



Minutes of the IPWG Workshop at Agora Zaragoza

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Venue: Agora (General Assembly) of AEGEE Europe held in Zaragoza, Spain

The aim of the Workshop was to collect old and fresh ideas for possible IPWG activities in 2004. After an introduction by Olivier Genkin the participants of the workshop have been divided into three different groups, each dealing with another topic.

1. International Justice & Diplomacy

a) Diplomatic Seminar II

- . Lectures in the morning, simulation in the afternoon
- . Cocktail party (role play)
- . Real life case (feedback by a diplomat)
- . Manners of protocol
- . Intercultural communication (DOES and DON'TS)
- . Lobbying, networking
- . Channels of access (examples)
- . Media
- . Mandate of a Diplomat
- . Local situation

b) Trip to Den Haag IV (eventually together with HRWG)

- . UN role in international justice - efficiency
- . UN vs. separate states
- . EU role
- . Harmonisation of standards?
- . Are human rights universal?
- . Human rights and the role of international justice
- . Strasbourg
- . Role of NGOs, e.g. Oxfam, Amnesty International (theoretical or debate)
- . Longer duration of the event?
- . Practical examples
- . Other focuses/cases, e.g. Pinochet
- . Simulations

c) Conflict Resolution

- . European Council (?)
- . Military aspects (Euroforce, Common Defense,...)
- . Crisis situations
- . 3rd (impartial) parties in conflict situations (Red Cross, Human Rights NGOs,...)
- . Grassroots' movements in conflicts
- . Moderators'/ Arbitrators' role
- . Media coverage

2. EU & Europe

a) Aims

- . Come closer
- . Sharing/spreading knowledge



- . Creating awareness and tolerance
- . Encouraging people to do something
- . Identifying similarities and differences

b) Themes

- . Historical roots
- . Culture
- . Economy
- . Religion
- . Education
- . Geographical positions
- . Desire – do we want the EU
- . Public opinion
- . Prejudices
- . Political relations
- . Information access

c) Activities / Media

- . Conferences; seminars, workshops (preparatory) within the country
- . Knowledge contest
- . AEGEE- TV documentary
- . Caravan, TSU
- . Europe's New Identity; I know Europe; Planet Europe
- . Turkey and/in Europe
- . Romania, Bulgaria & EU
- . Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova & EU
- . UK & EU
- . EFTA & EU
- . Former Yugoslavia & EU
- . Cyrillic Europe (Bulgaria, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, FYROM, Serbia)
- . Religions and Politics
- . European Convention

3. Muslims & Europe

a) Case Study Trip: Muslim Communities in Western Europe

- . Co-ordination by AEGEE Münster
- . Visiting Rotterdam, Cologne, Strasbourg or Paris...?
- . European attitudes, perceptions, prejudices regarding Muslims after 11th September
- . Cultural and ? rights of Muslims
- . Expand knowledge and understanding among European students
- . Political Islam in Europe and attitudes to ?

b) Conference (in Debrecen?)

- . Muslim students in Europe
- . European students in Muslim countries
- . Problems, conflicts, relations, possibilities

c) Western Democracy and Human Rights in Muslim Countries

- . Conference in Albania, Kosovo or Turkey

The IPWG Board would like to thank all the participants for their great contribution!