



**Organisers:** AEGEE, YFJ

**Day and time:** Thursday 6th, 4.30pm

**Room:** SOLIDAR

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

### **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 cover different mobility programmes, such as: The European Parliament's DiscoverEU pilot project, offering 18-year olds their first-time short-term mobility experience in Europe, has been a great success and now it is time to ensure its smooth and sustainable implementation under the next Erasmus+ Programme. AEGEE's flagship project, [Summer University](#) (SU), and its special 30th anniversary edition of 2018 is 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), and paves the way to active citizenship. With the European elections ahead, the anniversary project and AEGEE's [Y Vote campaign](#) focused as well on youth participation in the political process and voting in particular.

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)
- Introduction to short-term mobility programmes
  - Andrea Casamenti (Board Member of European Youth Forum)

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  - Christian Seuling (SU Project Manager)
- 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?
  - Tom Vandenkendelaere, MEP (EPP) (tbc)
  - Floor Van Houdt (Head of Unit, DG EAC) (tbc)
  - Joanna Pankowska (Steering Committee, LLLP)
  - Lila Quaile (SU volunteer)
  - Andrea Casamenti (Board Member of European Youth Forum)
  - The audience is invited to join the discussion!
- Closing and aftermovie of the 30th anniversary project
  - Marco Daniele (Vice-President & External Relations Director of AEGEE-Europe)