

EGEA 2009/2010 Policy Paper

Based on the Strategic Plan developed by BoE 2008/2009

Cap. 1 – Structure

a) Entities

- support small entities the best we can to become more stable, in order to keep them interested and functioning
- make an official letter to send to the university to help understand the importance of EGEA. Also, it is useful for already established entities, as many have trouble connecting with the university
- find new entities in an active way; concentrate on the countries where EGEA has no entity and try to find new ones.
- encourage CPs to make their entities more dynamic and stimulate newbies to be more involved within EGEA, as they are the future of EGEA
- continue with regional e-meetings as often as possible (perhaps once a month/ or every two months)
- organize a **Contact Person Weekend**, with leadership trainings, debates about problems within the entity and a live Regional Meeting; the ESC can also be invited; still to decide if regional or EGEA wide. This will mean that there will be 2 live Regional Meetings a year.

b) Other bodies of EGEA : Committees, FCC, RA, BoE

Committees

- unless our Vice- President doesn't mind having all the committees, it would be good to split the committess among us. This will help make the committes more active.
- they should work only on a few projects in a year, that they should define in the beginning
- they should have two live meetings (November/December and April/May), first one is to get started with some projects
- should have an e-meeting once a month to discuss the process-status of the projects
- new committees: Fund Raising Committee, Media and Communication Committee

RA

- is for every BoE to decide how they want to organize their work. Until now, RA was responsible for keeping an overview of activities organized within the region and keeping contact with entities. Continuing with that would be good.

FCC

- close contact between tresarer and the committee.
- create a report every 6 months

BoE

- continue the transparency policy and make our work visible on the website as much as possible.
- have regular e-meetings and live meetings

Cap. 2 – Partnership

a) Alumni

- establish/keep contact with the Board of EGEA Alumni and we as BoE or someone we decide to represent us, should have a meeting (live or online) with them twice a year.
- suggest them to organize an event where other younger EGEAns can join, as it might be really motivating for newbies, active members and experienced members to gain knowledge from Alumnis and might improve communication with them.

b) External Relations

- keeping contact with ESRI, IFISO, HERODOT/EUROGEO.
- contacting organisations, in regional or countries level, such as "Young Geographers School" or similar, in order to promote EGEA and geography studies to students

Cap 3 – Finances

- find one or more new sponsors, at international or national companies. This can be done together with the new Fund Raising Committee, so that in the future we don't need the EU grant to finance our activities.
- search for other EU programs/grants, other than EACEA - that we have applied until now - for supporting NGOs and/or create a database of projects based grants for which event-organizers can apply, an entity or for which we can apply as an association.
- decide if we want to apply for the EU grant or not.

Cap 4 – Activities

- encouraging the training system the ActCom is putting together now. EGEA needs soft skills trainings.
- encourage EGEA Alumni to bring more details about EGEA Academy idea, which seems interesting, as it focuses more on scientific skills and see if they can develop an action plan for it.

Cap 5 – Science

- develop a plan for implementing the laybelling system (suggested by the SP) for activities "pure social" / "pure scientific"
- create a database with scientific and geography potential partners for EGEA
- EGEA is to participate in other student organisations' scientific activities;

Cap 6 – Communication

a) internal communication

- keeping a close contact with the CPs, via regular e-meetings and live meetings.
- encourage EGEAns to comment on proposals and be more active on the website, come up with ideas and initiatives.
- live training sessions for CP's and RC coordinators

b) external communication

- create a new committee which can look for potential partners and make EGEA visible in the media, via its work

Summary:

- emphasis on finding new funds along with the new Fundraising Committee
- emphasis on members' self development
- improvement of EGEA's visibility outside the network, to other organizations and to companies
- division of committees among the BoE members, to make them more active
- more live contact with committees and CPs, for a better overview of needs across EGEA
- support new ideas, as much as possible
- encourage entities to organize both scientific and/or social activities for their members or for other Egeans
- more support for all entities, especially small and new ones