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YES EXECOM Meeting & Conference Ljubljana, Slovenia, 12 September 2008

Brussels, Belgium, 30 September 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 another EXECOM Meeting and Conference on 12 September 2008. The event took place in a beautiful city of Ljubljana and was kindly hosted by the Young Executives Society of Slovenia.

Hosted in the premises of the Brdo Congress Centre, this one-day gathering not only offered its participants a valuable opportunity to listen to some of the most prominent guest speakers, including the **President of Slovenia**, but also served as a platform for networking with young leading entrepreneurs from all around Europe. This, in its turn further favored the promotion of entrepreneurship, one of the core "raison d'être" for YES.

From the very beginning, participants plunged into a very inspiring atmosphere of the event with **Itay Talgam**, one of the leading Israeli music conductors illustrating a very lively comparison of the management role of an orchestra conductor vs. that of an entrepreneur. **Talgam** finally involved its multilingual audience into an unusual singing improvisation.

Morten Lund, founder or co-investor in more than 40 high-tech start ups in the last decade, including the world famous **Skype**, the VoIP star, told participants his story and shared his views on risks and challenges of starting a new business. He called on young entrepreneurs to be active and ambitious in order to reap the benefits of the numerous business opportunities available nowadays.

Dr. **Danilo Turk, President of Slovenia** concluded the day and stressed the necessity of collaboration between different sectors of the economy in order to maintain collective security in all its manifestations, which is one of the major requirements for further successful development and booming of the economy.

"Masterfully elaborated programme: the spirit of collaboration, inspiration, concord of theory and practice ... Another successful event to be added to the YES track record" – concluded President Ohneberg.