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New momentum for YES! The European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs announces new brand identity and new leadership

Brussels, Belgium, 21 May 2008 – Continuously adapting to new situations and following Europe's progresses, YES for Europe is now entering a new era. Over the last months, the Young Entrepreneurs' organization elected its new President, nominated a new Secretary General and changed its corporate brand identity.

The European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs will now have a modernized brand identity and change its name to "YES-European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs" with new design for its corporate logo and communication.

Martin Ohneberg (Austria) has been nominated President of YES-European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs during the last General Assembly for a two-year mandate. Ohneberg serves as President of the Austrian Member federation (Junge Industrie International / Gruppe 1031) and was Vice-President of YES for Europe until now. Martin Ohneberg is a successful Austrian entrepreneur, CFO and partner of Soravia Group, a real estate development, properties and equity group, based in Austria with large operations in South-East Europe. President Ohneberg will be supported in its tasks by its President Committee composed of the Treasurer Markus Mueller (BJU, Germany) and three Vice-Presidents, Annibale Chiriaco (Giovani Imprenditori-Confindustria, Italy), Andrej Nabergoj (YES of Slovenia, Slovenia) and Ivan Sempere (AJE Confederation, Spain).

The YES Executive Committee has nominated Philippe Léonard (France) as Secretary General, in replacement of Marco Pezzini, who decided to leave the organization after an impressive ten-year tenure as Secretary General and founder of YES. Philippe Léonard's mandate started in April 2008, with a strong focus on strengthening the organization operations and presence in Brussels on key entrepreneurship issues. Philippe Léonard (40) has been working in Brussels for the private sector since 1999 with major business organizations or coalitions (including BusinessEurope, Europe's500-GrowthPlus, Financial Executives International, and others) and has an entrepreneurial background as well, both in France and in Belgium.

As of May 2008, YES has a renewed staff in its Brussels office, with Chiara De Caro and Giulia Bresci coordinating the association and community activities.

"After successful years behind us, it is now important for YES to raise its visibility, tighten its ties with existing and new Members, and raise the profile and voice the contribution of Young entrepreneurs to Europe. Achieving Growth in Europe will only be possible with a solid basis of inspired and dynamic entrepreneurs" said Martin Ohneberg, President of the YES-European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs.