



AEGEE-GRONINGEN

INFORMATION BOOKLET



Dear reader,

Awesome that you have joined AEGEE, or that you are interested in our student association!

AEGEE is the largest European student association, with over 150 'locals' spread out across 40 countries in Europe. In total, all locals have around 13.000 members.

Through AEGEE, you will meet many new people from different cultural backgrounds. You will get to know them by participating in hitchhiking competitions, exchanges, or during European

events, such as Summer Universities or Network Meetings. Or meet students from other cities here in Groningen, when our local committees organise European events! AEGEE offers you many opportunities to get to know different cultures, to visit countries, and to meet new people.

In this information booklet, you will find out more about AEGEE-Groningen and AEGEE-Europe. After reading this booklet you will be better informed on all projects, events, committees and activities that AEGEE offers!

PREFACE

WHAT IS AEGEE?

AEGEE stands for "Association des États Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe". In English, we call it "The European Students Forum".

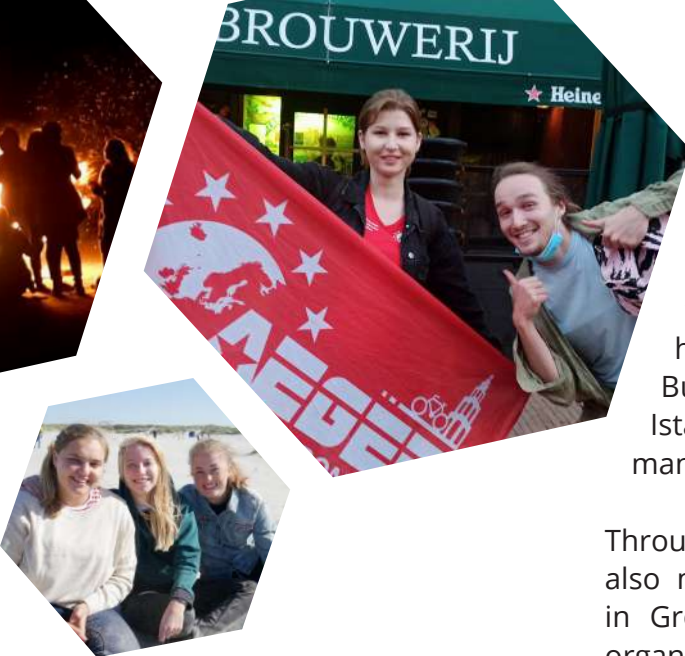
The goal we strive for, is to create a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe. We aim to empower students and young people in the entirety of Europe to take an active role in society. AEGEE sets up a space for dialogue, and creates accessible opportunities for non-formal education and informal learning.

AEGEE creates a space for members from different backgrounds to meet and learn about cultural differences, in order to foster mutual understanding.

We support mobility, and encourage young people to cross borders and make new friends, to break stereotypes and strengthen tolerance, respect and solidarity.

AEGEE is a non-governmental, politically independent, and non-profit organization. Therefore, students from all faculties and disciplines are welcome.





about the city. They often guide us on a city tour, go out with us, or organise a fun activity such as a pub crawl. In the past few years, this has taken us to Barcelona, Budapest, Brussels, Dublin, Istanbul, Tallinn, Venice, and many more cities!

Throughout the year there are also many other local activities in Groningen, such as dinners organised by the Cooking Committee, or a 'Cantus' organised by the Activity Committee. During our yearly Europe Week in February, multiple committees get together to organize a week fully dedicated to Europe! We also have a weekly social drink on Wednesdays, starting at 22:00 in Café de Brouwerij.

Every year, a Summer University is organized in Groningen. For this event, 25 AEGEE members from all over Europe come to Groningen to explore the city and culture, and make new friends in Europe! This

INTRODUCTION

On 25 October 1988, AEGEE-Groningen was founded. Now the association has about 250 members. As a member of AEGEE-Groningen, there are a lot of fun activities for you to join throughout the year!

First of all, there are multiple hitchhiking competitions and excursions each year. These nearly always have a city with an AEGEE local as their destination, so we can get in touch with students living there, who can show us around and tell us more

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is a fun way of meeting fellow AEGEE members without having to leave the city of Groningen.

In September/October and February there is an introduction period for students who recently joined and want to get to know AEGEE and its members better. It includes weekly dinners hosted by older members, and there is an additional activity every week. The highlight of the introduction period is the introduction camp on Schiermonnikoog in September.

STRUCTURE

AEGEE-Groningen is led by the board, consisting of several members who fully devote themselves to the association for a year. The board is elected by the General

Members' Assembly (GMA). You'll recognise board members at the social drinks by their red AEGEE shirts or sweaters. If you have any questions, you are always welcome to approach a board member!

COMMITTEES

Being active in a committee is a fun way to get involved in AEGEE, develop yourself, and meet new people. Every year, we have a variety of committees you can be active in. You can find all the committees AEGEE-Groningen has here:





interesting
lectures, and a day
trip to the Hague.

European Event Committee

The EventCie organises a European event in Groningen with varying themes, such as sustainability or democracy.

Excursion Committee

The ExcurCie organises three trips to European cities, which often also have an AEGEE local! It is perfect way to make friends around Europe.

Fit Committee

The FitCie organises several sports-related activities, including our participation in the Batavierenrace!

Hitchhiking Committee

The LiftCie organises three hitchhiking competitions per year: two one-day competitions, and one two-day competition to

Activity Committee

The AcCie organises a fun activity each month, such as a poker night or pubquiz. You name it, the AcCie organizes it!

Cooking Committee

The KookCie cooks six times throughout the year, for activities such as a New Year's dinner, Europe dinner, or end BBQ!

Editorial Committee

The Editorial writes and publishes fun articles on AEGEE's online magazine 'the Gronoloog'.

Europe Committee

The EuropaCie organises fun and

a farther destination in Europe.

Introduction Committee

The IntroCie organises the introduction periods for (potential) new member in September and October, and February.

KEI-Committee

The KEICie is in charge of AEGEE's activities during the KEI-Week to promote AEGEE-Groningen to (new) students in Groningen.

PR-Committee

The PR-Cie organizes general promotional activities for AEGEE throughout the year.

Summer University Committee

The SUCie organises our own Summer University. Around 25 students from all over Europe come to Groningen to spend two weeks of their holidays here. The SUCie organises a nice programme for these two weeks!

Yearbook Committee

The Yearbook Committee creates the yearbook, in which all highlights of the year are shown. It is the perfect committee if you enjoy writing or designing!

We also collaborate with several other associations to organize Integration Night and Galant

Gala. For each of these committees, there is one delegate from AEGEE-Groningen.

ADVISORY BODIES

In addition, there are three advisory bodies: the Juridical, for juridical advice, the Audit Commission, which checks and supports the Treasurer, and the Advisory Board, which provides general advice to the board.

SOCIETIES

You can also become active by joining, or founding, a society. Societies are groups of members with a common interest or shared hobby. They organise an activity open to all members at least once per year. Examples of our societies are Cape Numerum and the Halli Galli Society!

If you are interested in becoming active in one of these bodies, you can always send an email to board@aegee-groningen.nl





What makes AEGEE unique is that it consists of a network of over 150 cities throughout Europe. AEGEE is present in around 40 countries and has over 13.000 members in total. AEGEE-Europe makes it possible to make friends all across Europe!

EVENTS IN AEGEE-EUROPE

Each year, over 200 events are organised in the network; there's an event almost every weekend. So if you have a weekend off, you know what to do! To stay updated on all events, you can take a look at the European Events calendar on my.aegEE.eu and www.aegEE-

groningen.nl. They are often also highlighted in the weekly mail, and you can always approach the European Affairs Director, who will help you find the perfect event!

Below you can find some of the events that are organised each year.

SUMMER UNIVERSITIES

Summer Universities are a cheap, 2-week holiday during which you visit other AEGEE locals, together with 25-30 other AEGEE members from all over Europe! The local AEGEEans will show you the city from a local perspective, and prepare a fun programme for you. It is the perfect opportunity for cultural exchange and making new friends!

NETWORK MEETINGS

During a Network Meeting, members from different locals come together to have discussions and follow workshops and trainings on subjects that are related to

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AEGEE or that are interesting for European students. In addition, there is always time for parties and sightseeing!

AGORA

Twice a year, an Agora is organised, which attracts around 800 AEGEEans to discuss the future of AEGEE and Europe. New proposals regarding AEGEE's statutes (CIA) are discussed to make the association more efficient and effective. In addition, candidates are elected for vacant positions at the European level. Members also exchange knowledge and develop new ideas for projects and events. Experiencing an Agora is a must!

organised. About 300 members attend to set up a new Action Agenda for the coming year. AEGEE has a three-year Strategic Plan, and the Action Agenda specifies what must be done in a year to realise the goals of the Strategic Plan. In addition, the EPM also features a thematic conference with workshops and discussions about a given theme.

In addition, there are many other events organised by AEGEE locals all around Europe! You can enjoy several New Year's Events around the Winter Holidays, or go sailing for a week in Croatia!

EPM

Once a year, a European Planning Meeting (EPM) is





STRUCTURE

As AEGEE is a huge organisation, some structure is necessary to make everything function properly. These are some of the most important parts of our network:

LOCALS

Let's start on the lowest level; the locals. These are also referred to as antennae. A local is an AEGEE association present in a European city, such as AEGEE-Barcelona, or AEGEE-Moskva. Members study in most cases in the respective city.

COMITÉ DIRECTEUR

Just as each local has a board, AEGEE-Europe has its own Board of Directors, called the Comité Directeur (or CD for short). The CD cohabitates in a house in Brussels for a year to handle all affairs for AEGEE.

COMMISSIONS

There are five commissions that support the CD and help run AEGEE smoothly. First, there is the Juridical Commission (JC), which gives legal advice and examines proposals and actions to see if they are in line with the *Corpus Iuridicum AEGEEense* (AEGEE-Europe's statutes). Second, there is the Audit Commission which assists and checks the Financial Director, and also examines locals' finances.

Third, there is the Mediation Commission (MedCom), which can help in the event of disagreements or problems between locals, European Bodies or in other relationships within AEGEE. Fourth, there is the Data Privacy Commission, which supports the CD in complying to the GDPR-regulations. Last, there is the Network Commission. The NetCom functions as an intermediary between the CD and the locals, and helps the locals to grow and develop. Locals are divided into Areas, and have an assigned Network Commissioner who keeps the CD informed about the developments.

WORKING GROUPS

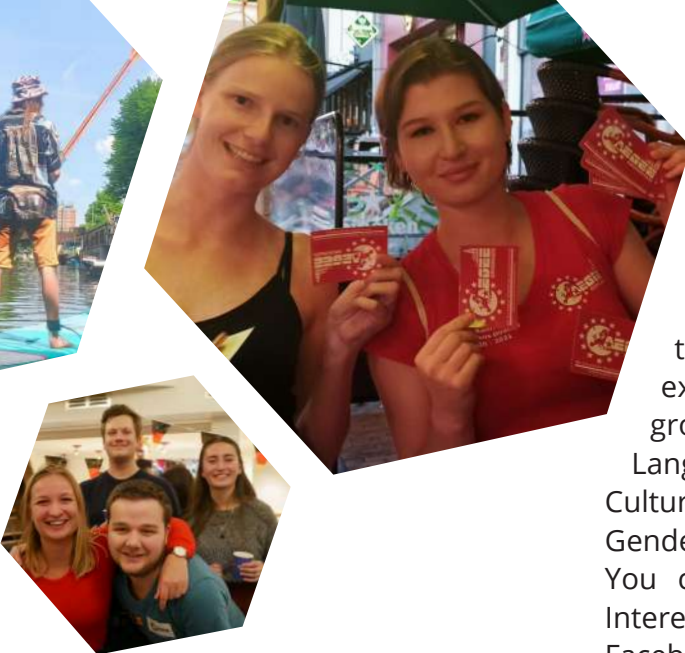
AEGEE-Europe has a three-year Strategic Plan with several Focus Areas. Each Focus Area is the domain of a Working Group. The members of the Working Groups ensure that the network does

enough to contribute to the attainment of the goals. In the Strategic Plan '21-'23, the Focus Areas are Mental Health, Political Activism, Climate Emergency and Social Equity. If one of these topics interests you, you can respond to an open call when they are looking for members!

PROJECT TEAMS

If you have an idea, you can make a proposal to the CD with other motivated AEGEE-members and start a project team. Some examples of the current project teams are the Summer University project, Europe on Track and Y Vote. You can find all projects on www.aegEE.org!





(or set one up) if you want to discuss a certain theme with other AEGEEans. Occasionally, ideas for new projects or activities are born from these discussions. Some examples of the interest groups in AEGEE are the Language Interest Group, the Culture Interest Group and the Gender Equality Interest Group. You can become active in an Interest Group by joining their Facebook Group to discuss the topic, and by organizing activities for the network.

COMMITTEES

Another way to become active in AEGEE-Europe is to join a committee. Committees support the work of AEGEE-Europe in a specific organisational field. Some examples of the current committees are the Public Relations Committee, the Human Resources Committee, and the Strategy Committee. The full list of AEGEE-Europe's committees can be found on www.aegEE.org.

INTEREST GROUPS

Finally, there are the Interest Groups. An Interest Group is a group of AEGEE members interested in a specific topic. You can join an Interest Group

In case you are interested in joining any of these European bodies and want to know more, you can send an email to europeanaffairs@aegee-groningen.nl, or contact the European Affairs Director.



COMMUNICATION

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Weekly Mail

As a member, you will receive a Weekly Mail every week. This will keep you up to date on upcoming local and European events, and you'll be informed about other interesting activities in Groningen.

Website

You can find an extensive local and European agenda, and more information about AEGEE on www.aegEE-groningen.nl.

Social media

You can follow us on Instagram, Facebook and LinkedIn for updates

about AEGEE-Groningen. All updates are also posted in the private Facebook group 'AEGEE-Groningen'.

The office

Our office (Pelsterstraat 23) is the workspace of the board of AEGEE-Groningen. You are always welcome here to join the board for a cup of coffee or tea. Committees can also come here to use the space, telephone, printer.





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MyAEGEE

On MyAEGEE (my.aegee.eu) you can create an account to see the European Events calendar, have access to internal documents, and sign up for AEGEE events.

Website

On AEGEE-Europe's website (www.aegee.org), you can find a lot of information about AEGEE-Europe and its Project Teams and Working Groups.

Telegram

You can access the Telegram

channel with updates through t.me/aegee_europe. In addition, a lot of communication between members goes through Telegram groups.

Mailing Lists

You can subscribe to mailing lists via www.lists.aegee.org to stay up to date on all updates!

European Newsflash

After each statutory events you will receive a European Newsflash from the board, in which you will get updates on developments and decisions from the last Agorae and EPMs.

The AEGEEan

You can find AEGEE's online magazine 'the AEGEEan' on www.zeus.aegee.org/magazine.

AFTERWORD

We hope you are now better informed about AEGEE, enthused by all the activities and trips, and possibly interested in being engaged in one of our committees, a society, or a body at the European level!

Keep an eye on MyAEGEE, the weekly mail, and the mailing lists, because new events and projects are always being added there. AEGEE-Europe is ever changing, and innovating!

You'll also experience many fun and unexpected things within AEGEE, and there are many ways to contribute to this great association and to broaden your horizons. Grab the opportunity and get your backpack; there's plenty of adventure waiting for you!

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