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-IPWG Activity Report presentation-



During the second day of the AGORA Kyiv it was time for the IPWG to present the Activity Report. Since our depart as board in Magusa, we managed to organise a board meeting in Warwick between the 12th and 14th June, we had an online debate with our members on 23rd June about the election results in Iran. Then we moved to Thessaloniki for the European Citizenship Training Course in October. Furthermore, we have been present in several Network Meetings, such as the ones in Heidelberg and also Thessaloniki, where we tried to show our work and the possibilities that we offer to the members of the International Politics Working Group. All members and other participants of the AGORA were invited to listen to the Activity Report and ask their questions to the board members, who were holding proudly their flag during the whole presentation.



-IPWG Workshop on Energy Security-

On Saturday AGORA night International Politics Working Group had a workshop titled "Hot Spot - Energy Security". Since winter was approaching and all participants were freezing during plenary meetings the topic came just in time. The workshop started with brainstorming on the reasons why we talk about energy security and why it is even an issue. The trick is that everyone says they want to be energy secure but no one knows exactly what it means, so we tried to find a common definition of this phenome-



non. After the short warm-up IPWG made an introduction to the energy situation in Europe so that all participants would have a general idea about the resources, pipelines' routes and EU dependency on external energy supply. The last point was a lead-up to the talk about the series of gas disputes between Ukraine, Russia and EU. We tried to



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be impartial and presented official viewpoints of both parties to the conflict accompanied by a video and some pictures that show how the situation was covered by the media indifferent countries. After we made sure that all participants had a clear vision of the past and current energy situation, we divided



them into three groups and initiated a role play. The teams, representing EU, Ukraine and Russia,

were given a task to negotiate and come to a compromise given the last year conflict when Russia cut its supply to Europe claiming that Ukraine was stealing gas. The simulation turned out to be the most interesting and exciting, yet challenging part of the workshop. Participants had a chance to wear shoes of real diplomats and contribute to solving the problem, even though not representing the country of their origin. We want to thank everyone who took part in our workshop and welcome you to debate about this topic at our blog

<http://ipwg.blogactiv.eu/>

We also would like to give a special thank to Anya Petrova for facilitating this wonderful workshop with our HR Responsible, Julia Batkaeva.



-Mentorship Program-



As we already mentioned in past Newsletters, the whole IPWG board is trying to use as much as possible the opportunities to meet physically its mentees. This AGORA was once again a nice moment to gather together

mentors and mentees, to talk about their development inside and outside the Working Group, and to get in touch with their projects and interests. Furthermore, an event like this one is always the best place to find funny moments to share, parties and sightseeing, which also means an important part of every group. For the moment, the results of the mentorship program are satisfying; nevertheless we encourage all members to stay in touch with their mentors, and to ask them about any issue you would like to know. Finally, all suggestions about how to improve this program can be addressed to our Human Resources responsible, Julia Batkaeva.

If you are interested in joining the IPWG, send us and email to:

ipwg@aegee.org



-Board Meetings & Planning-

As six of the seven board members were able to come to Kyiv, these four days were used by the IPWG board to develop future activities and to evaluate the situation of



the Working Group. Every free moment was the perfect moment to meet: during lunch, in the coffee break, and even during the night, being the last ones to come the party – but still we manage to be the kings of the dance floor!-. Thanks to the hard work done during and after AGORA, we finally submitted a Youth in Action application for the



deadline 1st November to organise the next Conflict Handling Training in Konstanz, Germany, next march. Let's keep fingers crossed for the application, and we encourage all of you to be participants in this future event.

Yours: Mario, Fotis, Chris, Prisca, Julia, Panos and Marta