

step out from the crowd, carve a path

## EYOWF 2011 info

10<sup>th</sup> European Youth Olympic Winter Festival 2011  
Czech Republic

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Milan Jirásek, President of the Czech Olympic Committee

## Milan Jirásek: interview

### Investing in the future of sport

President of the Czech Olympic Committee Milan Jirásek has seen dozens of top adult sport events – the Olympic Games, World and European Championships and many World Cups. Despite all this, he admits that he is also a keen supporter of the European Youth Olympic Festivals for young athletes between 14 and 18 years of age. These events can undoubtedly be considered an important investment in the future of European sport.

**What makes these “youth Olympics” so attractive to sport fans?**

These games have an incomparable charm, because they offer a unique opportunity to see future stars of world sport - young talents, still full of pure ideals and commitment, respecting the fair play principle, unbelievably ambitious and yet untouched by commercialisation. Similarly to the real Olympics, the Festival includes the opening and closing ceremony, the Olympic flame, the oath of the athletes and referees, there are national anthems played and flags are raised.

**What does it mean for the Czech Republic to be the host of the 10<sup>th</sup> European Youth Olympic Winter Festival in the Liberec Region?**

There are well known sport centres throughout Europe competing to organise this event. It was a great honour for the Czech Republic when in December 2006 at the General Assembly of the European Olympic Committees in Brussels the Liberec Region won the candidacy for the 2011 Festival. The athletes representing their countries will be competing in eight disciplines and the same athletes will be among those fighting for the senior medal at the Winter Olympic Games in Sochi in 2014.

**Why do you think the Liberec Region succeeded with the candidacy?**

The Liberec Region as a host was certainly not selected at random. It offers not only plenty of modern sport venues in Liberec, Jablonec nad Nisou and Rejdicce and other centres of the Jizerske Mountains. It also provides enough experience with organising such top international competitions. And above all, it also has a long tradition of bringing up Czech Olympic athletes and medal holders in winter sports. This fact has been acknowledged abroad.

**What do you see as the main asset of the fact that the Czech Republic became an organiser of the Festival?**

I consider hosting this event in the Liberec Region as a significant contribution, since it will have a positive effect in the form of increased public interest in winter sports, especially among the youth and it will set new sport stars.

Furthermore, it will widely publicise the region and each of the venues and contribute to the development of tourism and tourist industry.

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### President received the flag



President of the Liberec Region Stanislav Eichler with the organisers' flag

The Liberec Region received the EYOWF 2011 organisers' flag in Wisla, the birthplace of Adam Malysz and one of the five sport venues of the 2009 Festival. The symbol of the “youth Olympics”, which is organised since the 90's of the last century by the European Olympic Committees (EOC), was handed over to the President of the Liberec Region Mr. Stanislav Eichler by Guido de Bondt, the chairman of the EOC EYOF Commission. Mr. Eichler then briefly greeted the participants of the closing ceremony and invited them to the Liberec Region where this sport event continues in two years' time.



### Roman Kumpošt became an advisor

Roman Kumpošt, the former president of the Liberec FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2009 Organising Committee and a highly regarded sport diplomat, has become a consultant and advisor to the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee. Radek Cíkl, the Vice-President of the Liberec Region comments: *“The authority of the Liberec Region sees it as a clearly positive step. Roman Kumpošt's personality and experience gained in organising many top sport events at home and abroad are a guarantee for us that the Festival will be organised on a highly professional level.”*

### Quotation of the Month

*„The biggest mistake is not to learn from mistakes.”*



JOSEPH CASSAR,  
Secretary General of the Maltese Olympic Committee and member of the European Youth Olympic Festival Commission

## Top TEN of the Festival

The Organising Committee guarantees the following to the participants:

### A compact event

Short distances and minimum travelling  
One common Olympic village and Festival facilities in modernised university campus in Liberec – Harcov, near the city centre

Eight disciplines (six in Liberec, one in Jablonec and one in Rejdice)

An experienced Organising Committee and tried and tested organising team of many sport events of international importance (FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2009, FIS World and European Cups, Euro Hockey Tour, IIHF World U20 Championship, and others...)

Liberec, a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants, as the centre and the base for the Festival – including accommodation, opening, closing and award ceremonies, additional programme and entertainment

### interesting facts



Newly built or modernised venues complying with the standards and requirements of top events

A regular, active, fast and easy communication with the Organising Committee

Keeping up-to-date about the preparations through the web site [www.eyowf2011.cz](http://www.eyowf2011.cz) (in English and French) and regular newsletter

Implementing a quality information technology in organisation and communication

The organiser of the EYOWF 2011 is the Liberec Region. For this reason, the Liberec Region founded an EYOWF 2011, a public benefit corporation, with the aim to prepare and organise the Festival including all preparations and additional programme.

## EYOWF 2011 info



### A stable budget

The overall budget for the organisation of EYOWF 2011 reaches the total of 6,610 million EUR. This will be covered from the budget of the Liberec Region (5,080 mio.), from the participation fees of each country (0,875 mio.), from a contribution by the European Olympic Committees (0,100 mio) and by sponsors (0,555 mio.). Petr Doležal, the chairman of the Administrative Board of the Public Benefit Corporation EYOWF 2011, claims that "There are no further financial investments into the constructions of venues necessary for the Festival to take place. There is no risk of exceeding the budget and it will remain stable."



Tipsport Arena



## Towns and Venues

There are eight winter disciplines at the EYOWF 2011. These will take place in the following venues:

DISCIPLINE	TOWN	VENUE	KM
Alpine Skiing	Liberec	Ještěd	9
Ski Jumping	Liberec	Ještěd	9
Nordic Combined	Liberec	Ještěd, Vesec	6
Cross Country Skiing	Liberec	Vesec	9
Figure Skating	Liberec	TipSport arena	5
Ice Hockey	Liberec	TipSport arena	5
Biathlon	Jablonec n. N.	Břízky	15
Snowboarding	Rejdice	Snowpark	31

**Comment:** The number refers to the distance from the Olympic village in the Technical University campus to the venue, in case of Nordic Combined the distance between the venues.

## The Coordination Commission premiere has a positive outcome

Liberec, Jablonec nad Nisou and Rejdice – the venues of the 10<sup>th</sup> European Youth Winter Festival 2011 – has undergone the first rigorous but successful international test.

In November previous year, a Coordination Commission from the European Olympic Committees (EOC) visited the venues. The commission consisted of Janko Dvoršak from Slovenia and a member Volodymyr Gerashchenko from the Ukraine. On the first day they inspected selected venues: Břízky (Biathlon), Snow Park (Snowboarding) in Rejdice, Vesec (Cross Country Skiing, Nordic Combined), Ještěd (Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined and Alpine Skiing) and TipSport Arena (Ice Hockey and Figure Skating) in Liberec. In the evening, they carried out yet another inspection of the Grandhotel Zlatý lev, where members of EOC and VIP guests will be accommodated.

On the second day, they visited center of the city. From there, the EOC delegation set out to check the university campus in Harcov. The Executive

### on the visit



Director of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee Kateřina Nyčová explains: "We showed them the future Olympic village, which the campus will be turned into during the course of the Festival. The commission inspected the rooms in each block, the canteen, the multimedia hall, clubs and the sport hall." What was next on the agenda was a detailed conception of the preparations, time schedule and organisation of the event.

### Liberec heads to Dubrovnik

Between 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009, the European Olympic Committees (EOC) Seminar takes place in Dubrovnik. Apart from the representatives of the Czech Olympic Committee, a delegation from the Liberec EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee will also join the meeting. It comprises of Kateřina Nyčová, Martin Ditrich, and the project advisor Roman Kumpošt.

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More information in Czech, English and French about the preparations of the 10<sup>th</sup> European Youth Olympic Winter Festival 2011 in the Liberec Region available on the website [www.eyowf2011.cz](http://www.eyowf2011.cz)

### Number of the month

639

On 14<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at the opening of the EOC Seminar, days remaining before the start of the EYOWF 2011