



## EYOWF 2011 info

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

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František Dvořák, Vice-President for Sport of the Czech Olympic Committee, has witnessed all the summer and winter editions of the European Youth Olympic Festivals since their launch in 1991. As a careful observer, he has always been interested not only in the performances of the future star athletes, but also in the quality of the venues, organisation and facilities. He is convinced that EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region will rank among the best in history.

#### Why was the Czech Republic so interested in hosting EYOWF 2011?

The Czech Olympic Committee is a traditional and successful participant in the European Youth Olympic Festivals since their very beginnings. In addition, the participation of the Czech junior team in these games is a logical outcome of the national Olympic project, the Olympic Days for Children and Youth of the Czech Republic which is a competition of regional teams. The Liberec region hosts the games in winter 2010, so this event will provide a thorough and comprehensive test for hosting EYOWF 2011.

#### What was the deciding factor for the Liberec Region to be chosen as the setting for this top European youth competition?

From the geographical and climatic view the Liberec

Region offers ideal conditions for this event. There are suitable winter resorts, the necessary facilities, wide experience from hosting major competitions in various disciplines, a good source of volunteers and finally the sophistication of the organisers.

#### Could you outline the conditions the region offers to young athletes?

The venues are modern, tried and tested by hosting major events. The Vesec and Ještěd venues played host to the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships 2009. Tipsport arena in Liberec is a wonderful multi-functional hall offering ideal conditions for ice sports. Břízky in Jablonec nad Nisou is a traditional biathlon centre and Rejdice has the reputation of being a snowboarding paradise for

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### Top Ten of EYOWF 2011

- A **unique** sporting event in the Czech Republic and in the Liberec Region between the 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of February 2011
- **Eight** disciplines (six in Liberec, one in Jablonec and one in Rejdice)
- **Short** distances and minimum travelling, compact event
- **One** common Olympic Village and Festival facilities in the modernised university campus in Liberec – Harcov near the city centre
- **An experienced** Organising Committee and a tried and tested organising team of many sport events of international importance
- **Festival** centre in Liberec, a city with one hundred thousand inhabitants, the location of the opening, closing and award ceremonies, and the entertainment programme
- **Newly** built or modernised venues complying with the standards and requirements of top events
- **Regular**, active, fast and efficient 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 publications
- **Implementing** quality information technology in connection with the organisation and communication



### Facts about Festival

**Date:** The 10<sup>th</sup> European Youth Olympic Winter Festival in the Liberec Region will take place from the 12<sup>th</sup> February to the 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2011.

**Accommodation:** Both the accommodation, as well as the administration and technical background of the event will be located in the premises of the campus of the Technical University of Liberec.

**Ceremonies:** The opening and closing ceremonies will take place at the Tipsport arena in Liberec.

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### QUOTATION OF THE MONTH

*„I hope that EYOWF 2011 and its heroes will attract as many young people as possible to regular sports activities.“*

STANISLAV EICHLER,  
President of the Liberec Region

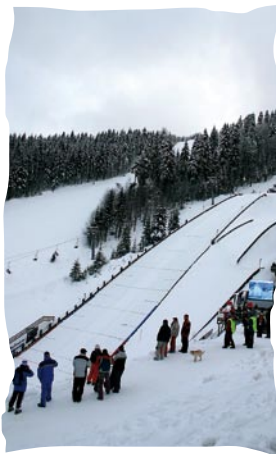


## Towns and Venues

The programme of the EYOWF 2011 offers 8 winter disciplines. These will take place in the following proposed venues:

DISCIPLINE	TOWN	VENUE	KM
Alpine Skiing	Liberec	Ještěd	9
Cross Country Skiing	Liberec	Vesec	9
Ski Jumping	Liberec	Ještěd	9
Nordic Combined	Liberec	Ještěd, Vesec	6
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 and in case of the Nordic Combined the distance between the venues.



## Observing Tampere Festival



At present, a delegation consisting of members of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee and representatives of the Liberec Region is in Tampere where EYOF 2009 is being held. The members will take part in the Opening and Closing Ceremony and additionally visit the Olympic Village and sports venues. They will also focus on the accompanying programme of the Festival and will advertise EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region. Kateřina Nyčová, the Executive Director of the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee added: "We are all particularly interested in the specialised two-day seminar on the topic of EYOF organisation. I believe it will be very instructive."

## Smallest but Most Beautiful

**The smallest Czech region:** The Liberec Region with an area of 3,163 km<sup>2</sup> is only 4 % of the whole Czech Republic territory. After Prague (the capital city), it is the second smallest region.

**The centre of the region is Liberec:** There are 215 towns and villages in the region, the total population of which is currently 434,000; their average age being 39.8 years. The centre and residence of regional authorities is the city of Liberec, with the population of 100,000. Other large cities of the region are: Jablonec nad Nisou, Česká Lípa, Turnov, Semily, and Nový Bor.

**Landmarks everywhere you look:** The cap-

tivating charm of the Jizerské Mountains, the ravenous Krkonoše Mountains and the romantic Czech Paradise, the graceful surroundings of the Máchovo Lake, the manors and castles – these are just some of many dominants. The symbol of the region is considered a 1012-metre high Ještěd Mountain, towering above Liberec.

**Developed industry:** The Liberec Region is mostly industrial in character. It chiefly specialises in: glass and costume jewellery industry; manufacturing and processing of plastic materials and nanofibres; engineering; fields with close connection to automobile manufacturing; and food production.



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the young. I am convinced that the 2011 Festival will provide all the participants with high-quality facilities and professional organisation of the competitions. All of this is thanks to the support from the authorities of the Liberec Region which have created favourable working conditions for the EYOWF 2011 Organising Committee.

### What do you see as the chief merits of the Liberec Region in connection with organisation and logistics of EYOWF 2011?

I am convinced that EYOWF 2011 in Liberec will be an Olympic competition with an excellent atmosphere corresponding to the age of the participants and respecting all the elements of the Olympic protocol and values of the modern Olympic Games. It will definitely serve as excellent motivation for young athletes to pursue their sport careers and their start in the real Olympic Games in the future. I see the Olympic atmosphere in the quality of the sport venues, in the professional level of organisation and in respecting

the Olympic protocol from both the organisational as well as the social point of view. There will be one Olympic Village where all the teams will be accommodated and where the Festival facilities will be located. Overall, the Liberec Festival will be a compact event, without the need for long transportation and travelling between venues or meetings. And I also believe that the experienced organisers will offer an interesting and rich social programme for free time since EYOWF is not only a sporting event.

### What benefits will this competition bring for international and Czech sports?

Primarily, it is of major importance for the Czech Republic in the context of our incorporation into Europe. Young sportspeople will visit one of its regions, its environment, nature and way of life. From the sports perspective, we would like to demonstrate once again that we are a sports nation and that we have not only top athletes, but that we are also solid and experienced organisers of major sport events. The successful organisation of EYOWF 2011 may influence our chances of winning the organisation of other large sporting events.

## A motivating programme

vyCOOL se!

Starting in September, in the Liberec Region and other places in the Czech Republic, teenagers will have the chance to take an active part in a special programme accompanying the preparations for EYOWF 2011. The aim of the motivational programme entitled "vyCOOL se!" is to interest young people in physical exercise, present sports activities in various forms and offer a meaningful way of spending free time. It is divided into four thematic sections: sports, education and entertainment, art, and social and cultural.

## The Number of the Month

567

Number of days between the last day of EYOF 2009 in Tampere and the start of EYOWF 2011 in the Liberec Region.

## Logo: a human hand print

The author of the EYOWF 2011 logo is Veronika Vysloužilová, a sixteen-year-old student of the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade of the Applied Arts School in Jablonec nad Nisou. The logo was launched at the beginning of this year in a ceremony attended by the President of the Liberec Region Stanislav Eichler and the President of the Czech Olympic Committee Milan Jirásek. Veronika Vysloužilová explained: "My primary inspiration was a human hand. Each finger is depicted in an Olympic colour, the palm represented as a rolling ball. It symbolises movement or sport as such."

