

# Working Groups' Monthly Newsletter



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MASKS IN VENICE

## Culture Working Group



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# Carnivals all over Europe!

by Dóra Mészáros

Let's celebrate the end of winter with great carnivals! There are a lot of different kinds, just visit Hungary for 'Busójárás', or Maastricht for the great carnival, but of course, the 'Queen of Carnivals' in Europe is in Venice!

## What have we done this month?

This month we were mostly dealing with EBM-Izmir where we had a fantastic AEGEE Fair experience. This was a very successful fair for us as we could promote not only CWG in general for AEGEE members but also our upcoming and main project of this year, the 'AEGEE European Capital of Culture'. We caught the attention of people with our colorful desk with flyers, posters and an interesting quiz game that everybody just loved a lot! We got

a lot of very nice and bid fair opinions and applications both for being a member of CWG and for applying with locals for our anniversary project.

We have also been discussing about the next Agora in Enschede where we are planning to have some surprises. So, be patient and it will soon be revealed what we have been preparing for the Agora!:)

And about our main event this year that we have been organizing nowadays: we are having an open call for '[AEGEE Cultural Capital of Europe](#)'. So, if you feel that your local could organize this fantastic event of CWG, don't be shy and send us your project! All ideas are welcome! Be creative! Let's make this anniversary unforgettable for the whole AEGEE!

## In the world...

As it's the end of winter, every nation, every country celebrates it in different ways. In Europe, just check [here](#) where you can get information of the upcoming carnivals. And if you want to travel even further for a carnival...go to Rio de Janeiro!

## Our members

After EBM, and the fruitful AEGEE-Fair there we are waiting for a lot of new members, as a lot of participants showed their interest in our Working Group.

We are really looking to enlarging our cultural family!



EDUCATION HAS NO BORDERS

## Education Working Group



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# From Bologna to...Izmir!

by Liliya Buyukliyska

We in Education Working Group are so happy that this month Education was one of the main topics at AEGEE. We believe this will go on the whole year since in April are expected big decision for Bologna process, all year we celebrate 25 years Erasmus and as present – we transform it to “Erasmus for all”. If you are interested as well – stay tuned with EWG.

## Topics of the month

This month went under the sign of EBM in Izmir which was highly dedicated on educational topics. We were really interested in what specialist would tell us about non-formal education and youth (un)employment. The same day our member Thomas Leszke organized a WS about [Bologna process](#) with very interesting external speaker - Ilyas Ülgür, of

the Turkish National Agency. Very soon you can expect online a discussion about it at EWG-L and the [forum](#).

## What have we done this month?

Related to the EBM, we have organised a workshop about Bologna process. Besides, we were present at the AEGEE Fair collecting ideas how to celebrate 25 years of Erasmus. Hopefully some of the ideas that we got both from the workshop and the AEGEE Fair will be implemented soon. Moreover, we hope to see new enthusiastic faces in our Working Group.

Moreover, we have again consulted the CD about the position papers towards “Erasmus for all” and will try to help in the advocacy process.

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## In the world...

This month still a hot topic was the proposal for “Erasmus for all” since the [regulation](#) entered the European parliament.

Besides, education world is expecting the summit for Bologna process that will take place in Bucharest in April, stay tuned.

Meanwhile don't forget Erasmus programme is turning 25!

## Our members



**Umüt Aktaş** is from AEGEE-Izmir but for one-year membership is already the coordinator of culture and art local WG, Human Resources Team Leader of EBM'12 Izmir and already EWG member who represented us at the EBM.



## Environmental Working Group



HOW CAN WE BE MORE ACTIVE AND CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL TOPICS?

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## On the road to sustainability!

by Hans-Peter Bretz

The main event of the last month -which might even become the most important AEGEE event of the year- was the EBM in Izmir. In the new format, a lot of different interesting topics were discussed, one of them the challenge of sustainable development

### Topics of the month

Mathieu presented a well-received workshop at the EBM on the topic of sustainable development. Apart from general discussion about the contents and goals of the topic, the focus was on how to implement these, and which roles can the different institutions play from big UN conferences to the individual AEGEE members of and EnWG.

### What have we done this month?

We had two more well perceived social meetings with our members and want to invite all interested AEGEEans to our next meeting in march to discuss topics such as green SUs and a sustainable Agora.

At the end of February, we had a board meeting in Utrecht, which, although not at full strength, proved to be very fruitful and brought a lot of ideas and tasks for the upcoming months.

To represent our WG at European events, we launched a contest to design the best EnWG t-shirt, where all EnWG members can create a design and vote. Please submit your design until the 11th of March to the board at [enwg.aegee@gmail.com](mailto:enwg.aegee@gmail.com).

### In the world...

This following month you will be able to meet EnWG somewhere in Europe. Join any of the following events:

@NWM Hamburg 15.3.

@NWM Amsterdam 22.3.

@NWM Tallinn 29.3.

### Our members



**Giovanni Circella** from AEGEE-Bari, eager to contribute by giving a workshop on sustainable transport, a topic most AEGEEans should be interested in.

Newest member: **Anna Potocnik**, AEGEE-Ljubljana.

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## International Politics Working Group



CHOOSE TO BE ACTIVE!

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# This is your world to create!

by Sophie Zafeiri

Hundreds of new issues are going on monthly in our world. The IPWG is monthly raising awareness, writing articles and reaching plenty of youngsters around Europe. Our goal is to reach you and your local!

## Topics of the month

We published an article showing our opinion about World Without Racism: Theory and Reality. Do you want to share with us your point of view?

## What have we done this month?

This month was covered by our enthusiasm of preparation for the Fair at EBM in Izmir as we were present at the AEGEE Fair, ready

to explain what our Working Group is doing and to get new members.

Another main point of the month was our eager willingness to cooperate with the Environmental Working Group and Eastern Partnership project and to establish firm communication with different locals in the whole Network; we had the chance to develop further our own Local - Project and have open calls among our members!

Besides, apart from the European level, we were also present in some locals as we represented IPWG to our local in Baki and the project on migration in IPWG-Yerevan.

## In the world...

We came to wonder where democracy today is and where it stands in our civil lives.

## Our members

**Andra Toma** is from AEGEE-București and is Vice President/ PR Coordinator of her local. She was in the organizing team of European Environmental Day, SU Delta Press 2011 and Power of Words 2011. She is also a trainer and she thinks that IPWG can help her to develop her skills better.

**Marjolein Selten** is the secretary of AEGEE-Nijmegen. She joined this group after the Fair in Izmir and she is highly interested in International relations.

**Javid Alizadeth** is the local IPWG Coordinator of AEGEE-Baki. He joined the group to share knowledge and thus, to be more effective in his local.

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REPRESENTATION AT THE AEGEE FAIR IN EBM IZMIR

## Visa Freedom Working Group



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## Let's make passports a nice memory!

by Belén Moreno Hurtado

Imagining not being able to attend an Agora, EBM, NWM, LTC, SU... because of no reasons, just because your country of origin.

We tell you, this is the real life... and we cannot hold this situation anymore. That's why we want to ACT, but we also need YOU to implement our initiatives!

### What have we done this month?

We introduced you a new project in the last newsletter. Luckily, it will affect our whole network: the implementation of a "Visa - Responsible Network" position on locals/regions. We are sure it will definitely increase the attendance of those applicants who need visa. Very soon you will receive more info about it!

Currently we are also working on the *VFA Initiative* project that pretends to analyze why, in same conditions, some members get visas easily and why others cannot. Our main goal is make embassies aware of it.

Besides we are also thinking about the best way to promote ourselves at the AGORA Enschede, which is getting closer and closer! We have many ideas on mind but we will end up with the best one ;)

Last but not least, we were represented in the AEGEE Fair of the EBM by three board members. Participants had the chance to play our Visa Game (main photo), to check their knowledge about this issue and learn more.

### In the world...

European Commission launches [dialogue with Kosovo](#) on visa free travel!

### Our members

This February we had a lot of new members compared to the past months. Maybe EBM Izmir had something to do?

**Özgün Kaplama** from AEGEE-Istanbul, **Nele Sembdner** from AEGEE-Osnabrück, **Natalia Walczak** from AEGEE-Poznań, **Ozan İşgör** from AEGEE-Eskişehir, **Julii Harianja** from AEGEE-Ankara and **Olga Volovyk** from AEGEE-Kyiv.

Welcome to all of you!!! We wish you a bunch of motivation in order to make our dreams come true!

*Do you feel yourself free to travel?  
Help your friends to be so!*

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## AEGEE-Academy

**the academy**  
Human Resources Working Group

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## Our trainers also train “abroad”

by Luis Alvarado Martínez

The month of February was quite an active one for AEGEE-Academy: EBM Izmir and AEGEE Fair, our trainers going abroad, ES2 Castelló (stay tuned for more news about this European School in the upcoming month), preparing for T4T Warszawa, ESSUs (European School Summer Universities) and some others like new incorporations to our pool of trainers. Do not miss all the things ACA has to offer!

### Topics of the month

*Beyond Europe* Flagship Project (2009-2011) organised a Case Study Trip in India within the frame of the Millennium Development Goals. During this event Vishwa Yuvak Kendra, an Indian association, was visited. This event created strong links among participants. An example is Ramón Martínez, an

independent trainer and consultant from the north of Spain working with NGOs, institutions and companies through creative methodologies in such areas as competences development, motivation, self-directed learning, inclusion, gender, etc.

He was now a trainer during [a new event there](#).

### What have we done this month?

AEGEE Academy was also present at EBM Izmir. During the AEGEE Fair, where interested members in the training world and becoming trainers themselves, approached us. Hopefully we will have some fresh trainers and trainees coming soon.

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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

AEGEE-Academy has 3 new trainers.



Hara Kogkou (AEGEE-Peiraiás)



Katre Helena Kappa (AEGEE-Tartu)



Kathrin Renner AEGEE-Passau)