



European Students' Forum



EXPLORING EUROPEAN CULTURAL DIVERSITY SINCE 1988

TYPES OF SU



One of the first choices you will have to make when you start organising a SU regards the type.

First of all bear in mind that every SU, despite its type, must be thematic and the theme must fit one of the categories suggested by the SUCT. You will plan the activities of your SU according to the theme you selected. There is the possibility to select maximum 2 themes, but choosing 2 should be clearly visible in the content of the SU.

These are the thematic categories you can select from:

Sustainability

Create the perfectly green and sustainable event, focus on specific issues like ecocide, sustainable energies or housing, food production, present your local environment with its past and possible future or create your own ideas.

Arts and Creativity

Dancing or singing lessons, workshops about photography, creating your own graffiti, forming your Summer University band, improvisational theatre, there are a lot of possibilities to engage your participants in creative activities and to teach different ways to express oneself.

Civic Education

The last few years have seen a lot of different crises that affected our strongly connected societies, but also an acknowledgement of the European Union as a major player for peace and stability by the Nobel Committee. Identify, teach and discuss the issues you find most important and/or create ways to get active and provide solutions or improvements.

Sports

It's the summer, the perfect season for outdoor activities. Engage your participants in different kinds of sports, create a great group spirit by making them cooperate in teams. Maybe you even have an unusual local or national sport that you would like to show? Additionally, workshops around various aspects of sports in our society can be organized.

Soft skills

For many, non-formal education is a core aspect of AEGEE and possibly one of the best experiences you can have. You can organize a European School Summer University (ESSU) together with the AEGEE- Academy or choose your own training focus and create activities around it.

Local culture

Explore your region or city, your Antenna or other interesting topics. Introduce to your participants your local habits and traditions, teach them your language or their cooking skills teaching them how to cook local food. Use additional activities and games to help your participants find a fun approach to the topics.

History and politics

Show your participants the history of your region and discuss the political background. Compare it with the current status and with the situation around Europe. Depending on the topic, you can investigate it under different aspects and try to identify possibilities for future development.

Social inclusion

Raise awareness of your participants about the disadvantaged groups of people living around us. You can focus on equal rights, disabilities, minorities and many others. Share your relevant experience, provide trainings aiming to tackle your topic and try to find solutions on how everybody can contribute to include these people into society.

Once that you selected your theme, it's time to decide which type of SU you would like to organise.

There are 4 types of SU you can select from, and each one has specific rules setted by SUCT regarding the duration, the maximum fee for participants and the tuition time (see the scheme below).

SUMMER COURSE (SC):

It's an ordinary course of every kind, keeping in mind that the tuition hours should fit the theme you selected for your SU. Every Summer Course is characterised by:

- A duration of minimum 11 nights and maximum 28 nights;
- At least 14 hours of tuition per week;
- A minimum of 15 participants.

The course should be about main subject/roof topic. Classes about related topics are possible.

SUMMER COURSE PLUS (SC+):

A Summer Course Plus is an intensive course of any subject. These courses are officially recognised and supported by the university or an educational institution, where they take place or the AEGEE-Academy and lessons are taught by professional teachers or trainers approved by AEGEE-Academy. A proof of the teachers' or trainers' qualification and experience is to be provided to the SUCT. Every Summer Course Plus is characterised by:

- A duration between 11 and 28 nights;
- At least 20 hours of tuition per week;
- A minimum of 15 participants

TRAVELLING SUMMER UNIVERSITY (TSU)

A Traveling Summer University is a cultural travel through Europe. It must be organized by minimum 2 antennae together. Every Traveling Summer University is characterised by:

- A duration between 14 and 28 nights;
- At least 10 hours of tuition per week on average;
- A minimum of 15 participants
- A minimum of 4 cities visited.

Keep in mind that travelling is not a theme: your SU should still fit in one of the categories listed above and provide activities related to it.

SHORT SUMMER COURSE (SSC)

Every short Summer Course is defined by:

- A duration between 6-10 nights;
- A minimum average of 2 hours of tuition per day during the course of the SU
- A minimum of 15 participants

EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES ABOVE:

SUCT can make these exceptions to the General Rules of the Summer Universities, if a reasonable explanation is provided:

Higher fee: only acceptable if a budget is provided, explaining in detail why your SU can't fit the normal fee.

TSU with only one organising local: only allowed if at least three different places are visited.

To ask for an exception you have to contact SUCT, keeping in mind that the final decision belongs to SUCT.