

**Blogging**—posting articles on current political affairs on the official blog

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

once a week, giving the members an opportunity to comment and develop a discussion, expressing their own opinion.

**Article/photo competitions**— from time to time IPWG holds competitions, enabling our members to show their creativity . The topics usually deal with politics, whether it is an article or a photo.

**Online debates**—debates, carried out through msn or skype, during which a particularly controversial issue or affair is discussed. Members can influence the choice of the topic by suggesting one, or supporting one of the suggested by the board.

**Workshops**—during Statutory events, IPWG holds workshops, which are targeted at different issues.

**Extra statutory events**—those events are held in order to promote a fun and exciting approach to politics, for example, a politics knowledge quest that gives the members an opportunity to check what they know about international political affairs.

Even though we have a selection of planned activities, we always welcome new ideas and opinions!

## How to join



To join IPWG you should simply send an email, stating your desire to join to [ipwg-board-1@lists.aegee.org](mailto:ipwg-board-1@lists.aegee.org). After that you will receive a set of questions to answer which you are to then send back to the board via the stated email address . The board usually considers your application for a week, and sends back an answer.

Hope to see YOU in the working group soon!

Getting to know  
International  
Politics Working  
Group



IPWG—Shaping perspectives!

## History

Since its foundation in 1997, IPWG has become a strong pillar of AEGEE activities by giving thematic input to different conferences and seminars as well as by organising conferences on its own, e.g. various activities in and dealing with the Balkan region.

It played an important role in the realization of AEGEE's projects such as Peace Academy and Ten Years of Transition after the end of the Cold War.

Throughout 2001, IPWG was actively involved in the Quo Vadis Europe?; project dealing with the future of Europe. IPWG organised the Summit of 28, a simulation of decision-making in an enlarged European Union, taking place in the European Parliament in Brussels.

In 2002, a conference on Europe's role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict gave life to the independent project Palestinians – Israelis – Europeans.



Among IPWG's major events in 2003 rank the Diplomatic Seminar in Bucuresti, the conference E[YOU]rope – let's get closer in Osnabrück and the seminar Europe's (Torn ?) Identity in Ljubljana. IPWG goes Den Haag, including a visit to the major international institutions, was organised for the third time.

In 2004, IPWG focused on three main pillars of activity: EU & Europe – Europe's identity; International Justice & Diplomacy and Muslims & Europe.

In 2005 main activities of AEGEE where the support of the project "Tolerance – Acceptance – Peace", and initiated together with IRISH – an Albanian NGO – the first Election Observation Mission of AEGEE to Albania.

In 2006 IPWG did organize another edition of the Diplomatic Seminar and supported the Take Control flagship project.

In 2007 International Politics Working Group was celebrating the 10th anniversary, the publication "AEGEE and International Politics" presenting the past activities is planned to be published in 2008. In Zielona Góra, Poland was organized the Mediation Training "Striving for Diversity – Fighting Intolerance" within the frame of All Different All Equal campaign launched by Council of Europe. The 4th Diplomatic Seminar took place in Ankara and during whole year discussions on the future of European Citizenship were conducted.

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## Activities

IPWG holds a range of activities, dealing with International Politics. They include: **Training courses**— they are targeted at young leaders and members that are either experienced in certain political matters or are willing to learn. Among the "classics" of IPWG these can be pointed out: Diplomatic Seminar, European Citizenship Training Course, Conflict Handling Training Course etc.

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