dancers. Other excursion was to Novo mesto, where we were hosted by the pharmacy company Krka. And since we were in the middle of Dolenjska region we ended our day with degustation of autohtone Slovenian wine named "cviček". This way we have showed our participants a small piece of Slovenia and they know a little more about our culture.

After the conference we prepared post event in Kobarid near Italian border. Even though it was quite cold, the bravest went rafting to wild river of Soča with its emerald colour and others went to see the waterfall Kozjak in the surroundings of Kobarid, all

together we closed the day by visiting the museum of 1<sup>st</sup> World War in Kobarid. Participants had the chance to strengthen friendly relationships that bound in a week and to developed the idea of common Europe – all that at informal level.

All too soon the end came and we had to go home to different parts of Europe. Farewell was hard for both – the participants and the organizers because our week was full of great experience and parties.

To 20 parts of Europe we said goodbye richer with conference recognition, new friends and promises that next time we will see each other in Spain, Denmark, France,...where ever in our Europe but always home.

The thoughts of participants:

"I would like to say I learnt so many things about the real meaning of the European Identity that I came back to Spain feeling myself more Slovenian somehow, and hoping I left behind something of the Spanish character in the sunny part of the Alps, maybe the reason of that warm Slovenian spirit"

(Antonio Tena Centeno, AEGEE-Madrid)

»...the very thing I think EU lacks is support of European culture, symbolism or identity.

Anyway - as for the Turks being counted as European, identity-wise, seemed to depend solely on acceptance into the EU. Why is that? Is Norway or Switzerland considered less European for not being there?? And what about the countries not in the Euro-zone? I guess this depends on perspective, and I can't say what EU looks like for the soon-to-be-members. And possibly EU doesn't even look the same from all member countries.«

(Rikke Ansbjerg Larsen, Kopenhagen)

**Katarina BRGLEZ**  
**Mirjam KURENT**  
**Berta MRAK**





# E-generation

# European Day of Languages

The electronic growth of **AEGEE-Minsk** showed to how should one study foreign languages

The importance of Information Technologies (IT) in the present world is a fact that lies beyond any doubt. Nonetheless, what are the ways in which young people today could use their skills in the IT-area more efficiently? Answers to that question was put forward on the "E-generation" seminar held by AEGEE-Minsk on November 15.

The seminar was conducted as part of an international AEGEE project called "e-vision", which, in turn, was timed to the high-level global meeting in Geneva on December 10-12, dedicated to issues of IT-community. This particular seminar was aimed at discussing the importance of Information Technologies in the present-day youth's life, considering psychological, cultural, educational and commercial aspects. The general purpose of this seminar was to provide its participants with facts that could help in using electronic resources in a more rational and productive way, and to introduce the participants to several most active partakers of the Belarusian IT-market.

Each of the abovementioned aspects was be explored through discussions and lectures, delivered by outstanding IT-specialists, representatives of IT-organizations, all of whom were experts on the subject.

Organizations like the electronic business center "tut.by", "kosht.com", Internet holding company "Glorion" were represented.

**Aleksei Kozharsky**  
AEGEE-Minsk  
PRWG-Minsk

I love you. Ich liebe dich. Je t'aime... This Saturday the members of AEGEE-Minsk showed to those who wish, how should one study foreign languages.

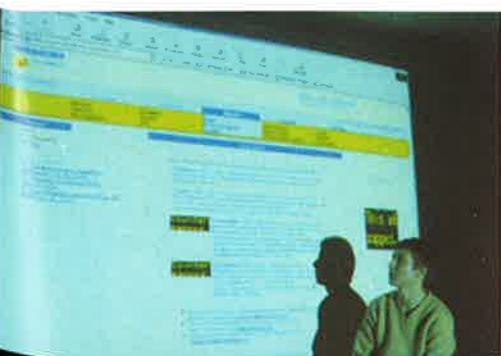
On the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2003 the Minsk branch of the Forum of European Students has carried out an event dedicated to the European Day of Languages. It was a part of an international project, aimed at showing young people the importance of studying foreign languages and at describing the richness and diversity of European culture.

While taking part in this event everyone could find out something new about the language that he or she is studying. Together with such popular languages as English, German and French, such languages as Swedish and Dutch, which are considered to be more "exotic", were presented.

The presentations were made by the members of AEGEE-Minsk, language students and native speakers. The managers of the event have given the lecturers a great freedom to present their material and to make the audience perceive it and remember the core ideas. That day one could find anything – from a formal lecture to singing and dancing to a rap song.

This event was also supported by the Association of the French speaking students (ADEF) of the European Humanities University (Minsk), the Institute of the German Studies, the Center of the American Studies of the EHU, the Polish Institute in Minsk and the French Embassy.

**Nikita Andreew**  
AEGEE-Minsk  
PRWG-Minsk Coordinator





# ONUMUN

2nd  
Odessa  
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Model  
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2003



**O**n November 29-30 2003 over 80 most prominent students of Ukraine gathered in Odessa to focus on world's crucial concerns while playing the roles of the ambassadors to United Nations. Model United Nations, an authentic simulation of the U.N. bodies, catapults students into the world of diplomacy and negotiation.

In Model U.N., Students step into the shoes of ambassadors from U.N. members states to debate current issues on the organization's vast agenda. Student "delegates" in Model U.N. prepare draft resolutions, plot strategy, negotiate with supporters and adversaries, resolve conflicts, and navigate the U.N.'s rules of procedures - all in the interest of mobilizing "international cooperation" to resolve problems that affect almost every country on the Earth.

Simulating international organizations began even before the birth of the United Nations, when students held a series of Model League of Nations in the 1920s. The Model U.N. Program is a successor to a student-directed simulation of what preceded the U.N. itself, but it is not documented exactly how the Model U.N. began.

The popularity of Model U.N. continues to grow, and today more than 200,000 high school and college/university students worldwide participate every year. Many of today's leaders in law, government, business and the arts participated in Model U.N. during their academic careers - from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer and former World Court Justice Stephen M. Schwebel to actor Samuel L. Jackson. Former first daughter Chelsea Clinton is a Model U.N. veteran as well. And now Model United Nations has come to Ukraine.

Both members and non-members of AEGEE from Kyiv, Kharkiv, Donetsk, Dnipropetrovsk, Lviv, Zaporizhia, Mykolaiv and other cities of Ukraine joined this rewarding & interesting challenge organized by AEGEE-Odessa. "ONUMUN is even a little international,

because we have participants from Chisinau, Moldova and St. Petersburg, Russia," wrote Anna Gryshchuk - conference journalist from Kyiv - in the 1st issue of "MUN's Highlights"

The aims of the conference were global, but were understood as local ones. "The purposes of the conference are building awareness about the United Nations, bringing understanding of multilateralism and multilateral diplomacy, promotion of International Education" - was written in ONUMUN's press-release. "I think, it [ONUMUN] is a chance to feel more important to the world and at the same time feel that the world is united and all conflicts can be resolved in the end", said Olga Ivanova (Kharkiv) - the designer of posters for the event.

The conference consisted of 4 committees: EU Council - 24 people, Security Council - 15 people, Counter-Terrorism Committee - 30 people and Debates Workshop - 10 people. «The discussions were very very hot & conclusions were unexpected sometimes, but fresh & young!», said Olga Tseyukova, President, AEGEE-Zaporizhia. The real results of conference - the resolutions of each committee one can find on the conference website

ONUMUN was organized with the help of 2 Universities, 10 sponsors, and around 6 - supporters. "I spent around 20 minutes of the Opening Ceremony of the conference to thank all the companies and organizations that helped us. And - to be perfectly honest - I was happy that the list was so long.", said Olga Zhurzhenko - ONUMUN Secretary General.

Several weeks after the conference delegates are already looking forward to the next conference. "I really had a great time in Odessa. If there is something like that in the nearest future let me know," said Svetlana Shakh (Kharkiv). The organizing committee keeps in touch with delegates. "We continue emailing each other and thank-you notes are still coming", said Eugeny Reus, Assistant Secretary General for Travel and Lodging. "You were wonderful! Unforgettable impressions will be with me for a long time! Once more - Thanks!", said Valeriya Litvichenko (Mykolaiv)

# If Socrates has been living today...

**H**e would be so happy, because; the city of youth and education Eski\_ehir's precious and unique education plant Anadolu University has established the official partnership of Socrates Programs with European Union.

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# EUROPEAN SCHOOL 1-BEOGRAD

## Loving it in every way

**E**very event that you organize in your AEGEE local is a challenge, but organizing European School is a challenge that goes beyond your expectations. AEGEE Beograd was always a very active local with many projects behind, but never the less ES was a great challenge and we did our best to make it possible.

From 3rd until 11th March 2004 we hosted 26 participants and 10 staff members from 15 countries and more than 20 locals. After the official opening and staff presentation, the Finish ambassador in Serbia and Montenegro, Anna-Maija Korpi, gave a very nice welcome speech about European Identity, which was the main topic of the event. This ES was generously supported by Royal Nederland's Embassy in Belgrade and by many Student institutions.

This great group of people, who attended the event, was enriched by big number of organizers who were working really hard for 5 months to make this event possible.

Nine days full of lectures, casework, assignments, discussions, and more... But of course a lot of great parties, new friends and happy moments. After these nine days, participants became ready for the AEGEE world, with newly gained knowledge and freshly acquired skills!

General impression of the people who part of this event (both participants and organizers) is that this ES was more than successful because it offered a chance to meet a lot of interesting, different, charming, enthusiastic and full of bright new ideas people and to learn a lot of things about how to cooperate with all of them.

One of the participants Ana Maria Toader (AEGEE Bucuresti) after coming back home wrote in her e-mail: "Participating at this event also gave me the feeling that we are really able to do something for this "home" that we are used to call Europe. So, please don't be afraid by anything or by anyone and don't loose your optimism! Just think in a positive way because I am pretty sure those things will calm down. Sooner or later our generation will be able to make the difference and to stop all those crazy situations that are disturbing our enthusiasm from time to time. I know it may sound too optimistic, but I was really impressed and I can remember very well our "round table" discussions when all of us were so focused on the main topic of the event. The basic thing was that at the very end, after many discussions, we were able to reach an agreement! From my point of view this was the most important thing that the ES1 offered to us and also the most important that we have gained. So, I am really persuaded that we are still able to build something together."







When we hear that the participants consider the new knowledge obtained during MUN in the sphere of International Relations and Politics useful it means that one of the goals of the conference was achieved. Valerie Zasedateleva said: "I've learned a lot about different issues and global

problems. Hope this knowledge will be useful." MUN is not only about work and "hot" discussions as some of the delegates call it. Surely the dancers remember Amsterdam and are ready for the next night in Odessa to hit the dance floor...or to have a peaceful sleep.

AEGEE-Odessa is tired, but happy to be the ones to make a difference in the Europe and in the world. The preparations for next conference are underway. Welcome to ONUMUN 2004!

**Olga Zhurzhenko,**  
Main organizer, project-manager,  
Secretary General of Odessa National  
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**Mykola Yerin**  
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# (How) We SEE Balkans and Black Sea Region

**H**ow We SEE Balkans and Black Sea Region was an international conference, which took place in Varna from 9-13 October 2003. It was organized by AEGEE- Sofia with the support of Varna's free university "Chernorisev Hrabar" and with the kind students' help from the specialty "International Relations" and Centre of analyses and strategies "AEQUUS". On the conference participated fifteen international representatives from the countries all over the Balkans and Black sea region (Kosovo, Serbia, Turkey, Macedonia, Slovenia, Croatia, Moldova, Ukraine) and twenty from Sofia and Varna (Bulgaria).

The first day 10.10.-after the opening of the conference we formed a round table on which every participant made short presentation of her/his country and gave us some basic information not only about the population, boundaries etc. but also made a short overview on the customs, the everyday live, the policy and economical situation, including the problems and the challenges towards youth in his/her country.

One of the most thrilling presentations was that of Moldavia, which helped us to learn a lot about the present situation on that country and the problem with the so-called "Transnistrian part"- separated with an internal border. They shared the problems around their official Moldavian language and the difficulties for the people speaking only Russian (two of the three Moldavian participants were representatives of that group). That opened a discussion on minority problems which are an important issue not only for Moldavia but for all the countries in the Balkans and the Black sea region.

The other interesting presentation, which led to many discussions was that of Kosovo and the past and present of this "new" country on our Balkanian map,

the problems and challenges regarding their national identity and the great hope and optimism they have for the future.

These short presentations helped us all not only to get to know each-other better and to learn and discover more for the other countries, but also to see from a different point of view (an inside one) the situation in these countries and their young peoples' vision of future...

The second day -11.10.- was the Black Sea region's day, when we discussed the problems regarding Turkey and Greece, Moldavia, Ukraine and their cooperation, which we found not enough efficient. Our partners from "AEQUUS" made short presentations on the Black sea region international policy and security problems. We all agreed- as Duygu from Turkey stated, that the further cooperation and integration of the countries on the region is really necessary and important, especially in the perspective of the entering of some Balkan countries on the EU in 2007. This initiated a large discussion on the future of the Balkan and Black Sea countries as part of EU and the challenges of this adhesion. We shared our common expectations and doubts about it and we agreed that there is a lot more to be done if we want to be prepared for it- like resolving our economical problems, make more efforts on building a civil society and integration and toleration of the minorities. In the afternoon we made nice walk in the beautiful city Varna.

The third day-12.10.-entitled "Where are we- SEE on the map" started with the presentation of Moldavian CPEE centre, to which two of our Moldavian friends- Irina and Petr, belong. It revealed the mechanisms of dealing with the pollution and energy efficiency in Moldova and the system of prevention and saving the energy, adopted by CPEE. We were all amazed and surprised that there is an efficient way of reducing the pollution and the energy losses as in all of the countries in our two regions one of the main problems is still pollution and lack of efficiency in our big industrial companies. A dialog was started on what can be made in our countries concerning that problems in future and we agreed that we should do all needed to adopt such a system.

Then we turned to another common big problem- the minorities on our countries. As three of our four Turkish participants belonged to this group of Turkish people, who was obliged to leave Bulgaria because of the decision of the Communist party on 1985. First, we heard a thrilling and amazing presentation, made by Hasine about how these people created their own identity, living between two countries, two cultures and two nations. We witnessed a real confession about all the difficulties and problems these people had during all that time that passed since then and their way of seeing themselves now. Then we heard the point of view of the other two people,





who were younger by that time and their experience as children. At the end- we heard the point of view of a guy with Turkish origin from Varna, whose family decided to stay in Bulgaria- like this we observed an other way of seeing these events. It was really helpfull and fruitfull for all of us to feel part of and share the experiences of these people because in all of the countries of Balkan and Black sea region we deal with the minority problems and their way of preceiving their own identity...Finally we agreed that we should try to think ahead and to integarte in one union of all region, saving our own identity, but also forgetting the conflicts and confrontation.

We finished with the presentation of Bulgaria, divided by four- history, present, basic facts and customs and culture. This opened the topic of common traditions and customs in all Balkans and Black sea region. Everyone described a custom, typical form his/her country and soon we understood that they're all so similar-not only for the Balkans, but also for the Black sea region, as wine celebrations (Trifon Zaresan), circle dances (horo) even "the martenica" which we was thinking as typical Bulgarian appeared to be common in Romania in Moldavia and Macedonia. This was a surprise for many of us. That topic gave us a great chance to explore cultural diversity and to discover our belonging to a vast cultural area, including the two regions. Now looking back, we saw that conference in Varna, created a multicultural dialogue, and we all enriched each other charring our problems, happiness, challenges and expectations. We will never forget our friends and their stories.

#### Cultural program:

The first night was dedicated to Bulgarian culture- after tasting some specific Bulgarian food and drinks- we listened to some music and danced on the hotel's club.

The second night was for Balkan culture- the Balkans night- when we tryied many Turkish delights (lokum, pishmanie) as well as Turkish raki; we drank some Macedonian wine and tried some tipical foods form Macedonia and Serbia. All the "tasting" happened under the sounds of Turkish music (we found out that some songs are common for all the region) and at the end Duygu (from Turkey) and Sabina (from Macedonia)

made some spectacular belly-dancing.

The third night was dedicated to Black sea regions culture and we had the chance to try the delicious Moldovian wine and some typical food for that region as well as listen to many songs form our region and celebrating till early morning

#### The conclusions:

Entering the EU is part of our common future, but there is a lot more to be done if we want to be prepared for it- like resolving our economical problems, make more efforts on building a civil society and integration and toleration of the minorities.

The further cooperation and integration of the countries on the Black sea region is really necessary and important, especially in the perspective of the entering of some Balkan countries on the EU in 2007

We should deal with the minority problems in both regions as to guarantee them their right of preceiving their identity in their own way.

As it comes to the struggles of the past we should try to think ahead and to integarte in one union of all region, saving our own identity, but also forgetting the conflicts and confrontation.

Balkans and Black sea region belong to a vast common cultural area, sharing similar customs, traditions and perceptions.

We should do all needed to adopt a system of reducing the pollution and the energy lost as well as prevention and saving the energy.

#### Future projects:

1. Founding a new AEGEE-antenna in Varna!!!!
2. Working together with CPEE on a common ecology project for 2004
3. Making another conference dealing the problems of these regions in 2004 as a consequence of this one.

#### Some special comments:

Bashkim from Pristine old us that he represent the "young" Kosova and feel himself as Kosovar after that as European. He emphasized on that: "it is very important to clarify your identity, to know were you come from, to know

were you going".

Serbian guy delibor say with smile: "Oh I am getting boring, everything that I eat and speak origin from Turkey" JJJ.

Hasine from Turkey speaking about the identity problems of the minorities, explained according Bahtin theory: " Cultures take in touch with each others, every one with its own place, beauty and voice, in this contacts the cultures enrich each other charring their beauties, knowledge and voices. Making dialogue they become event better then before..."

#### International cooperation:

Three international couples:

Bashkim (Kossova) + Maria (Croatia)

Darko (Slovenia) + Sabina (Macedonia)

The third remains still a secret

So nice to see how Kosovar boy went to take from the train station Serbian participants, or how they initiated a peaceful dialog between each-other, forgetting the political prejudices of the past.

Bulagrian and Turkish people managed to forget the the dark days of the past and to start a close friendship.

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