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A new term in the Academy! Introducing the new—old board !

Dear AEGEEans,

As some time has passed since the issuing of our last newsletter, so have many changes and challenges been met on the Academy road.

During the month of October, a new election process took place and we are proud to re-introduce an old but new board. As all the former board members of the Academy decided to continue their work for another term, we are more than happy welcome on board of our exciting journey. Virginia Paneda, as our new HR responsible!

The old – new board of AEGEE Academy, therefore consists of:

Aga Strycharz: Speaker

Sandra Geldmacher: Secretary

Laure Onidi: Treasurer

Tomek Szreder: Board Member (Projects)

Irina Paraschivoiu: Board Member (Communication & PR)

Virginia Paneda: Board Member (Human Resources)

What else has been happening in the Academy lately? High-speed preparations for training courses, challenges, courage, decisions, a workshop in Kyiv, new deadlines ... and many more!

We encourage you to keep reading our newsletter and we look forward for all your suggestions, ideas and comments at board@aegee-academy.org!

Your Academy Board Kyiv – Leiden

Aga, Irina, Laure, Sandra, Tomek and Virginia



Academy Events

Public Relations European School 1

23rd – 28th of November 2009



PRES1 Leiden - Out of the box is approaching quickly. Unexpected challenges made us think out of the box, so we had to change the dates. **PRES1 will now take place from 23rd - 28th of November** - expect an even more **intensive programme!** Applications are already closed, participants are selected, trainers are working on their sessions, final preparations are being done in Leiden. Some more weeks to wait until Out of the box starts - we're ready to rock AEGEE's public relations!

Summer University Project School

21st-29th of November 2009



The Summer University Project School 2009 is coming closer and closer... In less than a month **20 brave participants** will meet a team of experienced trainers in sunny (hopefully!) city of **Peiraias**. Everything is almost ready and the local organizers are more than eager to host this amazing group during the last week of November. The applications are already closed but you should still follow our website <http://sups.aegEE-peiraias.gr> to find out which SU to choose next year! Hot news after Agora in Kyiv – **Veronika Braun**, new project manager is joining the trainers' team!

European School 1

7th – 14th January 2010

Apply for the next ES1 until the 17th of November!!

The negative response received on the Youth in Action application submitted by AEGEE Riga, Virginia and Patrick has been faced with a lot of **courage and professionalism** by the staff and organisers. At the moment, AEGEE Riga is dealing with **in kind fundraising**, ensuring the perfect meals and logistics and the best social programme. The team of trainers has already been selected - **Arne Reis, Manos Valasis, Marino Bresciani, Hilde de Leeuw, Natalia Hubert and Aga Strycharz** will be in charge of delivering the best content during the training. The dates of the training have been changed to **7th -14th January** and the open call is out so don't miss the chance to apply for Transform

Action! The deadline is 17th of November!

European School 2

5th –14th March 2010



As one challenge never comes alone, the team working on the next European School 2 –Youth navigators for European Challenges - has also been fighting with its own sea storms. As the response from the Polish National Agency was a negative one, Asia and Julia – the managers – have been **working intensively with AEGEE Poznan to re-submit the application** for the 1st of November deadline. In the meantime, the searching for the perfect trainers has started, while the local organising team is now dealing with **fundraising** from the private sector. We are keeping our fingers crossed for positive results and thanking **Asia, Julia, Piotr and Michal** together with the rest of **AEGEE Poznan** for their hard work!

Fundraising European School

FRES 2009! Long awaited and prepared. However we regret not to be able to make FRES 2009 and instead postpone it in 2010. The Concept Development Team (Patrik Reuter, Maarika Merirand, Basak Tuzun, Robin Verschuren & Tika Tsertsvadze) worked on one beautiful April weekend to have compatible and inspiring concept, local organizers (AEGEE-Leuven) were doing their best to host the FRES.



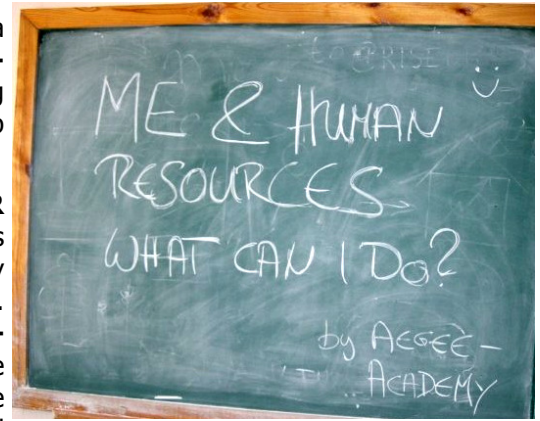
The major challenge faced by the manager (Tika) of FRES and AEGEE-Academy board was the *lack of sufficient financial support*. We had 2 unsuccessful attempts to get Youth in Action grant from European Level. To try national level – Flemish National Agency, was no choice from the start, due to complicated understanding from the Agency of the nature and structure of AEGEE network.

Due to all above-mentioned FRES manager together with AEGEE-Academy board agreed to **postpone event rather than have a low quality event**. For the same reason that we found it difficult and limited to raise funds for the FRES in Leuven. Thus we decided to look for a new local, which will be able to raise funds from National Agency as well as from other possible funders.

Academy Workshop at Agora Kyiv

Academy's first Agora workshop in quite some time turned out to be a **great success**. We managed to gather a group of around **25 participants**, in spite of the fact that it was the last workshop session during Agora and some people had to leave early, including the workshop leader!

We presented our participants with a game, called shortly **The HR Game**. The aim of the game was to produce as much awareness as possible using scarce human resources. The players had the possibility to recruit new members, develop new HR tools and organize trainings. They have learnt **how important HR management is for the organisation's effectiveness**. The comments after workshop were really enthusiastic (including "the best Agora workshop ever") but we still want to improve the game, so that it can become a widely used training tool!



If you are interested in this task please contact Tomek: t.szreder@gmail.com. The game can be found at **Academy's website in Organisation → Resources → Trainings → Learning AEGEE**. Feel free to use it and send us all the comments!

ProTrain—Join the Academy Trainee Programme!

Apply as trainee for the ProTrain Programme before the 7th of November!

ProTrain – the new trainer trainee programme launched by AEGEE Academy is making its first victims! If you want **to learn how to lead interactive workshops, facilitate discussions and design training concepts**, do not hesitate to apply! We are looking for motivated AEGEEans, active for one year at least, who have experience in a specific field of AEGEE and understand well the way AEGEE functions. If you have questions related to the programme feel free to write to the board (board@aegee-academy.org) or check the full open call on our website. Hurry up! The deadline is **7th of November!**

Wanna know more about us? Academy Board ID Card

Irina Paraschivoiu—Communication and Public Relations

Birthday: 13.11.1987

AEGEE-Local: AEGEE-Bucuresti

About:

A not-yet 22 year old, I graduated only two months ago with a BA in Communication and Public Relations. My typical relaxing day would involve going around the city in search of a new exhibition or gallery, going to a theatre play, having a cup of tea and making a stop at the Central University Library which is known to be my second home in Bucharest :). Moreover, my friends are the ones to make my life exciting, while dragging me around the city to help with their cultural projects and take pictures with a XIXth century umbrella, inviting me to movie debates or planning an escape weekend in a distant Romanian city.

What is Academy for her?

Somewhere on the border of realism and idealism, of my dreams and the not-so-pink reality around me, I often found myself wondering about the impact of our efforts and of youth work. And I have always found the answers to all these questions within me, in the change that AEGEE brought to my life, the way I look at the world and the person I have become. In the Academy, we touch the lives of many young people in Europe, we give them the space to dream, a network of friends with whom to share these dreams and make them come true. We give hopes and draw the map of a different world, in different colours and shapes. And, I believe, that is what it means to change the world ...



News from the Academy Board

It happened...

... that as Virginia has just been elected, she is both Board Member and Manager of ES1 at the same time.

... that half of the board is getting a new job or changing job in the next weeks.

... that Sandra is an AEGEE star, as she has been chosen as member of the week on AEGEE Europe blog :)

About AEGEE-Academy

the academy
Human Resources Working Group

Sustaining AEGEE's human resources and enabling its members to turn their ideas and visions into reality have been the long-term vision of AEGEE-Academy since its foundation in 1999. The main aim of Academy is to develop and strengthen the human resources of AEGEE and to stimulate the motivation of its members. It strives to combine the competences of AEGEE members with the potential AEGEE offers them towards the achievement of the organisations' aims. The Academy supports the personal development of AEGEE members by providing a diversity of training courses and co-ordinating a mentoring system. It maintains an overview of the personage and tasks in the organisation and empowers its members to find their place in the organisation.

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AEGEE-Academy Board (Kyiv—Leiden)
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