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Results booklet

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Dear Readers,

It is not easy to bring Europe to the hearts and minds of the European citizens, particularly the younger ones. What has once been able to captivate the generations of Europeans is today an endangered project, alienated from its citizens. The current political leaders are failing to bring the message of the European unity to the electorate.

It is when the political leaders fail to connect to the voters that we have to step in. It is the duty of the civil society, and especially of the younger generation, to step in where politicians are struggling, and to share our own experiences and visions on the benefits and prospects of the joint political, economic, scientific, cultural and social advancement of the united Europe. This is the core idea behind the YOUrope needs YOU! project.

YOUrope needs YOU! promotes active citizenship. Being an active citizen is empowering and can bring positive change to you and the people around you. Enriching your soul, mind and heart with a feeling of doing something for the common good is the best school of professional and private performance for a young person. Active citizenship is the ingredient which makes our societies, based on belief in democracy, rule of law and free market economy, stable and progressing. Europe can not be successful without active Europeans.

In the past year dozens of AEGEE volunteers invested their energy and knowledge into YOUrope needs YOU!, our award-winning effort to bring active European citizenship to the high schools through peer education. It was a year of great success, setting important foundations for a long-lasting programme. What is its secret? Quite a simple one – we in AEGEE live our beautiful continent in its full richness. As we like to say: while some call it Europe, we call it home!

Dragan Stojanovski
President of AEGEE-Europe 2008/2009





Dear Reader,

It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to our YOUrope needs YOU! result booklet. This publication, indeed the whole project, has been created by young people from different European countries all dedicated to a common aim.

Motivation, faith in their own capacities, empowerment - this is what the young people of today are lacking. Often placed in a "rat race" and pressured to fulfil the requirements of the current job market, young people are left with little time for reflection on topics such as the different dimensions of Europe, European Citizenship, their own identity and the meaning of volunteering. Coming from AEGEE - The European Students Forum we have had a chance to discuss and truly understand the above mentioned topics, to be active and share our passions in an intercultural environment.

We have realized that so many young people do not see what Europe offers them and perceive Europe only through the perspective of the institutions and common market. Yet Europe is much more than that.

“When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us.

Alexander Graham Bell

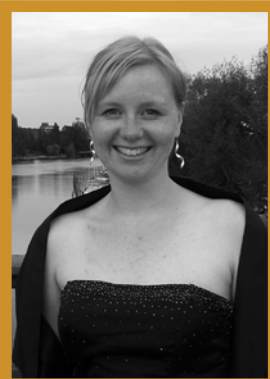
In this result booklet we would like to share with you more about the YOUrope needs YOU! project in which we are trying to bring a world of intercultural dialogue, mutual understanding and active citizenship closer to high school students across Europe, empowering them to become active in society.

„Butterfly effect - a metaphor saying that movements of the butterfly wings in Ohio, can cause a storm in Texas in 3 days”. We believe that in YOUrope needs YOU! we create a sort of a multiplying effect: training university students, encouraging them to lead interactive workshops in high schools and finally encouraging youngsters to share the newly acquired knowledge with their peers.

Through this booklet we would like to express our gratitude to the European Commission and their huge support through the Youth in Action programme. We would like to thank Universities and schools which hosted our activities, and most of all we would like to express our gratitude to trainers, workshop leaders, high school students, project team members – amazing people without whom this project would have never happened!

One year and 9 months of the project. One could say “*this is the end of the journey, mission complete*”, but we still feel an existing need in society, need for projects like YOUrope needs YOU! I am delighted to be able to announce an upcoming 2nd project cycle. If you do care about the new generation of European Youth, if you would like to help us realize our dream to “open eyes” of high schools students all over Europe, you are more than welcome to join us.

Agnieszka Strycharz
Project Manager of YOUrope needs YOU! project



Dear reader,

It is a pleasure for me to welcome you to the YOUrope needs YOU! result booklet. This booklet is a reflection on the project's activities during the past one and a half years. It all started during an advanced project management training course in Oviedo – and even if this is a result booklet, the project is far from being terminated. The booklet summarizes the results of the first project cycle while the second cycle is about to kick off.

We, the YOUrope needs YOU! project team, dream about the future of Europe, about the young generation of active citizens shaping a vivid, colorful Europe. With YOUrope needs YOU! we are making a lot of small steps in order to bring Europe closer to the younger generation – the future of Europe. Every training given, every workshop held in a high school somewhere in Europe is a step towards our vision of Europe, a Europe of young, empowered, active citizens. This is why the booklet focuses on all the small steps taken until now, and we also dare to look ahead to the second project cycle. We appreciate all of them, and we're looking forward to always taking another step forward.

one who has contributed in one way or another to the making of the booklet. I am more than grateful to all authors, layouts, proof-readers and everyone else who contributed to make this booklet happen.

I hope you enjoy reading the result booklet – and, if you wish: go a step further with us and join the project team for the second cycle!

Sandra Geldmacher
Editor-in-chief, YOUrope needs YOU! result booklet

*“You can break that big plan into small steps
and take the first step right away”*

Indira Gandhi A big “thank you” goes to every-

Introduction to AEGEE

*Association des Etats Généraux des
Etudiants de l'Europe
European Students' Forum*

AEGEE is the largest interdisciplinary student organisation in Europe. It promotes co-operation, communication and integration among young people in Europe. As a non-governmental, politically independent and non-profit organisation, AEGEE is open to students and young professionals from all faculties and disciplines – today it counts about 15.000 members, and is active in more than 240 university cities in 43 European countries.

AEGEE aims to promote a unified Europe without borders and strives for an open and tolerant society of today and tomorrow. In order to reach these aims, AEGEE is active in the following four main fields of action: peace & stability, active citizenship, higher education and cultural exchange. Every year various activities, such as action days, trainings, conferences, seminars, student exchanges and summer universities take place all around Europe.

AEGEE operates on European and local level only, it doesn't recognize any national level. Its local branches (“antennae”) as well as the numerous international working groups and project teams are coordinated by the European board (Comité Directeur)

in Brussels. AEGEE is a member of European Youth Forum and enjoys participatory status in the UNESCO, Council of Europe and United Nations.

Higher education and active citizenship have always been of special interest to AEGEE and its members. The promotion of the Erasmus programme was one of the biggest and earliest political successes AEGEE had in its history. In 2007, the flagship project of AEGEE was termed “Education Unlimited”. It aimed to contribute to the improvement of European higher education by strengthening involvement of young people in educational policies at the grass-roots level and by bridging formal and non-formal education in a more sustainable way. Activities and projects in the field of active citizenship aim to motivate people to take an active and participatory stance in society, also promoting volunteerism. YOUrope needs YOU! builds on these experiences and connects the higher education field with active citizenship. The project, coordinated by young Europeans from different countries, aims to empower young people all over Europe to become active citizens.

Seren Güneş AEGEE-Ankara
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A new project is born

It all began in January 2008 at the European School 2 in Oviedo, Spain, an advanced training course on project development on European level. Among the participants, seven members of AEGEE from four different countries shared their high school experiences and what they had learned about Europe at this time. During the lessons, Europe was often presented as something artificial, narrowed

the project team identified the need to stress the importance of active citizenship for the European society and practical knowledge among high school students on how to do so.

The aim and objectives of YOUrope needs YOU!

The project YOUrope needs YOU! aims at empowering high school students in different countries all over Europe to become active members of society. By applying interactive non-formal education methods during workshops at high schools, we deepen understanding on European matters, show the practical opportunities Europe offers, and encourage youngsters to seize these opportunities.

In addition, YOUrope needs YOU! enables young people to see the benefits they create for themselves and for society as a whole when they are active European citizens. The key to the success of this project is the fact

that it is organised by students for students – a great basis for sharing idealism and the conviction to act and experience Europe.

And how the project realizes them...

The project team organises training courses for future workshop leaders in high schools. During five days the participants from different countries learn all they need in order to design and hold interactive workshops for high school students. Besides knowledge about European topics, soft skills and tools for working with youngsters, conducting interactive workshops and facilitating discussions are provided by experienced trainers. A package containing instructions for the preparation and realisation of interactive workshops in high schools are distributed.

After the training courses, the workshop leaders are prepared to successfully hold workshops in high schools and to support the students in the planning of their own actions in school. After organising their own

events or projects, the high school students are able to feel the satisfaction voluntary work can bring and are motivated to continue activities inside and outside their community.



16 months after its development the project won the European Charlemagne Youth Prize. Motivated by this award and the results of the Action Months we keep on creating 'tomorrow' and the second cycle of training courses will start soon.

Sabrina Ehmann
AEGEE-Passau

“YOUrope needs YOU! is a ‘today’ project creating ‘tomorrow’!”

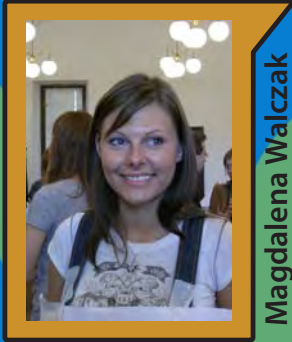
Anita Şek, former FR support

down to history and geographical borders and limited to the history of the European Union.

Why not create a project which starts at this point and shows high school students that Europe is much more? Why not show them how they personally can profit from it?

Instead of teaching historical facts,

The Team



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YOUrope needs YOU! trainings

The main aim of YOUrope needs YOU! project is to empower high school students all over Europe to become active citizens. Through means of interactive workshops in high schools, university students are encouraging youngsters to see the opportunities an integrated Europe

offers and to discover the benefits of being a volunteer. In order to enable university students to act as competent trainers for high school students, the project team organized five training courses during first project cycle of YOUrope needs YOU!

The programme of the training courses consisted of:

- » Introduction, presentation of the project and team-building sessions
- » Sessions providing knowledge and skills
- » Personal development of multipliers
- » Evaluation round and further steps

- » Training course in Leiden 8th - 13th of October 2008
- » Training course in Passau 21st - 26th of October 2008
- » Training course in Kraków 20th - 25th of February 2009
- » Training course in Oviedo 2nd - 7th of March 2009
- » Training course in Canakkale 21st - 26th of March 2009

University students were trained how to work with high school students, how to present practical sides of Europe and how to encourage them to become active in society. The trainings aimed at providing members of AEGEE and its partner organizations with the skills and knowledge needed to work with teenagers. Topics included practical skills related to conducting workshops and facilitation of discussions, as well as a thematic background. Training sessions were designed to empower the participants and increase their knowledge of European matters, European Institutions, European values. Using non-formal education methods, the participants got the skills necessary to lead interactive workshops in high schools: presentation skills, motivation techniques, and interactive methods. The training courses were supported by the Youth in Action programme of the European Commission.

All sessions provided the university sessions with the knowledge and skills needed for their future work with high school students. The pro-

gramme was designed to enable participants to act as competent trainers, to prepare, run and evaluate a cycle of interactive workshops for youngsters aged 15-18.



At every training course, there were 25-30 participants from different countries, who were working together, solving problems, discussing various issues, presenting their own ideas and opinions about the topic and helping each other while learning all things that are important for work with high school students.

Miroslava Ganzarčíková
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From the eyes of a participant

I am Seren Güneş from AEGEE Ankara. As my first event on the European level of AEGEE, I got the great opportunity to participate in the YOUrope needs YOU! training course in Kraków, in February 2009. It was my first training in a multicultural setting and after having participated in several other international events; I can say with respect that it will remain one of the significant milestones in my life with all the experience, friendship and inspiration.



During the training, we mainly dealt with how to approach to high-school students. All topics were chosen carefully and we have been trained professionally. Non-formal education techniques were used efficiently, and we enjoyed a lot of group work. The trainers always made sure that every-

one could benefit from the training as much as possible.

In my opinion, the most valuable thing during YOUrope needs YOU! training course in Kraków was the energy and motivation that were spread among participants, trainers and local organisers. The positive learning atmosphere inspired and empowered everyone to become active, to take responsibility for high-school students. Participants coming from different parts of Europe had the chance to show that the European youth actively contributes to the promotion of active European citizenship by empowering high-school students.

While flying back to home with the energy and motivation I stored to my soul, I was feeling ready to take my place on this project for my responsibility to high-school students for a better Europe!

They had a dream and we shared this dream with all YOUrope. Millions of thanks to "Dream Team"!

Seren Güneş
AEGEE-Ankara

YOUrope needs YOU! lesson material

The YOUrope needs YOU! lesson material is a handbook for students who are preparing workshops in high schools. It contains information about Europe, the European Union, active citizenship and ways to become active as well as practical information about how to prepare a workshop in a high school.

When we started this project, we found it important to create a guide, to be used by all students who would go to high schools and teach youngsters about Europe and the European Union. This manual had to contain guidelines about how to effectively set up a workshop. Being among the founders of the YOUrope needs YOU! project, I already had previous experience with going to High Schools and giving workshops in front of a group youngsters. I decided to use this experience and dedicate my time on developing and perfecting the lesson material.

As a basis, I used the lesson materials from a project called "A 10 for Europe", which was organized by the Bureau European Parliament in The Netherlands in 2007-2008. This project had a lot in common with YOUrope needs YOU! So I could rely on the practical knowledge I gained from this project. What I learned was how important it is to approach the young High School students in an informal and interactive way, instead of just give them a lecture while standing in front of the class.

So I started to work on this guide about how to organize a workshop,

which includes a lot of interactive games, quizzes and role playing. After this we had some experts in this field have a look at it, and made corrections. The great thing is that even now, the guide is subject to changing, since from every workshop that is being given, you can learn new things which can be added to the guide.



With this guide as the backbone, I hope many more workshops will be given all across Europe in the future and by this reaching the goal we set over a year ago: "Empowering High School students all over Europe".

Timo Dijkstra
AEGEE-Utrecht



Charlemagne Youth Prize

A Polish translator, organisers smiling at me all the time, interviews with a small number of national representatives and me amongst them – those were clues that I did not recognise as clues at the beginning. Even during the laudatio by Hans-Gert Pöttering (former president of the European Parliament) I was still not sure if he was talking about YOUrope needs YOU! for a long time.

A voluntary project by young people, diversity of cultures, getting to know Europe and the opportunities it offers, active citizenship are keywords that would have fitted to many other projects that had won the prize on national level as well.

But when he started to talk about multipliers and pupils thinking of Europe as an artificial construct narrowed down to history or geography, I just could not help smiling. Calling us ambassadors of the European idea and acting as role models for future projects, he finally said the important words: „*First prize for YOUrope needs YOU!*”.

What followed was a popping of flashbulbs and many, many interviews in which I always had to explain that I

do not speak Polish because I am from Germany, which underlined Mr. Pöttering’s words so well.

After the official ceremony, we were invited for a social programme which was organised by Europe Direct Aachen. It included a city tour, visit of the cathedral, a party organised by AEGEE-Aachen, as well as the participation in a discussion with the designated Charlemagne Prize laureate, Prof. Dr. Andrea Riccardi. Prof. Dr. Riccardi had to attend many meetings during his stay in Aachen, but he still took the time to take a group picture with all the national winners and I got the impression that he would have loved to have a talk with all of us if he had had the time.

The programme finished with the award ceremony for Prof. Dr. Andrea Riccardi and when Mr. Pat Cox finished his laudatio for him, I felt as happy and proud as Andrea Riccardi must have felt. I would like to finish with as did Pat Cox during his laudatio: “To be successful, Europe needs its Europeans, and to be successful, Europe needs you”.

Andrea Ledwig
AEGEE-Augsburg

Action months

Before summer comes, before high school students finish school year and go for holidays, the YOUrope needs YOU! action months took place. The main idea of the YOUrope needs YOU! action months was to spread the ideas of the project. In May and June 2009, trainers who participated in YOUrope needs YOU! training courses organized earlier in Leiden, Passau, Oviedo, Çanakkale and Kraków, conducted workshops in high schools in different cities in Europe. Their task was to empower young people by holding workshops and presentations about active European citizenship and to show possibilities which Europe gives to young people, thus encouraging them to become active European citizens.

Particular topics or methods of workshops differed from workshop to workshop, but the aim was the same: empowering youngsters to become active citizens in society. Each trainer wanted to give teenagers not only the knowledge about European matters, but also be a source of inspiration and impulse, empower them to take actions – on one hand in their own personal life, but on the other hand for the society.

During these two months, trainers conducted workshops in Slovakia, Poland, Turkey, Germany, Spain, Romania and other countries despite bureaucratic, technical or logistical obstacles. All trainers used in their workshops interactive methods of



non-formal education which were interesting for high school students and encouraged them to take more actively part in workshops. The prize for trainers for their effort was very valuable – positive feedback from teenagers, satisfaction and awareness that they empowered and motivated young people to take actions.

Katarzyna Cieszyńska
AEGEE-Kraków

Workshop in București

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| Antenna | AEGEE-București |
| Dates | 21/03/09 28/03/09 25/04/09 |
| Place | “Mihai Viteazul” National College in Bucharest |
| Trainers | Adela Militaru, Ana Dumbara, Gabriela Dospinescu, Alexandra Ioan |
| Participants | The participants were teenagers between 15 and 18 years (most of them were 15). All of them are studying at “Mihai Viteazul” National College. |
| Activities | Each workshop had a main theme: voluntary work for the first workshop, the European context and opportunities for the second one and project management for the last workshop. All workshops were based on games and group activities, followed by debriefing and debates and, at the end, the feedback. Moreover, each workshop had a guest, a person that did voluntary work at a local or international level and wanted to share some of his/her experiences with our participants. |
| Conclusion | The workshop definitely had an effect on the participants. A big or small effect, but definitely didn't leave them numb. Some of the participants gave us a really good feedback (they loved the games and the structure of the workshops; said they want to do voluntary work and wondered why they hadn't thought about it nor had the courage to do this before). |

Ana Dumbara
AEGEE-București

Workshop in Istanbul

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Istanbul |
| Dates | 03/06/09 05/06/09 |
| Places | Public high school “Kenan Evren Anadolu Lisesi”, Istanbul, Private high school “Özel Doğuş Lisesi”, Istanbul |
| Trainers | Tevhide Özgün, Teoman Karamanoğlu, Merve Sağlam Ahmet Emre Sönmez, Birant AYTEK ÖZTÜRK, Gizem Baymuş |
| Participants | High school students aged 14-17 |
| Activities | We informed them about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Active citizenship. How to be active on local, national and international level. * European Union, European Council and European Commission * Youth in Action, ERASMUS, Work and Travel, Au Pair and further exchange programmes. * Civil Society, NGOs * AEGEE-Europe and AEGEE-Istanbul We used audio-visual methods, post-its, brain storming with music, we were playing theater, showing related photos to programmes. We also created a common mailing list to keep in touch with the participants. |
| Conclusion | It was effective for the participants. During workshop they participated in all of the activities and they asked many questions. At evaluation part we made a questionnaire and the results showed how they were eager to participate into the civil society and to become active citizens after the workshops. |

Merve Sağlam
AEGEE-Istanbul

Workshop in Kraków

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Kraków |
| Dates | 25/05/09 28/05/09 |
| Places | XI High School in Kraków |
| Trainers | Katarzyna Cieszyńska |
| Participants | Around 30 high school students in each workshop, age 17-18 |
| Activities | <p>What is active citizenship?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Opportunities of being a European citizen. * Possibilities of going abroad when you are a student. * How to create your own project? (basic knowledge) |
| Conclusion | The topic the high school students were most interested in was possibilities of going abroad as a student. The evaluation forms which the youngsters filled in after the workshop showed that they liked it and found it very interesting. |

Katarzyna Cieszyńska
AEGEE-Kraków



Workshop in Kyiv

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Kyiv |
| Dates | 18/05/09 – 22/05/09 (5 workshops) |
| Places | Public high schools |
| Trainers | Vera Sokolova |
| Participants | Pupils aged 16-17 years old |
| Activities | <p>When I first opened the classroom door and walked in, I was really scared. I doubted my ability to interest the pupils, but once I started my presentation and noticed the excitement on their faces I relaxed and enjoyed it. Unfortunately I wasn't given much time, so the workshops were held with just the essentials. Notwithstanding the time constraint, the pupils were able to broaden their knowledge of the EU, (which initially was largely limited), some key facts about Europe and youth NGOs. Reluctant as they were at first, by the fifth minute they all got into the conversation, expressing their ideas, views, asking questions and even having debates. I encouraged them to brainstorm on solutions for our country in terms of EU, to discuss criteria for entering a country, at this point even the teachers supervising the process got into the debate. While conversing, I was fascinated by their knowledge of the geography, interesting facts about Europe etc.)</p> |
| Conclusion | In my opinion the pupils loved our interactions, this was evident in the questions asked and the discussions we had. I strongly believe I was of great influence and able to change their mind set on Europe, hence motivating them to want to participate more actively in the lives of the European youth. |

Vera Sokolova
AEGEE-Kyiv

Workshop in Lublin

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Lublin |
| Dates | 16/06/09 17/06/09 |
| Places | Two schools in Lublin |
| Trainers | Laura Raus, Agata Kołtunik (translator) |
| Participants | Pupils aged 14-20 |
| Activities | The workshops were part of another project (organised by the Polish Nowy Staw Foundation) during which foreigners introduce their countries in the schools of Lublin. During my workshops, I first talked about myself and the European Voluntary Service (I am Estonian, but was doing European Voluntary Service in Poland at this time). Then pupils gathered in teams and there was a short quiz about Estonia. Later, while checking the results of the quiz, pupils in groups prepared posters about Polish identity. Then each group presented the poster and their ideas about Polish identity. After this I talked about Estonian identity. We then discussed why Polish and Estonian identities are different. Finally the winning team of the quiz was announced and got a small prize. At the end pupils had the chance to ask questions. |
| Conclusion | The pupils were interested. They listened to me and presentations, participated actively when working in groups. |

Laura Raus
AEGEE-Lublin

Workshop in Oviedo

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Oviedo |
| Date | 18/05/09 |
| Place | Language School in Oviedo |
| Trainers | Rebeca de Soignie, Ana Cabellom. Virginia Pañeda, Simone Lucchi, Javier Arce |
| Participants | Students at the language school aged 18 to 45 |
| Activities | We started the session with an introduction round. We asked the participants how many times they had been abroad and why, in order to see if they had already taken advantage of any of the programs we were going to talk about. Later they had to present, with mimics, 3 different countries (Germany, France and Greece) using the most common stereotypes they had. The next exercise was a “fast brainstorm” during which the participants had to run while we played music and write all the positive things that came to their mind when they thought about travelling. We had prepared some questions about European Union using the “Who wants to be a millionaire” format as well. Before finishing, we distributed information about ways to become active in Europe (e.g. Erasmus program, work camps, Grundtwig program) We also encouraged them to conclude the workshop in their own way by giving them a piece of paper with the map of Europe and asking them to write how they feel about being Europeans. We also had a small prize for everyone: some pins specially designed for the event with different slogans: “Create your own world”, “the unreachable is just around the corner”. |
| Conclusion | The feedback we received was really positive and all the people involved in preparing the workshop would like to repeat it ... so we can say that also for AEGEE-Oviedo members has been positive and motivating |

Rebeca de Soignie
AEGEE-Oviedo

Training course in Oviedo

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Oviedo |
| Date | 18/05/09 (3 simultaneous courses) |
| Place | Language School in Oviedo |
| Trainers | Participants of YOUrope needs YOU! training course in Oviedo |
| Participants | Students at the language school aged 14 to 30 (mainly 16 to 22) |
| Activities | The workshops were conducted in the framework of the YOUrope needs YOU! training course in Oviedo. The participants had the chance to directly apply the knowledge and skills they had gained beforehand. First, the participants asked the students how many times they had been abroad. Then, the students had to present, with mimics, 3 different countries using the typical stereotypes. We also played "Who wants to be a millionaire" with some questions about the European Union. To finish, the participants of the training course informed the students about different ways to become active in Europe: Erasmus program, work camps and the Youth in Action program. |
| Conclusion | The students realized they didn't know much about Europe in general and its people. But the workshop increased their desire to get to know more and more about YOUrope! |

Chris Miller
AEGEE-Oviedo



Workshop in Poznań

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Poznań |
| Date | 13/03/09 |
| Place | High School, Gostyń |
| Trainers | Mateusz Grzelczyk |
| Participants | Group of 60 students 15-18 years old - there were 30 Poles and 30 French plus 3 teachers from France (Franqueville-Saint-Pierre, Normandie) and 6 teachers from Poland |
| Activities | As a topic of my workshop I chose 'Europe! No war in the future! About problems with compromise In Europe'. I prepared a presentation where I concentrated on 3 key issues: European integration, EU member states and candidate states as well as EU institutions. During the whole presentation I asked a lot of questions to keep the participants attentive. An interactive game called 'Let's do the Map of Europe', was also introduced. The idea of game is quite simple: you hand out small pieces of paper with names of different European countries to the students and ask them to sit on the floor. Now you can start by telling how the common Europe has been enlarging, since the first treaties in 1957 up to 2007. If you mention the name of country, the student who's carrying a paper with its name has to stand up and others would applaud. |
| Conclusion | For sure, this workshop was a challenge to the WS's participants since it wasn't held in their native languages. But on the other hand it was for them a great opportunity to compare the French and Polish vision of a common Europe and of the process of European integration. |

Mateusz Grzelczyk
AEGEE-Poznań

Workshop in Utrecht

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Utrecht |
| Date | 11/06/08 18/06/08 18/12/08 19/12/08 18/06/09 |
| Place | A gymnasium school in Utrecht, another high school in Utrecht and one in Holten (eastern Netherlands) |
| Trainers | Hilde de Leeuw, Timo Dijkstra |
| Participants | High school students aged 10 to 18 |
| Activities | We gave lessons about the history of Europe, about the European institutions and about all kind of possibilities that exist for young people to become involved on the European playground. Methods and contents: * Introduction * Games / Songs * History – Europe today and in the future *Tasks / Questionnaire * End – Reflection / Evaluation |
| Conclusion | The students responded that they learned new facts. They especially liked the interactiveness of the lessons. The methods used were new to them and the pupils considered them interesting. The teachers said the teenagers were paying good attention. |



Hilde de Leeuw
AEGEE-Utrecht



Workshop in Warszawa

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| Antenna | AEGEE-Warszawa |
| Date | 28/05/09 (3 workshops) |
| Place | Warsaw public high school, during classes |
| Trainers | Paweł Cieślak, Aleksandra Rey |
| Participants | High school students aged 16-18 |
| Activities | Our workshop concentrated on voluntary work. After a short warm-up game we asked the students to talk about their strengths, what they are good at. Then we moderated the discussion towards the topic of sharing our passions with others. Afterwards we made a presentation on 5 reasons to be active (personal development, adventure, friends, international experience and satisfaction) and concluded our workshops by giving out hand-outs with places on the internet where the students could find more detailed information. |
| Conclusion | Most of the students were interested in our workshops, especially because prior to it, they hadn't heard about opportunities to go abroad. Some of them even stayed to ask some questions despite the fact that they were sacrificing their short break between lessons. Due to these facts, we believe that at least a few of them found an interesting activity they could join in and start their adventure with voluntary work. |

Paweł Cieślak
AEGEE-Warszawa





Evaluation meeting

Kraków, 17.-21.09.2009

20 months passed since the creation of YOUrope needs YOU!. At the evaluation meeting, there was time to look back, and time to look forward as well. 35 YOUrope needs YOU! stars, participants and facilitators coming from 15 different European countries gathered in the beautiful city of Kraków to evaluate the first cycle of the project and further develop and create new ideas for the second project cycle.

These shining stars reflected the diversity of the project with different, colourful backgrounds: workshop leaders, trainers, local organisers of training courses, participants of training courses, current, past and prospective project team members. The programme was based on interactive non-formal education methods. It focused on summarizing the results of the project as well as on analysing weak and strong points of the first project cycle in order to gather and develop new ideas for the upcoming second project cycle. Apart from discussions and brainstormings, the programme also included

the development of new, innovative possibilities to promote YOUrope needs YOU!. These new tools were then tested in different public places in Kraków, climaxing in a common street action in the market square. The intense programme during the day was complimented by a varied social programme at night, also including a European night.

The evaluation meeting gathered fresh, interested stars as well as YOUrope needs YOU! "oldies" and experienced trainers in order to share experiences and to facilitate knowledge transfer. But more important: the meeting managed to spread motivation and inspiration for the second project cycle. Some stars will shine brighter on the YOUrope needs YOU! heaven, they are now ready and prepared to be a part of the new project team. We wish them all the best, a clear sky as well as a lot of energy, sunshine and inspiration to further develop and conduct the project.

Sandra Geldmacher
AEGEE-Konstanz

Conclusions and outlook

When the YOUrope needs YOU! project idea was born, one thought was always in our minds: let's make it long-term project, let's try to reach as many high school students as possible. It was our dream...

Utrecht, Passau and Krakow - project development meetings; Leiden, Passau, Kraków, Oviedo and Canakkale

YOU! in the future. Extensive promotion during AEGEE statutory meetings, cooperation with partners, new improved training courses, new edition of YOUrope needs YOU! action months and other activities in high schools are planned.

The eyes of the participants at the evaluation meeting reflected motivation, dedication and commitment. These are the people who will be in the future core team, who will be local

“Commitment unlocks the doors of imagination, allows vision, and gives us the right stuff to turn our dreams into reality.”

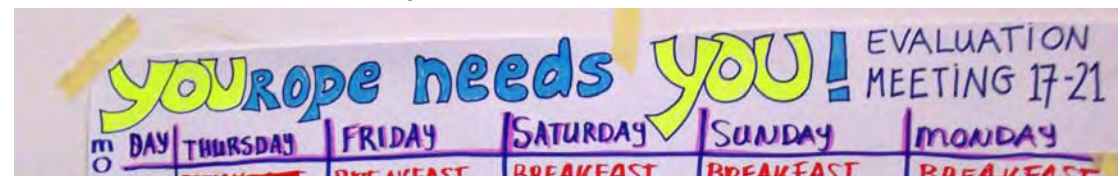
James Womack

– training courses – these cities had very special place in the first project cycle, as well as all cities in which YOUrope needs YOU! was promoted and where workshops in high schools took place.

At the evaluation meeting, the first project cycle was evaluated, and improvements for the second cycle were developed. New activities were planned, and a new team was formed. Miroslava Ganzarčíková, Andrea Ledwig, Gergely Gaal, Cornelia Hoffmann, Seren Güneş, Andrzej Kozdęba, Magdalena Walczak and Yusuf Çekiç, these are people who will be shaping YOUrope needs

organizers of YOUrope needs YOU! events, who will become trainers or workshops leaders in high schools. All these people have one commonality: the ability to see the need in society and willingness to change lives of high school students in Europe, to create a multiplying effect, to inspire and encourage to share inspiration. We are looking forward to the continuation of YOUrope needs YOU! – empowering high school students all over Europe.

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