



Organisers: AEGEE

Day and time: Thursday 6th, 16.30

Room: tbd

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Towards intercultural learning and active citizenship for all The role of short-term mobility and youth organisations - Summer Universities

Concept

While many tools are put forward in education systems and beyond to try and shape the next generations of Europeans, few have proven to be as effective as mobility schemes. Through mobility programmes in particular, youth organisations can address the growing need for young citizens to keep active outside of the classroom. What is the place of youth organisations in this context? How can short-term mobility programmes and intercultural exchange foster European citizenship? To what extent do they contribute to building active citizens?

The event will introduce to AEGEE's flagship project, [Summer University](#) (SU), and its special 30th anniversary edition of 2018. As a short-term mobility programme which combines intercultural understanding and cultural experience with means of non-formal education on a specific topic (e.g. sustainability, politics or equal rights), it paves the way to active citizenship. Results show that after only two weeks of Summer University, participants return home with a feeling of European belonging and are ready to actively take part in civil society and make use of their rights - and duties - as citizens. With the European elections ahead, the anniversary project focused as well on youth participation in the political process and voting in particular. Participation in elections is the most accessible element of active citizenship and through its [Y Vote campaign](#) AEGEE encourages young people to seize that chance to shape their Europe.

And still, the impact of such short-term mobility programmes is widely underestimated. This event will precisely seek to bring the value and potential of short term mobility programmes to the Brussels agenda.

Agenda

- Words of welcome
 - Spyros Papadatos (President of AEGEE-Europe)
- Short introduction to short-term mobility programmes

- Christian Seuling (SU Project Manager)
 - BEST (tbc)
- Fishbowl discussion: What are the advantages and obstacles for young people in short-term mobility programmes? How can we value their impact on active European citizenship?
- Closing and after movie of the 30th anniversary project
 - Marco Daniele (Vice-President & External Relations Director of AEGEE-Europe)