



CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS OF PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS IN UNIVERSITIES

EUROPEAN STUDENTS' FORUM

WHAT IS AEGEE?

- **Association des Etats Généraux des Etudiants de l'Europe**
- **European Students' Forum**
- **The biggest interdisciplinary student association in Europe**



VISION

AEGEE strives for a democratic, diverse and borderless Europe, which is socially, economically and politically integrated, and values the participation of young people in its construction and development.



MISSION

AEGEE empowers students and young people in Europe to take an active role in society.

It creates a space for dialogue and learning opportunities as well as acts as their representative towards decision-makers.

Moreover, AEGEE strengthens mutual understanding and brings Europe closer to young people.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT US?



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- **Interdisciplinary**
- **Not linked to any political party, but NOT non-political**
- **No national level**
- **members inside and outside European Union**

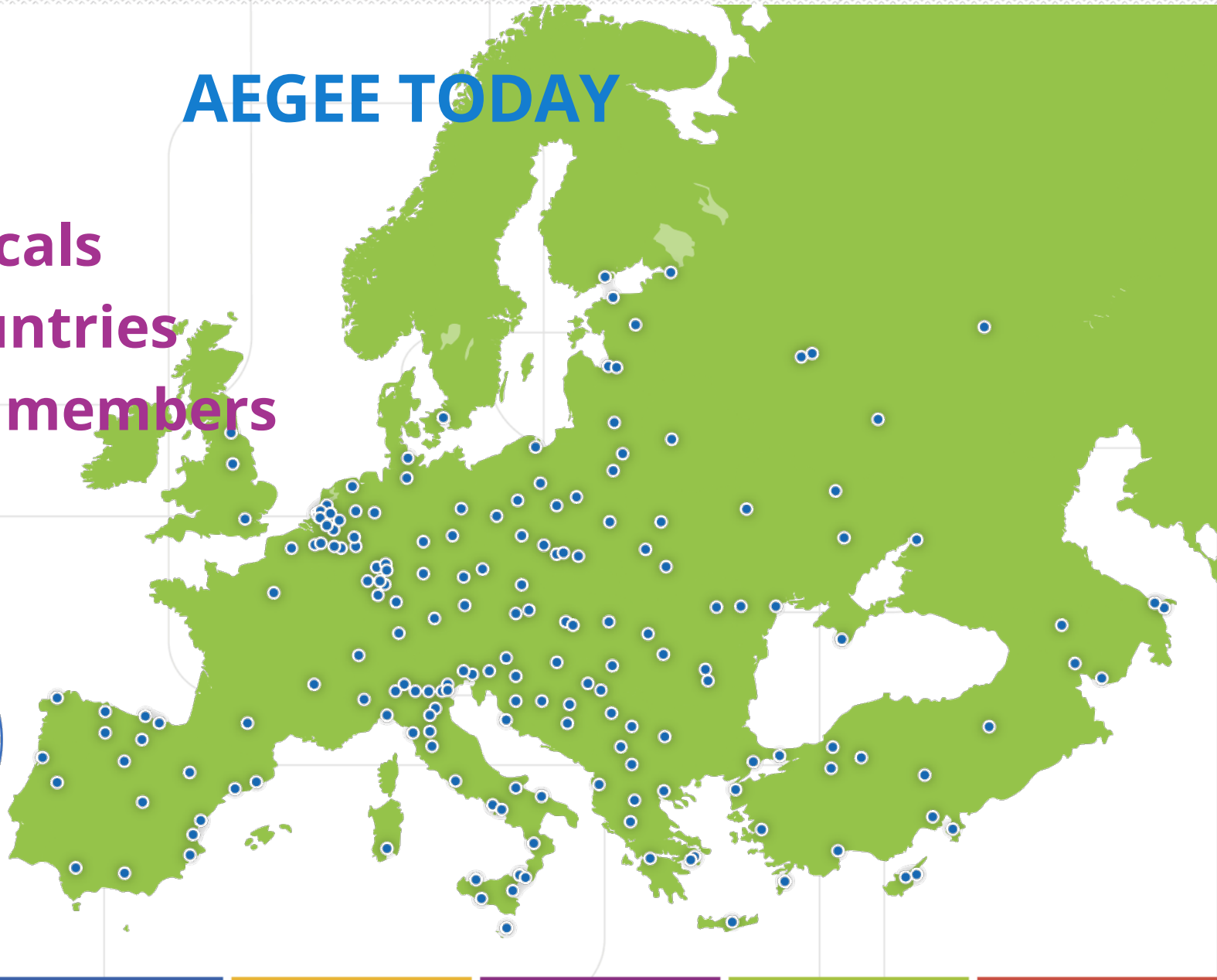
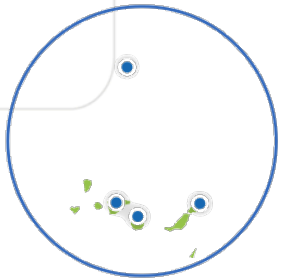


AEGEE TODAY

200 locals

40 countries

13000 members



ACTIVITIES



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**Intercultural
Exchange**

**Personal
Development
and
Non-Formal
Education**

**Thematic
Projects**

**Policy and
Advocacy**

**Forum
For
Discussion**

SOME OF OUR CURRENT PROJECTS



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yvote
2014



Eastern
Partnership
Project



Europe in Exchange



EUROPE
ON TRACK

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED BY AEGEE



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- Conferences and exchanges
- Promote international mobility
- Welcome and support to Erasmus students
- Language tandems
- Awareness raising

EXAMPLES OF ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED BY AEGEE



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- Support the international relations department
- Participation in regional and national youth councils
- Involvement in the international initiatives developed by city councils

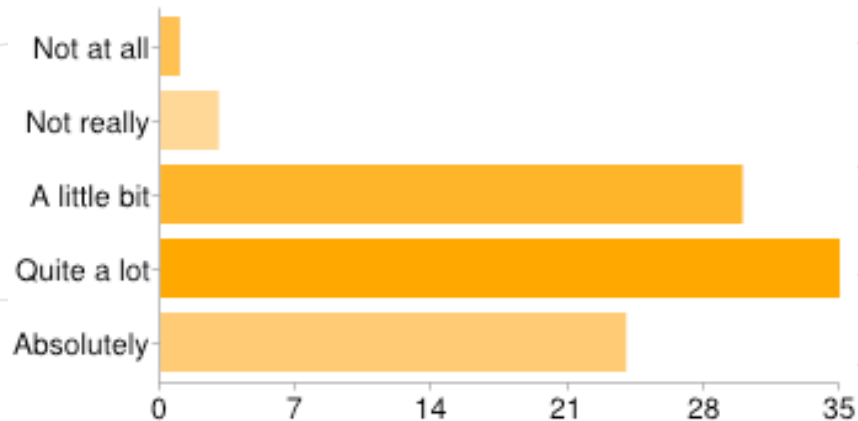
RECOMMENDATIONS TO PROMOTE THE INVOLVEMENT OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN NGYOs

IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERING AMONG AEGEE MEMBERS

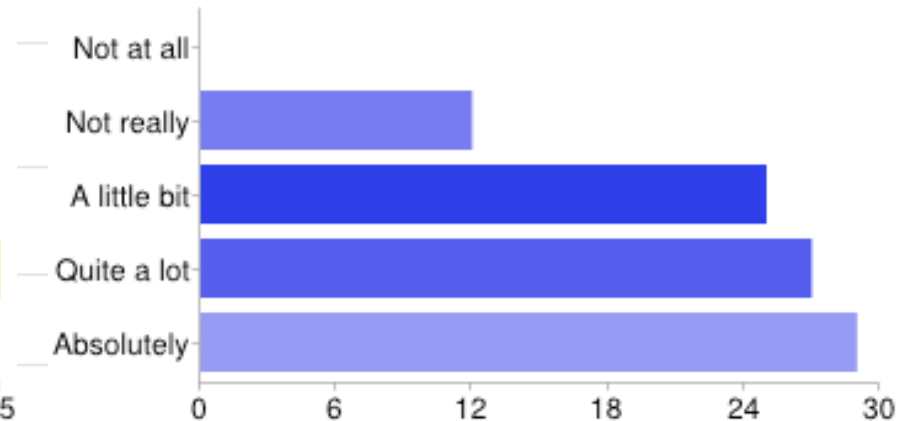


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**INCREASED THEIR PERCEPTION
OF THEMSELVES AS A CITIZEN OF
SOCIETY**



TAKEN A NEW LIFE DIRECTION

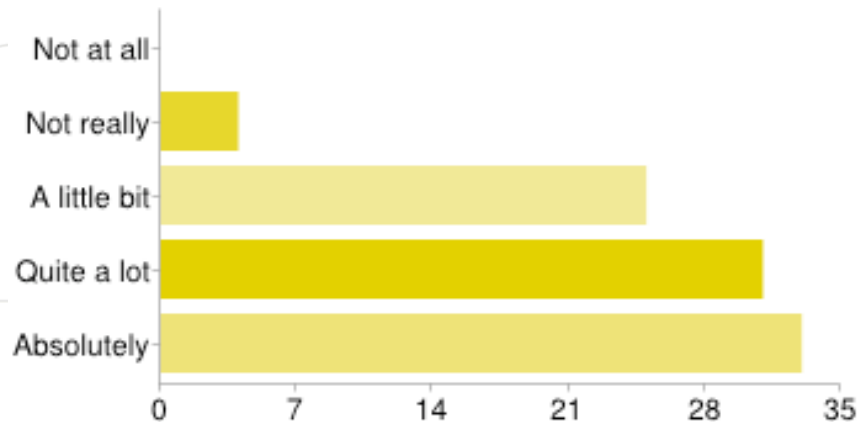


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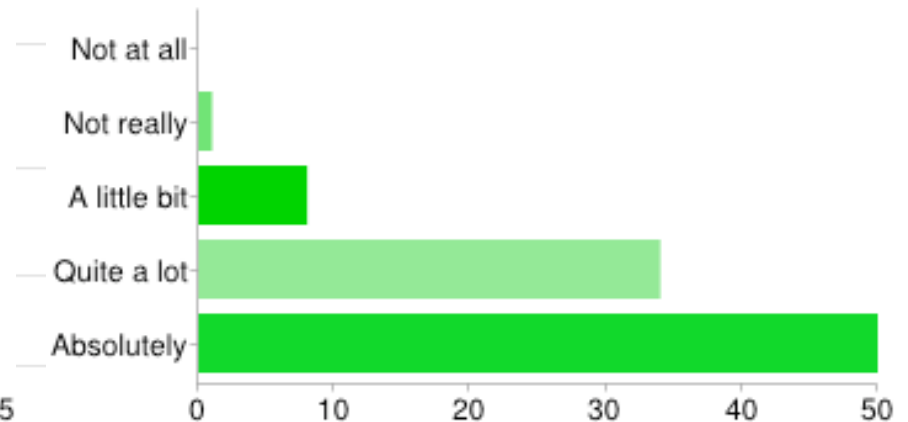


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BECAME MORE TOLERANT



GAINED SOCIAL SKILLS



HOW WE DEVELOPED THE POSITION



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- Opinion of AEGEE members – no experts
- Participatory tools to include as many people as possible in the process
- Ratification at the bi-annual general assembly (November, Zaragoza)

UNIVERSITIES

- Improve the dialogue between the management of the university and youth organizations present there – Involve them in the decisions taken
- Provide infrastructures
- Help to improve the flow of information
- Tuition waivers – ECTS credits

POLICY MAKERS

- Local governments
 - Database of organizations present in the city
 - Infrastructure
 - Person responsible of coordinating and promoting the activities of NGYOs
 - Promotion of best practices to increase the recognition of volunteering

POLICY MAKERS

- National and European governments
 - Recognise the figure of the volunteer by valorising the experiences and giving it an official status
 - Facilitate the visa procedures for non-EU volunteers
 - Stable support to national youth councils
 - Promotion of a voluntary social year
 - Simplify the administrative tasks of NGYOs
 - Implement a tutoring system to support NGYOs



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR
ATTENTION**

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