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PRESS RELEASE

YES strengthens its ties with the main R&D European network

Brussels, Belgium, December 17, 2009 – The recently appointed President of the European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs, Mr. Iván Sempere, attended a meeting with the chairman of the ERRIN management board and Director General of the Valencian Regional Office in Brussels, Juan Manuel Revuelta.

The aim of the meeting, held in the premises of the Valencian Regional Office in Brussels, was to strengthen ties between ERRIN and the European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs as well as studying new opportunities for cooperation within the fields of innovation and entrepreneurship, a common concern nowadays.

“Entrepreneurship culture among young entrepreneurs must stick to innovation values to reach effective goals” stated Mr. Sempere. The alliance between ERRIN and YES will be oriented towards boosting the development of European companies through a greater focus on R&D strategies.

The bonds between both organizations will allow them to join efforts to participate in European programs and initiatives related to the promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation values, especially among the SMEs which bear the brunt of EU's economic tissue.

“Entrepreneurial associations and regional networks have to work together, benefiting from their common values of innovation and proximity to the European enterprises”, said Mr. Revuelta.

YES – European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs

YES – European Confederation of Young Entrepreneurs is the main association of young entrepreneurs in Europe (representing around 40.000 young entrepreneurs under 40). The last YES General Assembly, took place at the European Parliament in Brussels the 20th November, when Ivan Sempere (CEAJE - Confederation of Spanish Young Entrepreneurs, Spain) was unanimously elected as President of YES.

YES aims at improving the economic and social performance of young entrepreneurship in Europe. Members include major national associations of young entrepreneurs in the field of industry, trade and services from European countries both from and outside the EU.

YES actively contributes to the promotion of the entrepreneurial spirit in Europe and abroad. It stimulates exchanges and network activity between young entrepreneurs, fosters cooperation and sharing of best practices among their national associations, particularly in the fields of education and training.

ERRIN – European Regions Research & Innovation Network

ERRIN, the European Regions Research and Innovation Network, is a dynamic network of, currently, 77 EU regions and their Brussels-based offices. The chairman of its management board is currently the Director General of the Valencian Regional Office in Brussels, Juan Manuel Revuelta.

ERRIN facilitates knowledge exchange, joint action and project partnerships with the aim to strengthen its member region's research and innovation capacities and enhance their success in the EU programmes.

ERRIN also aspires to influence EU policies in order to make them respond better to the needs of European regions and, to this end, engages in debate with EU institutions and participates in EU policy consultations.

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