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EUROPEAN **STUDENTS'** FORUM

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Association des Etats Généraux des Étudiants de l'Europe (European Students' Forum)

13 000 members in 40 countries and 200 university cities, permanent head office in Brussels

European non-governmental organisation with membership from Spain to Russia



WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT US?

Interdisciplinary

Political, but non-partisan (not linked to any political party)

No national level (borderless Europe)

Members inside and outside European Union

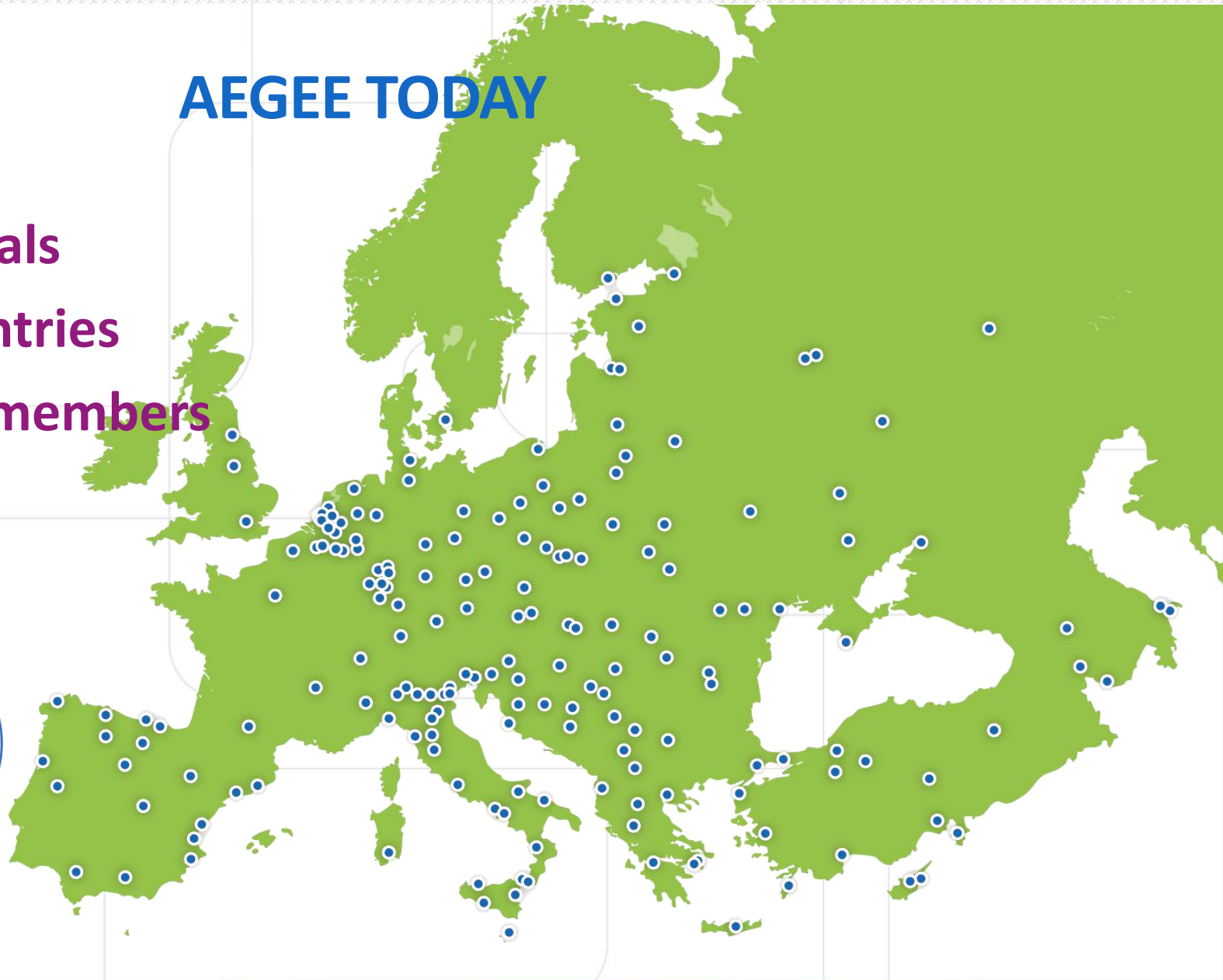
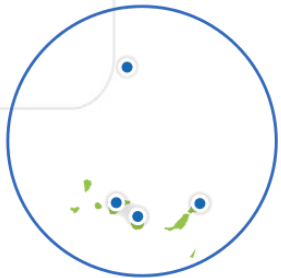


AEGEE TODAY

200 locals

40 countries

13000 members



VISION

AEGEE strives for a **democratic, diverse and borderless Europe**,
which is socially, economically and politically **integrated**,
and **values the participation of young people** in its construction and
development.



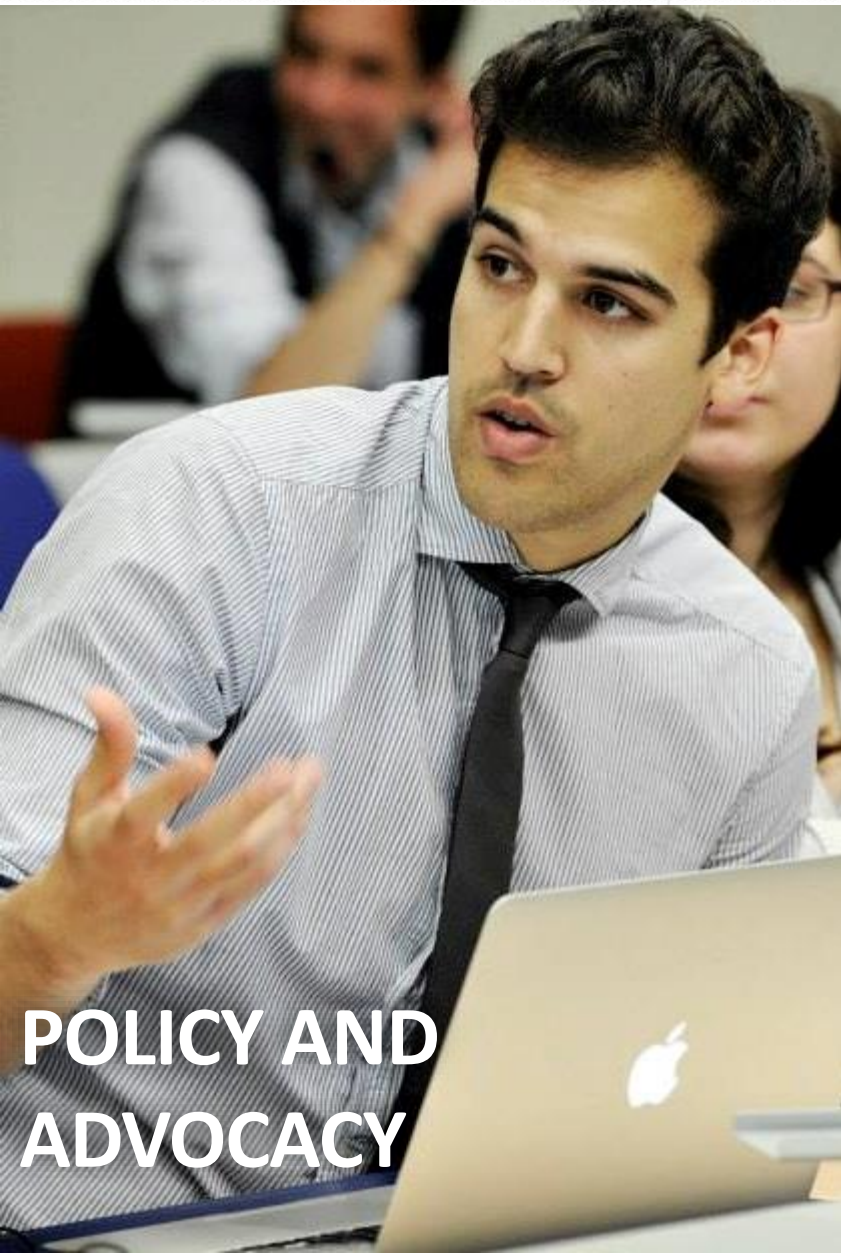
MISSION

AEGEE empowers students and young people in Europe to take an **active role in society**.

It creates a space for dialogue and learning opportunities as well as acts as their representative towards decision-makers.

Moreover, AEGEE strengthens mutual understanding and brings Europe closer to young people.





POLICY AND ADVOCACY



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AEGEE gathers the opinions of European students and represents them towards stakeholders through campaigns, lobby actions, conferences and membership in bigger advocacy platforms. In addition, AEGEE informs students and young people about the impact which European policies have in their lives and opportunities they offer.

POLICY AND ADVOCACY IN AEGEE



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Communication with the European Institutions through the Board of Directors in Brussels

Main topics: Youth Participation, Education (including Erasmus and exchange programmes), Mobility

Involvement in big advocacy platform (European Youth Forum, EUCIS-LLL, European Movement International, EaP CSF)

Involvement in local and regional youth councils

Policy Officers work the main focuses (Focus Areas) of the organisation and support the work of Board of Directors in specific areas

AEGEE IS MEMBER OF:



European Students' Forum



**European
Movement
International**



EUCIS-LLL



**EASTERN PARTNERSHIP
Civil Society Forum**

AND HAS CONSULTATIVE STATUS AT:



**COUNCIL OF EUROPE
CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE**

**MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON
YOUTH OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE**

AEGEE'S SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS



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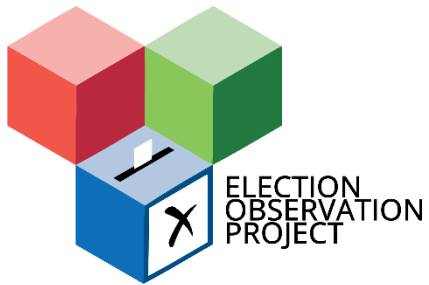
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OUR CURRENT PROJECTS



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AECEE EAP PROJECT LAUNCHED IN FEBRUARY 2011



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PURPOSE

We believe that while working in the same direction as the European Union does, within the framework of the Eastern Partnership programme, we can:

- influence the increase of youth capacity in targeted EaP societies;
- bring positive changes in establishing of a strong civil society in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus;
- intensify the public policy dialogue and level of political engagement of young people in the EaP countries.

The project's values are based on belief that this initiative is an important element of AEGEE's fundamental mission of bridging Europe.

AIMS

Promoting democratic, economic and societal development in the EaP partner countries, via:

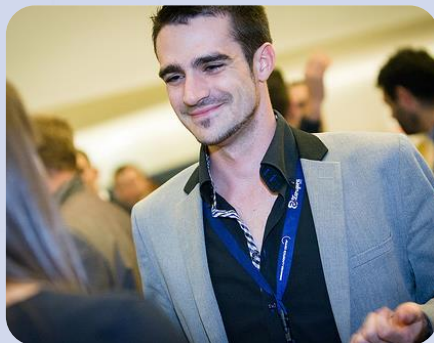
- 1.** Providing essential information and expertise to AEGEE members and wider public about the situation in the EaP partner countries;
- 2.** Promoting cross-cultural exchange and cooperation, increasing the solidarity bonds between the EU and EaP countries;
- 3.** Training and increasing the competence, capacity and self-efficiency of AEGEE members to become socially and politically engaged and provide them with the means to influence the situation in their home countries.

AEGEE AND THE EAP REGION

AEGEE has 17 local offices in all 6 Eastern Partnership countries

COUNTRY	NUMBER OF OFFICES
Ukraine	6 + 1
Azerbaijan	3
Belarus	2
Armenia	1
Georgia	1
Moldova	1

OUR FOCUS AREAS 2014-2017 FOR THE EAP



SPREADING EUROPTIMISM:

Aim: Reconnect young people to the European project and create solidarity bonds among them.

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT:

Ease the transition from the education system to the labour market for young Europeans.

CIVIC EDUCATION:

Aim 1: Increase the civic competences of our members.

Aim 2: Put civic education on the political agenda on all levels.

YOUTH MOBILITY:

Identify, reduce, and remove barriers to youth and student mobility.

OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE EAP REGION



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**Intercultural
Exchange**

**Personal
Development
and
Non-Formal
Education**

**Thematic
Projects**

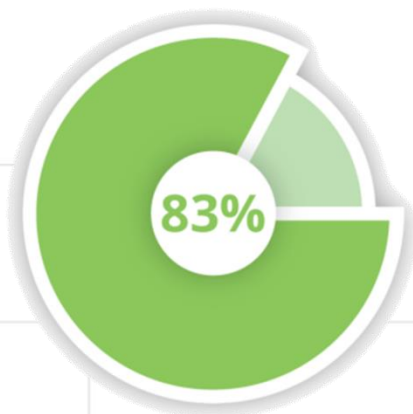
**Policy and
Advocacy**

**Forum
For
Discussion**

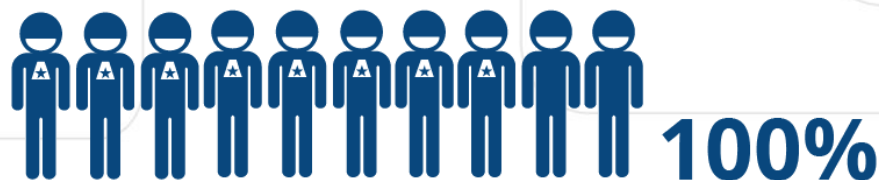
OUR REGIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS IN NUMBERS

- **46 RESEARCH PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS, STATEMENTS**
- **32 WORKSHOPS AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND LOCAL EVENTS**
- **OVER 2700 LIKES ON FACEBOOK**
- **645 FOLLOWERS ON TWITTER (@AEGEE_Eap)**
- **1 POSITION PAPER ON THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP**
- **OVER 350 000 EUR FUNDRAISED**

AEGEE'S IMPACT IN THE EAP REGION



83% of AEGEEans in EaP branches say that because of AEGEE, they feel **more confident** working in intercultural environments.



of AEGEEans in EaP branches consider themselves as Europeans, **78%** say AEGEE has substantially contributed to this.

AEGEE'S EAP POLICY HIGHLIGHTS

- Structured 3-pillar approach to the EaP region in 2011 – 2013 (conflict resolution, higher education, mobility)
- Establishment of the office of the special Policy Officer / Board of Directors Assistant for the EaP (2012 – 2014)
- Integration and interaction of EaP branches with the EU and/or other Europe based branches
- EaP monthly Newsletter
- Differentiated approach
- Organization of at least one of the statutory events in the EaP region (Autumn General Assembly Kyiv 2015, Autumn General Assembly Chisinau 2016, European Boards Meeting Yerevan 2018) accompanied by one-day thematic side event conference

EPM 2018 YEREVAN

- “European Planning Meeting”
- AEGEE’s biggest thematic conference for 300 participants (Boards Meeting)
- In Yerevan on 7– 11 March 2018
- Each year focussed on a different topic: 2018’s topics are “democratic participation, mobility and youth entrepreneurship”
- Recommendations on the topics towards decision makers as outcome
- Drafting the Action Agenda for the next year
- We are open for the full comprehensive cooperation with the EaP CSF





THANK YOU!

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