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YES EXECOM Meeting & Conference VIENNA, AUSTRIA, 23-24 October 2008

Belgium, 31 October 2008 - YES-The European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs, the pan-European organization bringing together 16 national federations and representing up to 40,000 individual entrepreneurs, held its EXECOM Meeting and Conference on October 23-24, 2008. This event took place in the House of Industry of Vienna and was kindly hosted by **Gruppe1031/Junge Industrie**, the Austrian Member Federation.

This two-days gathering offered its participants a masterfully organised programme with an extensive number of prominent keynote speakers, including **Markus Beyrer**, Secretary General of Federation of Austrian Industry, and **Wolfgang Mazal**, University Professor at the Department of Labour Law and Social Security Law, Vienna University.

Talking about the prospect to 2030, main theme of the day, Martin **Ohneberg**, President of YES and President of Junge Industrie, opened the meeting with an inspiring speech on the growing importance of young entrepreneurship for the European Society. He addressed especially existing problems in the field of social security, tax system and financing of the pension systems, which require collective thinking and collective participation to identify solutions.

Discovery of Vienna: Insight of the cultural side of Vienna's life was offered to participants through an invitation to the "Weingut am Reisenberg", Heuriger, a unique style of east Austrian tavern where they could enjoy the best views of the city, and a fascinating guided tour through the exhibition 'Van Gogh', which became an unforgettable artistic complement to the programme.

The EXECOM Meeting in Vienna proved to be a significant step in extending the collaboration of the YES community with the current generation of young and ambitious entrepreneurs representing different sectors of the economy. It also allowed involving them into the on-going dialogue about the future of the European Society. The meeting served as a platform where young entrepreneurs could express their understanding of the issues and suggest possible measures on how to tackle problems efficiently.

"Special thanks to all the participants of the meeting. Lively discussions on targeted and up-to-date topics resulted in the scope of new ideas and suggestions for future collaboration." – concluded President Ohneberg European investment".