

Working Groups' Monthly Newsletter



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LET'S GATHER AGAIN IN THE AGORA AND GATHER TOGETHER IN SWEET VARIETY!

Culture Working Group



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Agora preparations: workshop and AEGEE-Fair!

by Dóra Mészáros

We are in the middle of spring, waiting for Spring Agora Enschede! Hope to see you there!

at the AEGEE Fair to promote CWG. We really want your ideas, about culture and about how to improve Cultural European Nights.

What have we done this month?

This month the main topic was the preparation for Agora Enschede. We were discussing about our workshop that we are going to hold at the Agora. If you are interested in culture, that's your chance! We were also talking about how to organize our stand

Besides, we were promoting our great anniversary event this year, the AEGEE Capital of Culture for which we have already receive many applications from different antennas! As you know this is a competition and who wins it will be host for our anniversary event! We will announce the winner a bit later...

In the world...

As the weather is getting better, let's go out to the nature! Take your bike and discover the beautiful nature and cities of Europe. Best places for this are in [Croatia](#), [The Netherlands](#), [other countries](#).

Our members

We have some new member this month: **Özgün Kaplama** from AEGEE-Istanbul and **Tina Pance** from AEGEE-Ljubljana. Keep on being so enthusiastic!



The 'Member of the Month' title is going to **Carlijn van de Meulenhof** who has been doing a lot for CWG in general and in this month she will hold CWG workshop in Agora Enschede! Congratulations!



Education Working Group



STUDENTS' MOBILITY: MAKING THE DREAM OF ERASMUS A REALITY FOR ALL

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EWG and our Flagship topic proposal!

by Liliya Buyukliyska

It's a time of change – time for reorganizing and making everything more focused and more smart. Not only in AEGEE. The proposal "Erasmus for all" and also the debate around it is ongoing, having AEGEE a very stable position about it. At the same time it's time to celebrate, to commemorate and to evaluate because our beloved Erasmus programme turns into 25 years. This is all that inspired us to think about and propose a flagship topic, linking AEGEE with education, trying to focus our powers over its better shaping.

Topics of the month

Mobility is probably the topic closest to our AEGEE heart and this motivated us to stand for a flagship topic that plans to fight for creating a Europe without frontiers and to allow the creation

of a European community among the youth of Europe.

What we want to achieve?

- Lobby for the inclusion of all the countries of Europe as well as the Mediterranean countries in the successor of LLL programme.
- Improve the access to information about mobility programmes and encourage students, teenagers and young people, especially minority to participate in them.
- Increase the global number of exchange students establishing contacts between universities thanks to the network AEGEE.
- Increase the quality of the current Erasmus program regarding its recognition, cultural exchange, reduce bureaucratic processes.

In the world...

The 25th anniversary celebrations of the Erasmus Programme was launched at a press conference by the Commissioner responsible for education, culture, multilingualism and youth, Androulla Vassiliou. She was joined by "Erasmus ambassadors" from the 33 countries participating in the scheme. One student and one staff member had been chosen to represent each country, based on the impact Erasmus has had on their professional and private lives. Read and listen to their stories or follow the conference.

Read much more [here](#).

Our member

Hopefully we'll get a lot of new members after the AEGEE Fair in the Agora Enschede.



Environmental Working Group



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BACK TO NATURE AT LAST YEAR'S EDE ACTIVITIES

EDE and Agora

by Hans-Peter Bretz

April has been a challenging month full of different tasks and projects. The Agora is approaching and with it the preparations for workshops, AEGEE Fair and a WG meeting. Additionally, two projects got going, which will make up a big part of the work of the EnWG and its visibility in the next months, the Green SUs and of course the European Day of Environment 2012.

Topics of the month

We will have a stand at the AEGEE Fair of the next Agora on Wednesday, 2nd May, where we will present news about the EDE and help you test your carbon footprint. There will also be a workshop given by Giovanni Circella from AEGEE-Bari on the

topic that should be of concern for all AEGEEans, "Green Travel to the Agora: Reality or Utopia?".

What have we done this month?

A week before the Agora, on April 22nd, the EDE 2012 finally kicked off with a bike tour organized by AEGEE-København. During the upcoming weeks, we'll see different activities on the 5 topics if this year's EDE. To learn more or get in touch to organise your own activity, visit us at our stand in Enschede.

We had another social meeting, this time focusing on preparing the Agora from our point.

The EDE started, to get in contact [visit](#) or write us an [email](#).

In the world...

The Green SU's at [The AEGEEan](#).

Meet the EnWG at the AEGEE Fair in Enschede on May 2nd, starting at 10:00 pm.

Workshop on sustainable travelling by Giovanni Circella at the Agora Enschede, May 5th 11:00 am.

Our members



Davide LoPresti from AEGEE-Palermo



and **Diana Yolova** from AEGEE-Sofia.

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International Politics Working Group



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Actual dimensions of political issues

by Sophie Zafeiri

Have you ever thought the actual dimensions of political issues in your AEGEE life? How about if you could come closer to IPWG from any place in Europe and different events? Did we intrigue you enough?

What have we done this month?

This month our focused areas were the upcoming spring AGORA and our activities in Enschede. Furthermore we took extra care of our events we had to implement and our collaborations. Once again, we discussed our possibilities and opportunities to go beyond basic actions and manage to reach out our higher goals. Expand to our Europe!

This month we also started the preparations with AEGEE-Moskva on RTS, an event ,concerning

also people from Northern Eastern region as well as everyone who wishes to join.

After the collaborations the previous month with AEGEE Mainz on Model European Union we started the promotion procedure. We also took the finalization of our YiA upcoming project and the selection of our partners was also an issue of this month.

We are happy to our first IPAD (International Politics Awareness Day) that has taken place in Budapest.

Finally we presented our WG in the LTC that took place in Mogyorod.

Our weekly updating of our Social Media with hot flashes political news.

In the world...

New elections slowly spread on Europe.

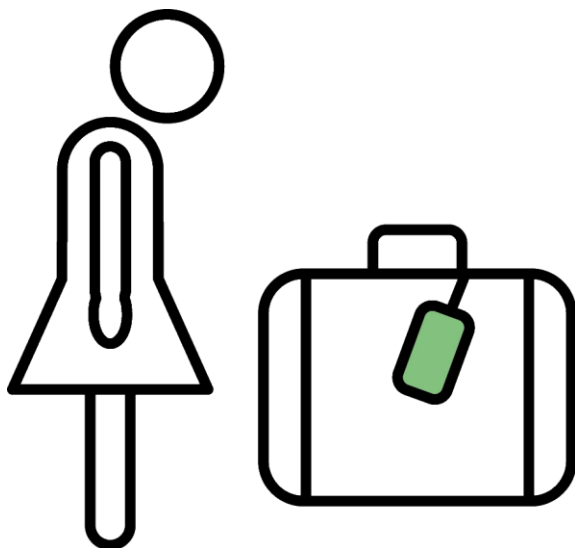
Our members



Peter Derdak (AEGEE-Pécs), as an economist, considers international politics as the most important factor. He supports European integration and he would like to learn more about how other Europeans see same situations.



Stella Bakker (AEGEE-Utrecht) is interested in national and international politics and would like to meet people who share this.



Visa Freedom Working Group



DO YOU WANT TO TRAVEL? OR ACTUALLY... CAN YOU TRAVEL?

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We never panic with no reason

by Belén Moreno Hurtado

Dear AEGEE member, if we would ask you what Europe means for you, what would you answer?

Our home! The place we move around so that we attend our statutory meetings, trainings, parties... So why is THAT hard to help each other to make it possible?!

Topics of the month

One more time, the same story. Unfortunately nothing new: lack of communication, necessity to hurry, no money, no time, embassy's incompetence, worrying translated into panic... That's it, issuing a visa for a statutory event.

Again, a bunch of motivated people will stay at home because they couldn't get the original Invitation Letter on time... it is very sad.

Let's act! Let's help each other!

What have we done this month?

Our main goal has been trying to help those who needed advice for attending the Agora. There have been so many problems that must be solved after the Agora. This is how VFWG will spread out among our Network. Visas are important for loads of AEGEE members and we still have a lot to do about this issue.

Besides, we have more information about our collaboration with two Summer Universities! AEGEE-Paris and AEGEE-Praha/Budapest will work close to us.

Finally we are developing a new important project! *Strategic plan for locals*. Interesting for the whole Network, related to the Action Agenda 2011-12 and beneficial for future AEGEE generations.

In the world...

Do you know what ESI stands for? [European Stability Initiative's](#) webpage has a bunch of information about the Visa Agreements and the current visa situation between Schengen area and many other countries in Europe. Why don't you start giving an eye on [Caucasus area?](#)

We will be present at the AEGEE Fair of the Agora and we will give an interesting and useful workshop!

Our members

This month we were very relaxed, too much actually! No new members for us... but we hope after this Agora the situation will turn upside down

You all are welcome! We are waiting for your motivation and new ideas!

*Do you feel yourself free to travel?
Every AEGEE member should have
that right!*



AEGEE-Academy

the academy
Human Resources Working Group

PARTICIPANTS OF T4T IN WARSAW

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T4T and HRES a total success!

by Luis Alvarado Martínez

April has been another intense month for The AEGEE-Academy. Several projects running, new ones starting, new trainers to our troops and many more things!! Don't miss this chance and get involved now. Discover what ACA and the training youth world can offer you.

Topics of the month

T4T was amazing, inspiring and forming the new generations of trainers in the youth NGO world! T4T happened last week thanks to AEGEE-Warszawa. Stay tuned to get more news very soon.

We are also getting ready for the ESSUs. European School Summer Universities. Can you imagine the merging of and SU and an ES? It's the first time in the AEGEE history that this will happen. Don't miss the change and try out

to get trained while enjoying the summer!

Last but very not least let's talk about HRES. AEGEE-Academy ensured once more that our HR works efficiently, as it is vital to keep our members and resources to their highest potential.

What have we done this month?

We continued working on ACA's visual identity and we will present a new logo proposal in the General Assembly of ACA during Enschede.

We also kept selecting host locals for the next training courses: ES1 (AEGEE-Aachen), PRES (AEGEE-Nova Goriza) and SUPS (AEGEE-Ljubjana). Thanks to all of them!

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In the world...

Do you want to know more about trainings? Have a look at some external ones in: <http://www.salto-youth.net/>

Our members



Patrick Kabasci (AEGEE-Aachen).



Maartje Natrophas (AEGEE-Utrecht).



Carolin Eißler (AEGEE-Passau).

Know more about them [here!](#)