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13th January-Saturday

- Introduction of people present in the meeting
- Swot Analysis of IPWG:

SWOT ANALYSIS

Strengths:

- interested AEGEE members
- good reputation
- active WG
- contact with oldies
- considered as professional and knowledge based by members
- attracting people with experience
- 10 years of ongoing activities
- Strategy plan closely linked with IPWG

Weaknesses:

- lack of active members
- local WGs
- no proper knowledge transfer
- only part of board is working
- missing database
- legal status
- not matching expectations
- financially dependant on Financial Director of AEGEE Europe
- independent projects (not linked with IPWG)
- communication problems with CD
- no „roof“ for projects on European politics
- long distance communication with e-mails
- depending on financial situation of (board) members

Opportunities:

- network of antennas
- locals have contacts
- politics in Eastern Europe, Ukraine, Belarus, Caucasus , etc.
- platform for European/international politics
- events on the „hotspots“ of political interest
- co-operation with other NGOs
- using IFISO



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Threats:

- many other NGOs
- lost motivation – HR problem
- risk of losing good motivation

Suggestions to improve

- to establish an online DATABASE
- board membership:
 - make it more interesting and clear about tasks
 - may be better to leave the position open instead of filling the position with someone whom none knows
 - to change the status article related with election, (simple majority, etc.) in order to leave the position open
 - to have two people for one task??
 - sub-IPWG members to help board (but Patrik said; we already put real effort but not so many responses)
 - to become an IPWG members, some possible criteria
 - each member fulfils one task and makes a report at the end
- fulfilling expectations:
 - again database in cooperation with CD
- legal status: it is lost now!!!
 - need to revise it
 - membership
 - board election
- dependence on financial director of AEGEE-Europe
 - should have same right with local groups since we signed con. Ad,,
 - 5% of IPWG projects money can go to IPWG budget
- not linked with projects:
 - possibly WG can become umbrella of projects
 - it is broader than IPWG can change
 - in IPWG webpage, all political projects and events should be listed
 - beyond IPWG: -strategic council and separation of thematic WG and others
- long-distance communication:
 - putting proper titles to e-mails
 - Skype
 - personal effort
 - board meetings in central cities
 - face to face meeting, instead of virtual
 - use phone calls
- to establish local working groups list on webpage
- to use network more and benefit it!
- to use the locals' database on IPWG database



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-to open forum on the webpage - a platform for everyone.

PR STRATEGY OF IPWG

-PR material and Publication

Publication

Who: PR Resp., PRWG – open call on list, editor: Arleta, Olivier (maybe)

When: autumn, conference

Content: -history, past events (summit of 28, EU and Europe, Briges to Kosovo-Book,) -storyline behind it, similar to Key to Europe
-aims and strategy for future
-future events
-politics in AEGEE, 10 years of ideas (e-democracy, online elections, msn participation to Agora)
-MEU, Caucasus Project

Quality and size:

Design: Bartek, Gunilla, Gunnar

PR Materials

-IPWG flyer with current projects and how to become a member : TILO (for Agora-Valletta)
-newsletter of EurActiv, EMI
-information about competition, open-calls
-newsletter, monthly to AEGEE-L : BURCU
-workshop results
-meeting minutes, summary to members-l

GENERAL STRATEGY PLAN OF IPWG

What we want:(brainstorming)

-strong political pillar in AEGEE
-European and international politics coordination
-thematic / quality events
-discussing political issues
-make people interested in politics
-financial resources
-high quality WG in AEGEE
-ensure link to main fields of action of AEGEE
-European Citizenship (position paper)
-to give students the chance to get active in political matters



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- shaping perspectives
- forum for AEGEE 's position on political issues
- informing about and initiating events on current political issues
- influencing European politics

How to implement?

- position paper on (European) politics
- discussions on political matters
- statements (on request of the CD)
- strong network of local WGs
- thematic/quality events (with external speakers)
- CSTs
- establishing contacts to MEPs/...
- inform students about (job) opportunities in European institutions
- IP-School/ Training Course /Seminar
- forum on website/ ipwg-l
- provide possibility to organize events on current political matters

We will write these points in a proper strategy plan till Agora. Julia will discuss important points with Agata to present/discuss at EBM.

LOCAL IPWGs

Currently existing local IPWGs

- Ankara
- Bucuresti
- Konstanz
- Cologne
- Lublin

-why do we need local IPWG network?

- fundament of IPWG
- local organizers
- can make contacts with speakers/ institutions
- to attract politically interested people

-what does the responsible of Local WGs do?

- to present topics, possible events to organize
- to collect reports of discussion or activity reports
- to prepare the webpage
- to announce this opportunity on the webpage

-what do we get out of it?



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- change of structure of IPWG
 - gather opinions for statement papers
 - collect information
- how to proceed in the future?
- webpage and database
 - workshop about local IPWGs
 - promote IPWG at Agora with flyers and IPWG group
- (Responsible can work on this and build the structure up and then may be no need to have such responsible anymore)

IPWG GOES DEN HAAG (Guest: Jurgen KAPPENMANN)

Juergen organized IGDH 2,3,4

- Leiden is going to Den Haag this year.
- Leiden will have Dutch speakers. They need help with programme, international speakers, budget, etc.
- Juergen did the content part of IGDH.
- The conference emerged with Yugoslavian Case but then the current cases were added, as well as fun part and city tours, so on.

Ideas for topics:

- War Crimes Chamber of Bosnia
- Iraq : trial of Saddam: a real one or enforced one?
- Guantanamo
- International terrorism
- ICC: international criminal court
- keep the classics and combine them with current issues with having people from different fields
- the real problem: the people of the region can make a difference, not the ICC.

In the future, how can UN work? How does nation building work?

In Saddam ´s execution, was it just? Would ICJ do that? It was a disaster?

Bring ICJ wise, but then leave it there, evaluate it with current situations.

Speakers:

- Mr. Lawson (take the contacts) was presenting victim families.
- UN Speakers
- Prof. of Leindeick from Uni. of Leiden
- Int Law specialists
- Director General of Justice and Home Affairs can come
- Embassy people:



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- People from US Embassy can be invited, but it is already known what they will say: US government's opinions.
- Another problem with US Embassy, they are unlikely to send anyone to discuss US policy in front of students. So not a good idea.

-It is an event with very low-budget, but still quality is very high.
And no speaker was paid.

Programme:

- 3 seminar
- lectures –discussions
- tourism: Peace Palace, ICC, ICTY

Organizations:

- Europol (European Police)
- Eurojust (prosecution experts): higher degree of background, specific on law-issues

Date: May is more proper than March. In terms of preparations and accomodation place: gym.

TO DO: Contact with AEGEE-Leiden asap.

- Juergen offers to help to contact with speakers and always to give the introductory lecture. Additionally, help with content.
- the problem with ICC is right now they are doing research of something with Africa. So maybe interesting to visit building, but not that interesting.
- But the other two topics can stay and additionally new topics. (and with external experts)

IMPORTANT: Juergen can provide the documents, articles of IPDH for 10th Year Publication.

MODEL EUROPEAN UNION (Guest: Beatrix)

- simulation of European Council in Strasbourg, 4-10 March 2007
- aim: to make people understand how EU works, and make them become active in European Level

WHAT MEU NEEDS:

- Participants needed: (participant number: 175) so real PR is needed.
- lack of some participant roles :
 - vice-president of EP
 - 1 person for presidency of EC
 - representatives of the Commission



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- scientific services : 2-3
- people looking through motivation letters

HUMAN RESOURCES

Criteria to become a member of IPWG

- 6 months to prove her/himself
- Meanwhile they should work/support one of IPWG activities, that are one of the functions of board members, PR, FR, IT and Local IPWGs, projects (in ongoing ones or they can initiate one)
- In case they do not become active, in three months, one reminding e-mail.

About HR Responsibility: - HR should be a proper position. That necessitates to reallocation of tasks and positions of particularly IT, local WGs and HR. That will be decided in the mail list.

Preconditions and new membership system will be presented to members and they will be told this system will start working after Agora-Valletta

14th January-Sunday

IPWG 10th Years Conference (Guest: AEGEE-Mainz)

There are some problems among team. Mainz team expected us to discuss about the topic in this meeting.

Possible meeting topics:

- many ideas from Agora Napoli Workshop, however no useful outcome.
- so better to brainstorm now together with AEGEE-Mainz.

Possible TOPICS:

- Guantanamo: if with Human Rights
- Iraq
- UN reform
- Immigration Policy of EU
- Georgia and Russia
- EU and Turkey
- Balkan Region
- Turkey and Armenia
- Rise of China and India
- The axis of evil
- Darfur
- World trade
- Human Rights



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- Climate change
- North Korea
- Terrorism
- EU neighbourhood policy
- Social security standards in EU
- Nagoro-Karabakh
- Israel-Palestine conflict
- Armenia and Azerbaijan
- Cyprus
- Nuclear weapons and foreign policy
- Chechnya
- Iran
- Belarus
- Afghanistan
- European Constitutional Process
- German Presidency and European Council and G8
- development aid policy of EU
- energy policy of EU
- Environmental politic of EU
- China and EU
- Fundamentalisms
- russian way of democracy

Goals:

- reaching interested people and giving them knowledge about the specific topic
- keeping people active after the conference (organising CST, Follow up): follow up
- make people act
- empower people to realise their potential when they are acting together
- celebrating 10 years IPWG: put our organisation forward
 - Highlight pas projects of IPWG (what has IPWG achieved?)
- Gather active AEGEE people to discuss thematic topic : set a sign inside AEGEE(something else than a statutory meeting)

Questions: number of participants, AEGEE-members?

(Combination of participants, themes and goals)

Idea of open space during the conference: follow up integrated during the seminar.

Oldies of IPWG have a lot of potential leaders of conference: Frank, Citizens of Europe, Olivier, Timo.

Format/concept: conference or seminar?



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Selection of topics

Discussion about what the topic should be about.

- controversial topic
- „uncomfortable“ for politicians
- attract media attention
- possible cooperation
- FR
- realistic Follow up
- possibility to focus/ limit the topic
- can be organized

Discussion with Mainz about HR problem, preparation of the conference and what to do if Mainz is not organising, what is going on with IPWG (new board?)

Discussion of topic, in the end two topics left:

Environmental policy

Problem of motivation, participants, Fund Raising in Mainz

Russian democracy

Cooperation with East Europe organisation

Which theme? NGOs, Putin ´s democracy etc....

We have to specify the topic:

- democracy:
 - opposition
 - media
 - power of president
 - NGOs
 - minorities
 - Human Rights
 - economic policy
 - secret service „KGB“

discussion about the topic, if it is really interesting

what do we want? 10th anniversary, or conference, seminar.

Format: possibility of a conference.

Patrick: concrete things, big number of people, not only one specific thema, history of IPWG should be there, IPWG ´s anniversary

Format:



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Length: 4 days (Thursday - Sunday/ arrival Wednesday)

IPWG 10 summit- shaping perspective

Date: 8th-19th October (holidays in Mainz) (10th-14th October or 17th-21th October)

Thursday:

Introduction lectures

Panel discussion

Press conference (not during weekend)

Reception

Friday:

Workshops (cases), input-part

Preparing action

Saturday:

Workshop + challenging

Action

„presentation“ of workshop results

Sunday:

Follow up (open space)

Closing speech with externals, outlook

Deadline for Mainz to decide: 31.01.07

Number of participants: between 100 and 120 → 120 shall be excepted, no-show rate will make it 100

Mediation Training

- Trainers are selected

Timeline:

- tomorrow: trainers will be informed about the selection, confirmation of the date (until 21.1.), info about prep, request for confirmation of participation, further details will follow) (14./15.1.)
- Julia will be contact person for the trainers
- Week: 21. – 30.1. – trainer will get more detailed mail with information concerning contract, prep meeting and selection of pax
- Participants:
 - o Numer of pax: 25 at least (because of EYF application)



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- Contact Maciek for website
- Eye catcher mail, pdf (call), short essay, preliminary programme (with trainers)
- Issue Open Call: **1.2.2007**
- Application deadline: **1.3.2007**
- Daniel will take care of the open call ☺))) (mail and pdf.)
- Film/ppt for EBM (→ Maciek)

Europe Day

- Patrik will write mail to members-L: we would love to have it but no time for necessary research, would be great if one of you take over
- Otherwise the text will be taken from website