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WHAT IS AEGEE?
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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?

Interdisciplinary
Political, but non-partisan (not linked to any political party)
No national level (borderless Europe)
Members inside and outside European Union
AEGEE’S IDENTITY

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?
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

Intercultural Exchange

Personal Development and Non-Formal Education

Thematic Projects

Policy and Advocacy

Forum For Discussion
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.
SUMMER UNIVERSITY PROJECT

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
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.
TRAININGS IN AEGEE

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.
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.
OUR CURRENT PROJECTS

- ELECTION OBSERVATION PROJECT
- Eastern Partnership Project
- SUMMER UNIVERSITIES
- Europe in Exchange
- DEMOCRACY IN PRACTICE
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.
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).
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
HOW WE WORK (AEGEE’S STRUCTURE)
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
AEGEE Identity

Who are we?

Basic Principles and Ideas of AEGEE

Duration: Long Term/Fixed

Strategic Plan

What do we want to achieve in the next three years?

Thematic Focus/Priorities ("Focus Areas")

Duration: 3 years

Action Agenda

Which concrete actions do we take?

Small steps to fulfill the Strategic Plan

Duration: Drafted every year at EBM
OUR FOCUS 2014-2017

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
AEGEE’S HISTORY

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)
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
AEGEE’S HISTORY

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
EUROPEAN STUDENTS’ FORUM

SUPPORTERS AND MEMBERSHIP

EUROPEAN STUDENTS’ FORUM
AEGEE IS MEMBER OF:

AND HAS CONSULTATIVE STATUS AT:

MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON YOUTH OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
AEGEE’S SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

Youth in Action
Lifelong Learning Programme
InterRail
EurActiv.com
PODDIO
BlaBlaCar
L-Soft
Vistaprint
brussels airlines
HOSTELWORLD.com
Youth for Exchange and Understanding
studyportals
Europe & Me
BEST Board of European Students of Technology
CAREERS INTERNATIONAL
Debating Europe
AEGEE’S IMPACT
HOW AEGEE’S IMPACT HAS BEEN RECOGNISED

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)
- Burcu Becermen (2006)
- Tamuna Kekenadze (2008)

AND MANY OTHERS...
WHAT FORMER AEGEEANS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED:

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

100% of AEGEEans consider themselves as Europeans, 78% say AEGEE has substantially contributed to this.
AEGEE'S IMPACT

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)

- 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

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 a 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

Visit the Members Portal: www.aegee.org/portal

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