

## "The BRIDGE- Connecting Mobility and Disability"

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Dear Network,

Below you can find information about:

- 1. The Project Presentation
- 2. The Opening Conference in Wroclaw
- 3. The Agora Enschede Workshop
- 4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Conference in Delft
- 5. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference in Palermo
- 6. The 4<sup>th</sup> Conference in Sibiu

1. The BRIDGE- Connecting Mobility and Disability - A Project dealing with the mobility problem of youth with disabilities. The project's main aim is to enable youth with disability to actively participate in creating and developing civil society by joining events and other activities, which will be prepared with proper conditions to travel and experience things that weren't available for them before.

You can also read more information about project from: (newly constructed )

www.aegee-ankara.org/bridge

2. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2005, in Wroclaw the first and opening conference "The Disabled and The Facilitator - a Complex Relationship" took place and the whole Project finally kicked off. 20 participants (*from Malta, Slovenia, Italy, UK and Poland (including youth from Blind and Deaf Association*) started the discussions about different disabilities and then talked about the relationship between the disabled person and the facilitator. Accordingly to the aim, disabled youth were present all the time - both during the workshops and parties so that they could give us their opinion and a very important input. Moreover, participants had the opportunity to see the beautiful city of Wroclaw and meet AEGEE Wroclaw members.

3. The BRIDGE: Connecting Mobility and Disability together with AEGEE Delft had a Workshop at the AGORA in Enschede with the participation of over 25 AEGEE members. The Workshop started off by an introduction about the project and an overview of the five conferences was given. The workshop then dealt with the topic of mental and architectural barriers. The participants discussed the obstacles to the disabler's mobility related to technical and psychological aspects, and some hints and

solutions were given, however the Workshop was just an introduction for the following conference held by AEGEE-Delft. Thanks to Charlene and Christine for leading this Workshop. During the Agora there were also two new members of the project team, Ceren, as Internal PR and as Giouli as External PR. ©



4. **Design & Disability** The second conference "Design & Disability" took place in Delft, from the 27-29<sup>th</sup> of May 2005. AEGEE Delft organized this conference dealing with design and disability. Design is not only about architectural and technical barriers but also includes psychological and social aspects. More details are here:

http://www.aegee-delft.nl/congres/index.php

5."The disabled and the European programs of student mobility", planned for September 2005 in Palermo. For detailed and exact information, please wait for news from us ;) And just note that you have really good reasons to be in Italy in September!

6. "The European legislation about the disabilities", will be held in October 2005 in Sibiu. If you miss the one in Palermo in September, AEGEE Sibiu will be waiting for you.

We hope you found this information useful and hope to see you at one of our conferences!

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