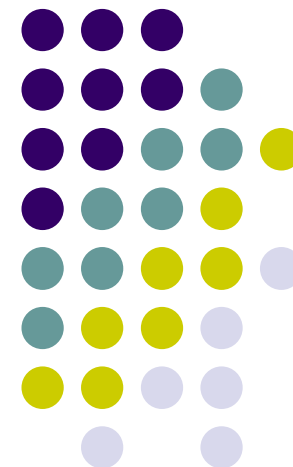


Would you give a chance  
to everybody?

Don't you think '*Freedom of movement*' is  
one of the basic human rights?

Have you ever had to apply for a visa  
and you got rejected?

Did you feel yourself European?



# Because it's not fair...



- ... that AEGEE members are separated into two different groups:
  - The ones who don't even think about visas
  - The ones who try over and over again to get them without giving up
- ... that our friends from the Caucasus get rejected when apply for a visa and they don't even get any explanation
- ... that our friends from Turkey have to pay much more in order to enter the country where the event is held
- ... that our friends from Ukraine need more time of preparation before a statutory and they don't have it



... and the saddest part is just  
about the country of origin

Depending on  
where you come from,

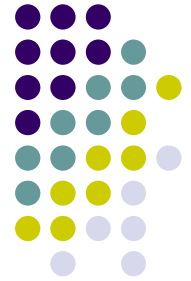
you are... FREE TO MOVE

or you will... **HAVE TO FIGHT**

# Fight... for what?



- Aren't we a **big family**?
- Don't we want to **teach and learn** to/from one another?
- Isn't it great that we have many **different backgrounds** to work with?



# Our mission

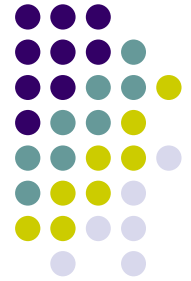
- **Focus on helping people** with visa difficulties when apply for events
- **Inform AEGEE** about visa issues
- **Raise awareness** among members
- **Be updated** with all news about VFAs
- **Be in contact with embassies** and institutions

# So...



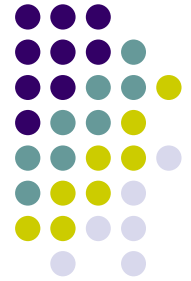
- Help is in our hands
- We definitely can change this situation...
- But we need to **work together** on this

# ... Let's move!



- Why should we work together?
  - VFWG gives workshops about how to deal with visa petitions and advices in the proccess

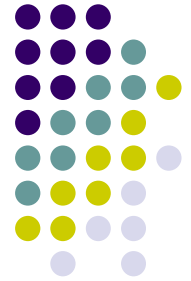




# What to teach

- **Example of one-day WS**
  - Provide information about the current status of VFAs
  - How to deal with a *visa participant*
  - How to apply for a visa
  - General advices
  - Review all visa tools





# What to learn

- **VFWG needs also info from you!**
  - Gather past experiences of members and create a repository with solutions
  - Get to know the most common mistakes when apply
  - We want to listen to your opinion!  
Why visas? Why barriers?

# Sharing material



- **Tools for locals**
  - Pool of travel experts
  - Webpage/VisaWIKI
  - IL Templates
  - Online Visa Advisor on FB
  - General group of VFWG on FB



# Past actions

- **Workshops**
  - ...
  - Agora Skopje 2011
- **AEGEE Fair**
  - Agora Alicante 2011
  - Agora Skopje 2011
- **Visa Information Meeting**
  - AEGEE-Istanbul at the Czech Consulate

# Future actions

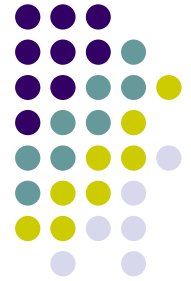


- **VFWG Event**
  - Lviv, Ukraine (2012)
- **More WS and Fairs at statutories**
- **Proposals at statutories**
- **Spread commitment towards visa issues with much more PR work**
- **Contact embassies and institutions**
- **Make the visa application proccess easier**

# Be part of it!



- Create content for your project or SU **helping** the ones who need you!
- **Learn** how to deal with this complicated visa problem!
- **Enjoy** while you do it!



# Contact us ☺

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