

THE ACADEMY NEWSLETTER #1



WHAT'S NEW NOW?

Well... we are no longer a working group, [we are officially an independent body](#) working for AEGEE, so that's new. Also, your humble / enthusiastic / motivated / ambitious / crazy / fun board of the Academy is new (since Agora Zaragoza). And... this newsletter is new! These new boardies have been working hard behind the scenes but much of that work is yet invisible for you. So we figured it was time for some updates! We want to share with you, our trainers, what is going on with the Academy. So enjoy these highlights and be ready for much more info, news and fun facts coming your way in January 2014!



WHAT'S NEW IN 2014?

We are all real busy with preparations at the moment and are happy to say that [in January](#) we will [launch the new official Academy website](#) and [official Facebook page](#) and [official trainers' database](#), including detailed profiles of all our active trainers! Almost like a web shop where you can shop for trainers for events, instead of shoes or clothes... These tools will be followed shortly by the one and only [Academy training materials database](#)! Also, you will get to see our very first [Academy short movie](#)! It does not star Johnny Depp or Jennifer Aniston but we can promise you it will still be real entertaining. And we will hand-out the [new HR booklet](#) to new trainers, publish the new HR strategy and keep the Mentorship Program up and running. Last but not least: we will recruit and educate new trainers, organize training events as always and supervise Network Meetings together with the Netcom.

So in short: 2014 will be the year of change and all us boardies are looking forward to being busy bees until Agora Patra.

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WHERE TO GO IN 2014?

You are most cordially invited either as participant or as trainer to:

- * Summer University Project School @ AEGEE Izmir: 14th of March till 21st of March
- * European School 1 @ AEGEE Enschede: 16th of May till 25th
- * Training for Trainers @ AEGEE Budapest: 30th of March till 6th of April
- * European School 2 @ AEGEE Warszawa: dates yet to be announced
- * Spring Agora @ AEGEE Patra: 30th of April till 4th of May

Open calls for the events will come soon via the mailing list so keep an eye on ACADEMY-L!
(Please note that events for fall 2014 will be announced at a later date.)



WHAT ARE OUR WISHES FOR 2014?

We aim to **make the Academy more visible** within the network, to **clearly communicate** to everyone what **our purpose** is and what we can mean for AEGEE. We want to improve the quality of trainings, keep events from being cancelled, recruit more talented trainers and make junior trainers skilled and experienced ones. We want to load up AEGEEans with tons of knowledge in a fun and **interactive** way, **share** our own knowledge amongst trainers and use the power of **non-formal education** to its very best!



WHAT'S UP WITH YOU?

Yes **you**, **super trainers!**

Share what's going on in your mind, with your training career in- and outside AEGEE or any questions or suggestions you might have via board@academy-aegEE.org or via [The Academy Facebook group](#).

We are always happy to hear from you!

**THE ACADEMY BOARD WISHES YOU HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND
MANY FRUITFUL TRAININGS IN 2014!**



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