



EYOWF 2011 info

10th European Youth Olympic Winter Festival 2011

EYOWF 2011 Liberec



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Stanislav Eichler, President of the Liberec Region

INTERVIEW OF THE MONTH

Stanislav Eichler: The European Union to support EYOWF 2011

The European Union awarded a € 2-million grant (more than 52 million Czech crowns) to organise the 10th European Youth Olympic Winter Festival (EYOWF) 2011 in the Liberec Region. The Festival will become the first sporting event in the history of the Czech Republic to be co-financed from the European budget. The President of the Liberec Region, Stanislav Eichler, views this as an expression of appreciation of the all-European dimension of the event.

With its 1 500 participants from 49 European countries, EYOWF 2011 is one of the largest sporting event that has ever taken place in the Czech Republic. I believe that the European Parliament in Strasbourg took the assets the Festival brings into consideration: not only the competition itself or the popularisation of the Olympic spirit, but first and foremost as a means of motivation for young people to lead an active life in the Czech Republic as well as throughout the rest of the continent. All in all, it has been a great diplomatic achievement for us.

How did the Czech delegation approach members of the European Parliament with the grant application for EYOWF 2011?

It was a joint initiative of the Liberec Region, Czech representatives of the European Parliament, representatives of the Liberec Region in Brussels and the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee. Jiří Havel, member of the European Parliament, proposed the grant to the Budget Committee of the Parliament, where it has been supported by other Czech and foreign colleagues. The process of

acceptance, which took a number of months, climaxed with the final vote of the European Parliament in December of last year.

EYOWF 2011 is the first sporting event ever held in the Czech Republic which is supported by EU. Where did you get the inspiration?

We drew inspiration from the organisers of the 2009 Winter Festival in Polish Szczyrk and the Summer Festival in Tampere. It was a fruitful cooperation and they were glad to share their experience. These helpful steps on the part of the EU demonstrated the importance it sees in all-European youth activities and the high opinion it holds about the event in the Liberec Region in 2011.

How will the funding be used?

The European Union granted the sum to the organisation of the EYOWF 2011. In the next few months the EU will specify the conditions, under which this money will be allocated along with the rules concerning the uses to which it can be put.

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Rehearsal round the corner

An all-round rehearsal for the organisers of EYOWF 2011 one year ahead of time will consist of the top youth event in the Czech Republic for pupils of primary schools – Games of the IV Olympic Days for Children and Youth of the Czech Republic 2010 (ODM 2010) at the end of January and beginning of February 2010. This event will put all the venues to a thorough test, as well as the members of the organising team and all the departments with their volunteers. This experience will certainly contribute to hosting the Festival 2011 on a top level.



Břízky in a new coat

The sports venue Břízky in Jablonec nad Nisou, which hosts the Biathlon races, has been undergoing changes and improvements since last year. Recently, there have been built new facilities, according to the rules of the International Biathlon Union the tracks are being widened including the penalty loop. Throughout 2010 the number of the permanent athletes cabins will be doubled.



Volunteers' live test

On Saturday 16th January, the Conference hall of Babylon Centre Liberec will host a training session of all 150 volunteers for the Festival 2011 who have so far joined the EYOWF Team. The aim of this meeting is to provide maximum information and present the form and system of cooperation during ODM 2010 and EYOWF 2011. Only the best will be nominated for the Festival based on their abilities and performance.



Quotation of the Month

„We are going to be more than ready for the EYOWF. We will be offering well-prepared venues, flawless organisation of races and functional logistics.“



RADEK CIKL, Vice-President of the Liberec Region

Step by step in 2009

From the Organisers' point of view, the year 2009 brought the following milestones:

January

The initial EYOWF 2011 press conference involving the christening of the EYOWF 2011 logo, attended by the President of the Liberec Region Stanislav Eichler and the President of the Czech Olympic Committee Milan Jirásek.



February

Representatives of the Liberec Region and the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee received the symbol of the Festival – the Organisers' flag – in Szczyrk, Poland, where EYOWF 2009 took place.

April

The Organising Committee launched volunteer recruitment. 500 members of the EYOWF Team will take part in the preparations and organisation of the Festival.



May

The results of an exclusive survey carried out by Factum Invenio for the Organising Committee were published. 777 students in nine towns and twelve secondary schools of the Liberec Region answered questions regarding their free time activities. The results served as the basis for the creation of a special accompanying programme to support EYOWF 2011 for students of primary and secondary schools in the region.

July

A delegation of the Organising Committee and the Liberec Region took part in the summer Festival 2009 in Tampere. The aim was to obtain experience in organising such an event and check on the quality of the sport venues and facilities.



August

The Organising Committee in cooperation with the European Olympic Committees, host towns of past Festivals and the Czech Olympic Committee compiled a complete list of the medal history in every discipline of all the previous nine winter Festivals.

September

The ceremonial kick-off of the year-and-a-half special accompanying programme vyCOOL se! for pupils of primary and secondary schools to support EYOWF 2011. The aim is to include young people in the unique atmosphere of the Festival and motivate them to be involved in free time sports and physical activities.



The President of the Liberec Region Stanislav Eichler named Roman Kumpošt, a skiing official and sport diplomat, the Honorary President of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee. Among the first to accept membership on the Honorary Board have been Milan Jirásek, President of the Czech Olympic Committee, and Stanislav Eichler, President of the Liberec Region.

November

The EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee successfully passed a detailed check on the state of preparations during an inspection of the EYOF Coordination Commission for the EYOWF 2011 led by Janko Dvoršák, its Chairman.



Representatives of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee presented the state of preparations at the EOC 38th General Assembly in Lisbon.

December

The European Union awarded EYOWF 2011 with a financial grant of € 2 million (more than 52 million Czech crowns). The Festival thus became the first sporting event in the history of the Czech Republic to be co-financed by European funds.



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Full diary in 2010

What are the most important issues on the 2010 list?

January/February

Games of the IV Olympic Days for Children and Youth of the Czech Republic 2010 – rehearsal for EYOWF 2011

March

Start of the NOCs Relations and Services department activities

April

Launch of the Festival 2011 official mascot

May

Presentation of the EYOWF 2011 to the Chefs de Mission and the Secretary Generals of National Olympic Committees at the seminar of the European Olympic Committees

November

Inspection of the EYOF Coordination Commission for the EYOF 2011

Seminar of the Technical delegates

Seminar of the Chefs de Mission - all taking place in Liberec

December

Presentation the state of preparations for the EYOWF 2011 at the 39th EOC General Assembly



NUMBER OF THE MONTH

1187

number of participants at ODM 2010, rehearsal of the EYOWF 2011*

* data at 15. 1. 2010