

STRASBOURG SDG'S CITY TOUR

Societal actor - L'afges



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Email interview, March 6, 2024:

- **What is the main mission of your association, and what are your short- and long-term objectives?**

AFGES is the federation of student associations in Strasbourg and Alsace. Our mission is to fight against all forms of precariousness and exclusion through various services and actions, but also to represent the voice of students to influential players in higher education and research.

Our short- and long-term objectives are therefore, in general terms, to succeed in developing our current services, and to develop new ones to keep pace with students' needs.

- **Could you describe some of the main activities or projects you've been working on recently?**

On the service aspect, we run 2 social and solidarity grocery stores on a daily basis, AGORAé, as well as a mobile grocery store, the AGORA'Truck. Their mission is to combat food insecurity by providing access to quality, local and varied food and hygiene products, at 10% of the market price. The 1st grocery store opened in 2013.

We are also launching preparations for the next edition of our temporary housing scheme. This consists of providing free hotel accommodation for students without a housing solution at the start of the academic year. This scheme has been running since 2017.

We also offer various events on the University of Strasbourg campuses, including a giant barbecue, an open-air cinema screening and a concert at the start of the new academic year.

We are currently launching a major project on the theme of the European elections, to raise young people's awareness of EU issues. This spring, we'll be offering a series of conferences, debates, visits to the Parliament and a major debate on the candidates for young people.

- **In the context of sustainability, how do you integrate sustainable principles and practices into your various initiatives?**

As far as sustainability is concerned, we try to keep our paper communications to a strict minimum, and wherever possible use recycled and locally printed paper. We're also very vigilant about food waste, especially given the services we provide. In addition to our own actions, we are lobbying the University for the intelligent integration of ecological transition and sustainable development issues into training curricula. What's more, we're involved in the various CROUS and University committees dealing with this issue.

- **Do you have any specific projects related to environmental sustainability in Strasbourg?**

We don't have any real projects on the subject for students, however, as this is the responsibility of our member associations.

- **How do you promote your activities and projects to raise awareness among students and the community as a whole?**

Our events are communicated via a major digital channel, whether via the unistra student mailing list or our social networks, particularly thanks to the repartage of our member associations. We're also going to talk directly about our actions, also thanks to our network of associations, within the various graduating classes.