



WHAT IS AEGEE?

AEGEE-EUROPE PRESENTATION

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WHAT IS AEGEE?

**Association des Etats Généraux des Étudiants
de l'Europe (European Students' Forum)**

**European non-governmental organisation
with membership from Spain to Russia**



WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT US?



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Interdisciplinary

Political, but non-partisan (not linked to any political party)

No national level (borderless Europe)

Members inside and outside European Union

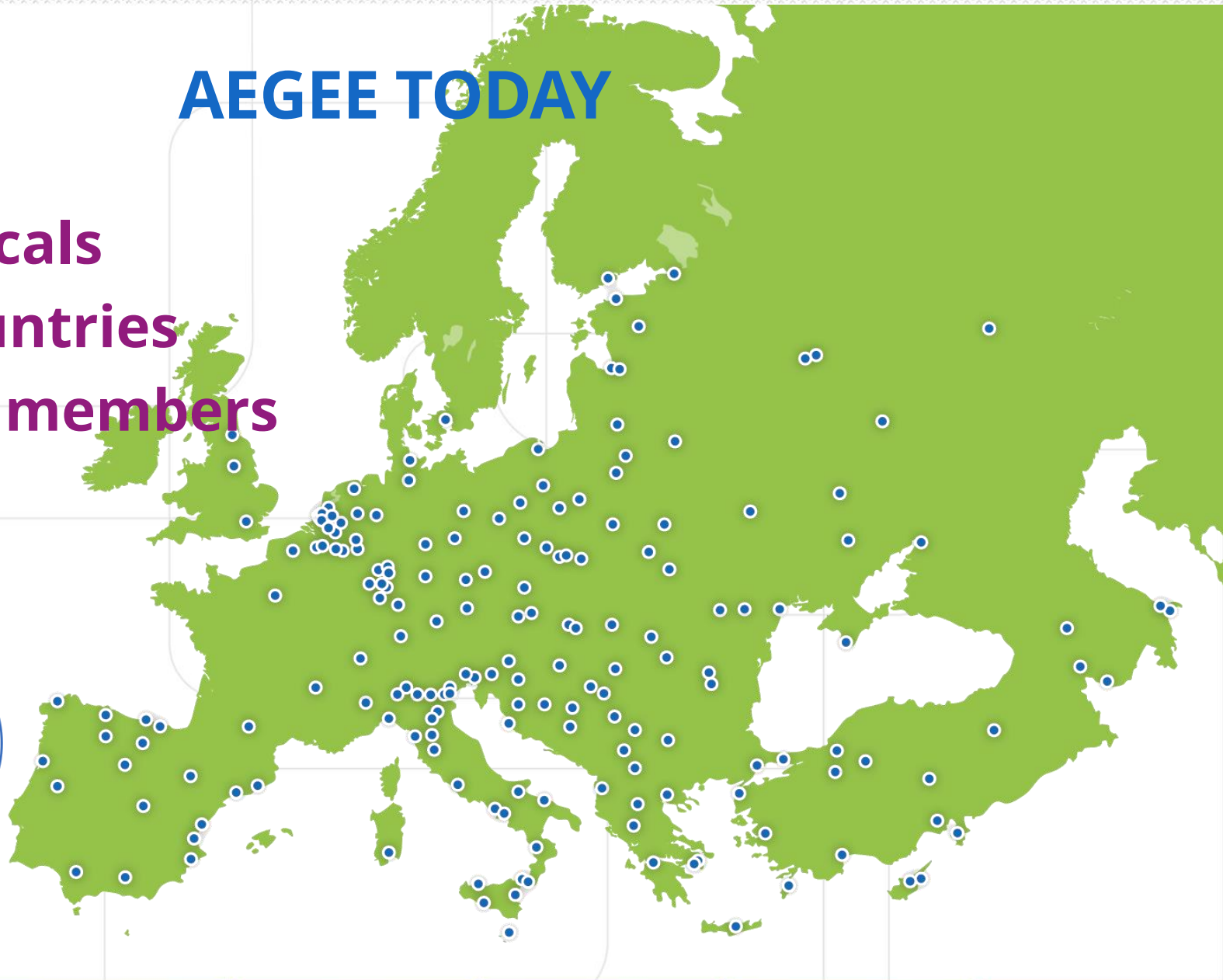


AEGEE TODAY

200 locals

40 countries

13000 members



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AEGEE'S IDENTITY



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VISION

What do we want the future to look like?

MISSION

How do we contribute to this future?

MEANS

What exactly do we do?

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

What do we base our work on? Which values do we stand for?

VISION

AEGEE strives for a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe, which is socially, economically and politically integrated, and values the participation of young people in its construction and development.



MISSION

AEGEE empowers students and young people in Europe to take an **active role in society**.

It creates a space for dialogue and learning opportunities as well as acts as their representative towards decision-makers.

Moreover, AEGEE strengthens mutual understanding and brings Europe closer to young people.



MEANS



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**Intercultural
Exchange**

**Personal
Development
and
Non-Formal
Education**

**Thematic
Projects**

**Policy and
Advocacy**

**Forum
For
Discussion**



INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGE

AEGEE creates a space for members of different backgrounds to meet and learn about cultural differences, in order to foster mutual understanding. AEGEE supports mobility and encourages young people to cross borders and make new friends, to break stereotypes and strengthen tolerance, respect and solidarity.



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SUMMER UNIVERSITY PROJECT



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25 years – 100.000 young people involved

Organised by young people for young people

AIM: Provide young Europeans with an affordable opportunity to live an intercultural experience, have a great time with other Europeans and learn.

Every year, around 2000 participants in around 80 Summer Universities all over Europe



EXPLORING EUROPEAN CULTURAL DIVERSITY SINCE 1988



AEGEE provides learning opportunities for the development of its members through non-formal education and informal learning. By participating in trainings courses, workshops, and active involvement in the organisation, our members improve their competences (such as leadership skills, communication skills and team management) which will be useful for their future lives.

A close-up photograph of a hand moving yellow and green sticky notes on a wooden table. The sticky notes have handwritten text in various colors.

**PERSONAL
DEVELOPMENT
AND
NON-FORMAL
EDUCATION**

TRAININGS IN AEGEE



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Personal development and skills for your professional life

Up to 10 international one-week training courses on soft skills (European Schools) per year

Coordinated by AEGEE's pool of trainers, the AEGEE Academy

More than 70 local and regional training courses

Learning by doing in local boards, coordination of local projects, working in international teams etc.



ACADEMY





THEMATIC PROJECTS

Thematic projects, either local or international, are initiatives developed by members of AEGEE. They deal with current challenges in the European society, create awareness among young people and propose solutions from a student point of view. The outcome of this work has an impact in- and outside of AEGEE.



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OUR CURRENT PROJECTS



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POLICY AND ADVOCACY

AEGEE gathers the opinions of European students and represents them towards stakeholders through campaigns, lobby actions, conferences and membership in bigger advocacy platforms. In addition, AEGEE informs students and young people about the **impact** which European policies have in their lives and **opportunities** they offer.



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POLICY AND ADVOCACY IN AEGEE



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Communication with the European Institutions through the Comité Directeur

Main topics: Youth Participation, Education (including Erasmus and exchange programmes), Mobility

Involvement in big advocacy platform (European Youth Forum, EUCIS-LLL, European Movement International)

Involvement in local and regional youth councils

Policy Officers work the main focuses (Focus Areas) of the organisation and support the work of CD in specific areas

AEGEE provides a space for young Europeans to **discuss** and **exchange** different points of view with a **European perspective**, in order to find a **common ground**. This exchange of ideas happens in all our activities but a special place for them is our Working groups, conferences and General Assemblies (EBM & Agora).

A photograph of a large, tiered lecture hall filled with young people, mostly students, sitting in red seats. They are facing a stage area with a red backdrop. The hall is well-lit with overhead spotlights. In the foreground, several students are visible, some looking towards the stage and others looking down at their laptops or phones. The text 'FORUM FOR DISCUSSION' is overlaid in large, white, bold letters on the bottom left of the image.

**FORUM FOR
DISCUSSION**

WHAT IS AN AGORA?

Twice a year somewhere in Europe

Up to 1000 European students

4 days

Discussion of current European issues, development of the organisation, elections, etc.

Plenaries, Progress Meetings, Prytannia and Workshops

The best way to get to know AEGEE and have fun



HOW WE WORK

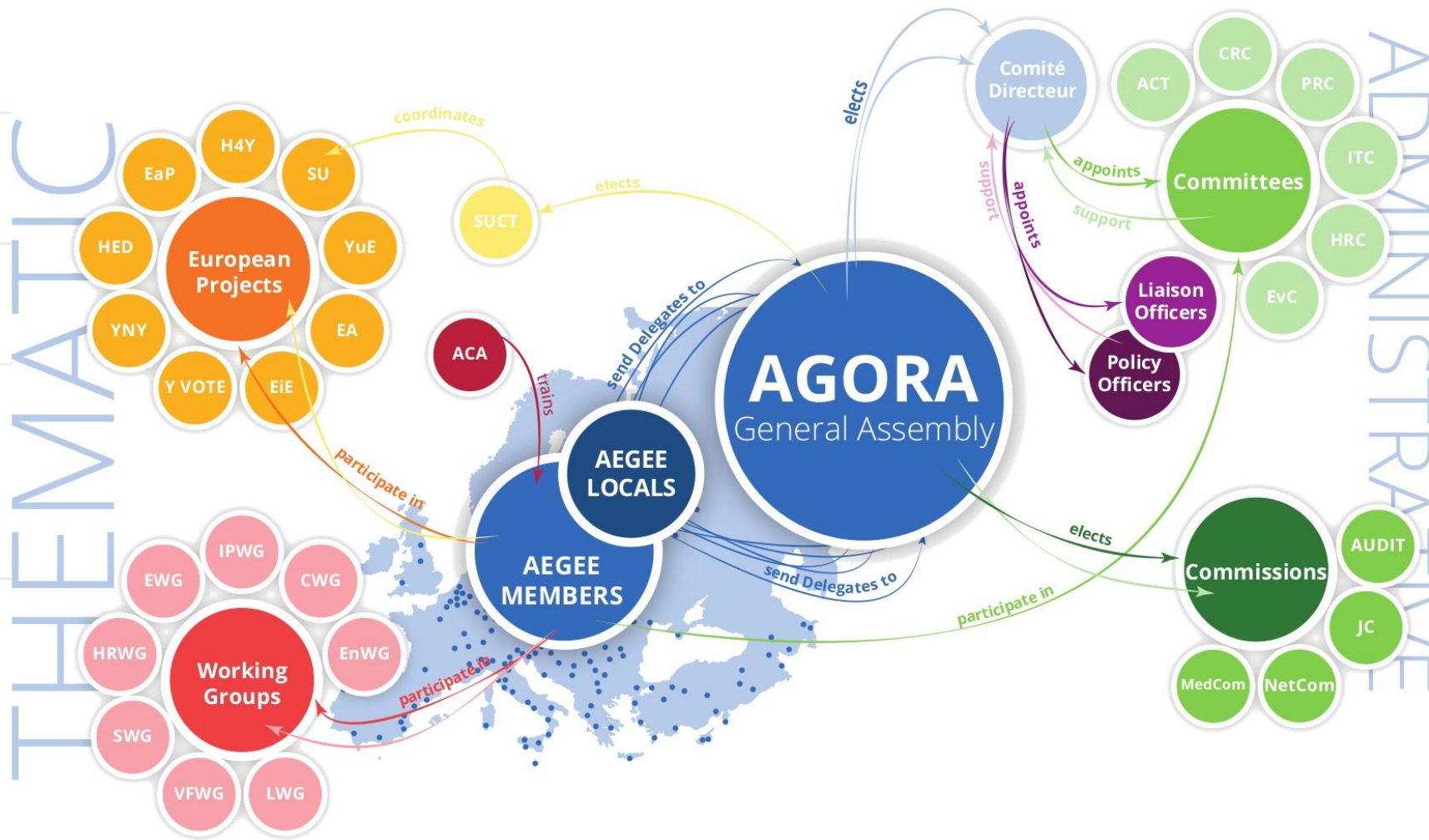


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HOW WE WORK (AEGEE'S STRUCTURE)



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COMITÉ DIRECTEUR



Board of Directors

**Living and working full time for
AEGEE in the Head Office in Brussels**

**President, Secretary General,
Financial Director and 4 Board
Members**

**Administration, representation and
development of the organisation**

**Visit them: AEGEE House is open to
all members**

NETWORK COMMISSION

11 Coordinators of Network Areas

Work with around 20 locals on a daily basis

Support and connect locals

Connect locals and European Level



WHAT IS AN EPM?

**“European Planning Meeting”
AEGEE’s biggest thematic
conference**

**Each year focussed on a
different topic**

**Recommendations on the topic
towards decision makers as
outcome**

**Drafting the Action Agenda for
the next year**



PLANNING IN AEGEE: FROM THE BIG PICTURE TO SMALL STEPS



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OUR FOCUS 2014-2017



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SPREADING EUROPTIMISM:

Aim: Reconnect young people to the European project and create solidarity bonds among them.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:

Ease the transition from the education system to the labour market for young Europeans.

CIVIC EDUCATION:

Aim 1: Increase the civic competences of our members.

Aim 2: Put civic education on the political agenda on all levels.

YOUTH MOBILITY:

Identify, reduce, and remove barriers to youth and student mobility.

OUR HISTORY



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AEGEE'S HISTORY



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**Founded 1985 in Paris
with the EGEE Conference**

**1987: ERASMUS Programme
begins after an intervention
of first AEGEE president in a
meeting with French president Mitterrand**



**1988: Launch of the
Summer University Project**

**1989: Opening of AEGEE towards the East
(East-West Working Group/ "Quo Vadis?"-
Project**

Les étudiants européens à l'Elysée : « L'Europe, c'est notre génération »

Paris, mars.

« Il faut une génération pour imposer une idée : l'Europe fondée il y a trente ans — alors que

phiques, culturelles, linguistiques, administratives, etc. (1).

Le programme

s'est-il adressé à vous, et dans quel sens ?

— C'était une rencontre informelle. Il a bien compris qu'on n'avait pas répondu à son invita-

son adhésion à la C.D.E., cela crée problème. Autre sujet : l'écu. Les jeunes Européens sont favorables à sa généralisation et poussent à des initiatives specta-

AEGEE'S HISTORY

1990: New logo is introduced "Your Key to Europe", Les Anciens d'AEGEE is established

1991: First European School 1 Training

1992: first antenna in Turkey: AEGEE-Istanbul

1995: AEGEE strongly campaigns against nuclear tests in Europe

1996: Headquarters move from Delft to Brussels, creation of the Network Commission

1997: first Study Trip to Cyprus, Moldova and Yugoslavia

1999: AEGEE Academy is established

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2002-2005: "Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogues" Project

2004: Turkey joins Erasmus programme thanks to advocacy of AEGEE-Istanbul and AEGEE-Ankara

2006: AEGEE campaigns strongly for the creation of the European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) in the EU

2007: AEGEE organizes the Model European Union in the European Parliament

2009: Y-Vote project for European Parliament elections, YOUrope Needs YOU wins the Charlemagne Youth Prize

2013: Europe on Track wins Charlemagne Youth Prize for best project



SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERSHIP



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AEGEE IS MEMBER OF:



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**European
Movement
International**



EUCIS-LLL



**EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
Civil Society Forum**

AND HAS CONSULTATIVE STATUS AT:



**COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE**

**MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL
ON YOUTH OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

AEGEE'S SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS



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AECEE'S IMPACT



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HOW AEGEE'S IMPACT HAS BEEN RECOGNISED



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- 2 European Charlemagne Youth Prize for**
- YOUrope Needs YOU 2009
 - Europe on Track 2013

2 National Winners: Sustain our Future 2008 (Netherlands), Y Vote 2009 (Greece)



5 Young Europeans of the Year:

- David Stulik (1997)
- Daciana Oana Mailatescu (2001)
- Anar Q. Jahangirli (2004)
- Burcu Becermen (2006)
- Tamuna Kekenadze (2008)

**Schwarzkopf
Stiftung**
JUNGES EUROPA

AND MANY OTHERS...

WHAT FORMER AEGEEANS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED:



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Christophe Leqlercq
Founder of EurActiv, today one of the most read online news portals focussed on EU Policy



Burcu Becermen
Young European of the Year 2006 for the Turkish-Greek Civic Dialogue Project

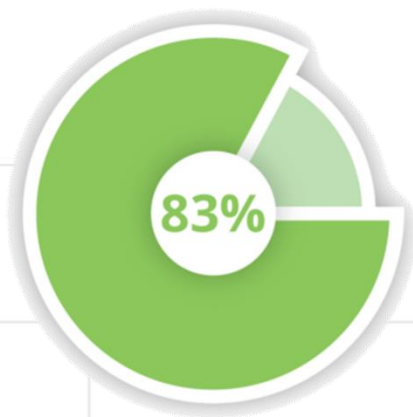


Peter van der Hijden
Head of Sector Higher Education Policies at the European Commission DG Education and Culture

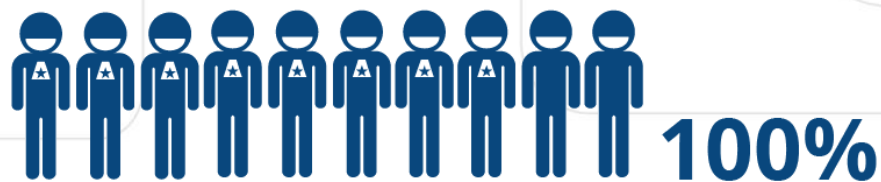


Aggelos Tolkas
Member of the Greek Parliament

AEGEE'S IMPACT



83% of AEGEEans say that because of AEGEE, they feel **more confident** working in intercultural environments.



of AEGEEans consider themselves as Europeans, **78%** say AEGEE has substantially contributed to this.

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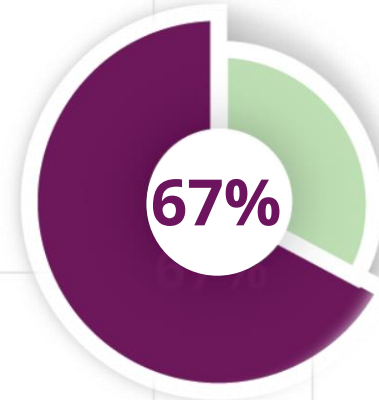


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67% of AEGEEans found a job **within the first 3 months** after graduating.

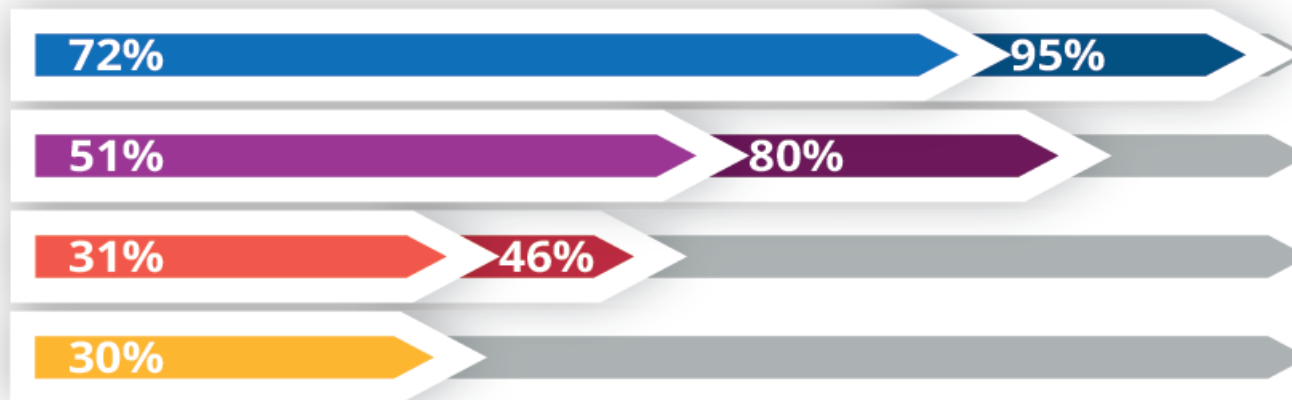
95% of our Alumni say that AEGEE has prepared them for the job market.

80% say that AEGEE has helped them to get a job.



31% are in a managing position.

30% have worked in a European Institution or in a body closely connected



SKILLS MOST DEVELOPED IN AEGEE (ACCORDING TO MEMBERS)



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77% Communication Skills

75% Teamwork

74% Interpersonal skills

70% Flexibility

70% Language Skills

62% Project Management Skills

61% Public Speaking Skills

60% Leadership Skills

THE AVERAGE AEGEE MEMBER



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Speaks 3 languages

Has travelled to conferences and events in 5 countries

Has received 50 hours of training on soft skills

Has worked with more than 11 different nationalities

Has lead an international team

WHY TO JOIN AEGEE?

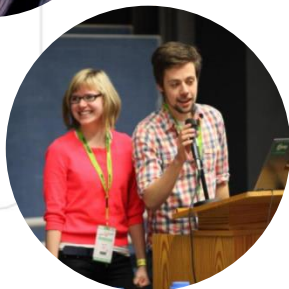
To travel and experience European cities from the local student's point of view

To find a Network of 13000 new friends

To develop soft skills and learn by doing in an non-formal environment

To find like-minded Europeans and develop and implement your own ideas

To shape Europe into the place you want it to be



HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION



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Visit the Members Portal:

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