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YMCA Europe Annual Report 2011

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“ YMCA Europe is a working fellowship
to strengthen movements where people
grow in body, mind and spirit. ”

Introduction

We are delighted to introduce the **2011 YMCA Europe Annual Report**.

You will read what has been possible thanks to the support of our partners and member YMCAs across our continent. Through the combined efforts of many people, we continue strengthening YMCA Europe as an inclusive and relevant platform in contemporary times, putting young people at the centre of all our initiatives.

These challenging economic times in which social difficulties are increased among the more vulnerable members of our communities, needed an answer from YMCA Europe. Therefore, after a wide consultation process that had started the year before, during our General Assembly held in June we adopted our new **Strategic Plan for the period 2011 – 2016**. Concrete priorities were established and three signature programmes would “reflect our unique character, our ambitions as well as our Mission”:

- *Peace, Justice and Democracy*
- *Healthy Living*
- *Inclusive Christianity*

Aligned with the World Alliance of YMCAs’ Strategy and as part of the largest youth movement in the world, we focus on Youth Empowerment and have created spaces for participation and growth of young people.

Our pan-European perspective inspired us to be a reference for National Movements, emphasizing the need for a more effective cooperation among them.

You can find examples of our achievements throughout the report together with figures about our dimension, impact and accounts. We also include testimonials from participants in our programmes and information about our partners.

On behalf of our Executive Committee and staff we thank you for your continuous support and active participation..



Peter Posner
President



Juan Simoes Iglesias
Secretary General

About YMCA Europe

YMCA Europe is an international umbrella association that serves **37 member and 8 cooperating YMCA movements throughout Europe**. We offer administrative support, facilitate networking and programme sharing, organize seminars and events and in accordance with our strategy serve to enhance and positively influence lives of young people.

YMCA Europe annually submits a number of grant requests to several European bodies. These grants support our office work and administration or they are specifically attached to projects or events organized in other countries.

The next part of the work includes networking and facilitation of the contact exchange among national movements, programme groups, various task groups, European institutions, World Alliance of YMCAs and many other organizations. The Office also collects and maintains data, files, contracts and other documentation.

Collectively YMCA's in Europe:

Beneficiaries	1,384,208
Members	404,428
Staff	21,804
Volunteers	104,167
National Trustees	316
Locations in 45 countries	5,574

Representing youth

YMCA Europe is a member of the European Youth Forum (YFJ). The YFJ is an independent, democratic, youth-led platform, representing 98 National Youth Councils and International Youth Organisations from across Europe. It works to empower young people to participate actively in society to improve their own lives by representing and advocating their needs and interests and those of their organisations towards European Institutions, the Council of Europe and the United Nations. Being part of the YFJ gives the YMCA many opportunities to have more influence and impact at a European political level.

YMCA Europe is also represented in the Advisory Council on Youth, which includes 30 representatives from youth NGOs and networks that provide opinions and input on all youth sector activities of the Council of Europe. YMCA Europe initiates and actively supports co-operation among partner youth organizations, especially focusing on the cooperation among the "BIG 6" (YMCA, YWCA, WAGGGS, WOSM, International Award Association and Red Cross).

YMCA Europe is involved in the Conference of European Churches (CEC), including cooperation in the preparation and during the study session of "Together in Diversity".





Movement Strengthening

Programme Groups

YMCA European Spectrum (YES)

The aim of YES is for young people to have a voice within the YMCA on subjects of concern to them. Made up of young people from YMCAs across Europe, YES is a consultative group of YMCA Europe providing opportunities to develop on an international scene.

Christian Orientation Group (COG)

COG emphasizes the Christian identity and mission of the YMCA as an ecumenical lay movement. It constantly analyses what our Christian identity and mission means in today's European and global realities translating those reflections into action.

European Sport YMCA (ESY)

Throughout sports ESY strengthens a healthy lifestyle among young people. It organizes European YMCA Championships in Basketball, Handball, Table Tennis and Volleyball every second year. ESY offers seminars for young sport leaders from different countries.

Volunteers for Europe (VfE)

VfE is an opportunity for personal development through volunteers exchange within the member movements of YMCA Europe. Using the existing network of YMCAs across Europe it offers a diverse range of placement options (fields of work) in a variety of contexts.

European Ten Sing Group (ETS)

ETS is the platform of the European Ten Sing Leaders. Ten Sing is an international Christian youth programme within the YMCA and the YWCA, involving young people willing to express themselves through performing arts.

European YMCA Scouting & Jungschar Group (ESG)

ESG is the platform of European Jungschar and YMCA Scouting Leaders. It is a forum of co-operation and discussion that focuses on programmes and actions based on the method of scouting.

YMCA Europe Resource Team (YERT)

YERT is a programme initiative to assist movements in reflecting on their strengths and building on those strengths to further develop their capacity and efficiency. The team includes staff members from different YMCAs across Europe.

Balkan Project

The Balkan Project is a coordinated long-term process for the development of YMCAs in Balkan area. It was initiated in the year 2000 focusing on the continuous support and strengthening of national and local YMCAs in the region. The countries where YMCA operates are: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Montenegro, Macedonia, Kosovo, Romania and Serbia. The project is mainly funded by the Horyzon (Switzerland).

Main events in 2011 related to the project :

2ND EURO-ASIAN YMCA-VOIEVOD CHAMPIONSHIP & YMCA FESTIVAL OF MOLDOVA

Place: Chisinau, Moldova

Participants: 200 from Moldova, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Russia, Turkey

INTERREGIONAL PROGRAMME FAIR

Place: Kiev, Ukraine

Participants: 280 from 20 countries - from Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Macedonia (FYROM), Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, the USA.

EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS' CHOIRS

Place: Vilnius, Lithuania

Participants: 35 from Poland and Lithuania

YMCA Transylvania Annual Youth Festival

Place: Sovata, Romania

Participants: 400 from various churches in Romania

Y-FEST IN BAIJA MARE – 4TH EDITION

Place: Baia Mare Romania

Participants: 2000

KULPINFEST

Place: Kulpin, Serbia

Participants: 2000 from Vojvodina of Serbia, Hungary and Romania

BASKETBALL FOR PEACE

Place: Bardosh, Kosovo

Participants: 16 multiethnic team (Serbs, Albanians, Roma), 200 spectators.

AGAINST AGGRESSION

Place: Dobrich Bulgaria

Participants: 200 (from local kindergartens and schools)

You can find more information about YMCA Europe Balkan project on www.ymcabalkans.com

Field and Partner Groups

Movement Development within YMCA Europe has several forms. After the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989 there was a strong need in Eastern countries to establish or revive YMCA movements. The method used to assist these movements is very specific to YMCA Europe and it is called "Begleitung", which uses resources and know-how of people involved in YMCAs to guide the process without direct interference or instruction. As a result, the number of YMCA Europe member movements grew significantly. To further assist this process the system of Field and Partner Groups was created, with the following groups operating during 2011:

Field Groups: Albania, Belarus, Georgia, Kosovo, Russia, Ukraine

Partner Groups: Armenia, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Hungary, Malta

Partner Groups (geographical groupings): British NGS Group, Mediterranean YMCAs, Nordic Committee





Programme Highlights of the Year

European Ten Sing Festival

From the 31st July until 6th August, almost 2000 Ten Singers from all across Europe came together for a week packed with Ten Sing activities and much more. The theme of the festival was "MOVin" and throughout the week the participants could experience different aspects of movement. Highlights of the festival included many Ten Sing performances that showed the diversity of Ten Sing across Europe, a devotion night with five different services, "MOVin' out" day with much to explore outside the festival area, and an amazing festival song!

The festival was held in Ziegenhain, Germany and the programme also focused on workshops, sports, excursions and concerts.

A declaration about the world we live in was shared during the Festival:



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Nothing is still, everything is moving, everything is in motion. Our lives are constantly changing because of different experiences and people we meet. The world is changing. Global warming makes the world a different place to live, globalization makes the world smaller. These changes can be good or bad, happy or sad. While we are moving, there is something that doesn't move – God. Even though we change, God remains the same. If we let God move in into our lives then we also let some of His eternity be a part of ourselves.

”

ESG Day

Every year during the ESG day, scouting groups from all over Europe plan and develop the same program. This year the ESG day was prepared by Switzerland. The participants went out on a journey with David and Goliath. At the end, David won the battle with the support from the kids and all had a victory banquet.

It's the tradition that the participants write postcards to the host country. We received over 30 postcards from Armenia, Finland, Germany, Lithuania and Switzerland.

Some voices from the postcards :

"Thanks a lot! It was a good moment to show our kids, that there are many more scouting groups in Europe" (Jungschar Orpund Gottstadt, Germany)

"Greetings from YMCA Spitak Scout Group, Armenia. This postcard shows what a nice ESG day we had here in Armenia. We enjoyed it!" (Spitak YMCA, Armenia)

"Dear friends! Congratulation from sunny Lithuania! We wish to have a fun, wonderful and awesome ESG day! With love from Vilnius" (Lithuanian scouts)

"This letter is from Oulo. We would like to thank you for chocolate bananas (Ollaan tehty niitä ennenlein, mutta sitäähän te efte tiedä)" (Oulu, Finland)

"Cevi Weinfeldten had a great ESG afternoon... with 45 kids-yeah" (Cevi Weinfeldten, Switzerland)





Peace Work Seminar

On July 18 – 24, 2011, the YMCA Europe Peace Work Seminar was held in Prague, Czech Republic. The event enrolled 31 participants and facilitators from 14 European Movements, plus Argentina, India and the USA. It was the first event within the YMCA Europe new Strategy 2011 – 2016 focusing on Peace, Justice and Democracy, one of the YMCA Europe’s signature programmes. The event was possible thanks to the financial support from the Council of Europe European Youth Foundation and Y’s Men International’s Alexander Scholarship Fund.

In the follow-up evaluation, the relevance of the content of the seminar was evaluated by its participants as excellent. They were in almost unanimous ‘strong agreement’ with the statements that they gained a more clear understanding of what the YMCA Peace Work is and that they had learnt a lot from sharing personal experiences of people involved on YMCA work in conflict zones.

The seminar was a robust event - none of the participants ranked the fun they had lower than ‘strongly agree’. And the last, but not the least: the young people remain really and seriously interested in the issue. They strongly state that they would like to be part of the YMCA Peace Work in the future and that they would like to gain more knowledge and skills on how to successfully carry it out.



"I really enjoyed the Peace Seminar, because I learned a lot of things about conflicts and conflicts' resolution especially in the Balkan zone... The participants were open minded, very friendly and eager to share with everyone their YMCA experience, but also some of their personal stories which brought them closer to the rest of the participants... Overall this event has made a big impact on me and I will definitely graded it A++++."

(Andrada, Romania)

"The program helped tremendously in meeting new people, gaining knowledge and experience. I had a chance to make friends with a lot of interesting and likeminded young individuals in the atmosphere of camaraderie and fellowship. I would also like to express my appreciation for the hospitality and technical guidance you provided

to the participants. It was really interesting, well thought and organized seminar. I'd like to mention the movies shown through the event, there were chosen brilliantly... In my opinion they show human nature, how can life be reshaped in unexpected way, they gave me new ideas of developing friendly and effective relations with various nations a new world of friends. Not only our team work was fun but it also enabled us to have such a fruitful experience. We had a chance to listen people who were eyewitnesses of the distractive result of wars. It was shockingly sad but instructive. We all grew closer to each other and learnt a lot about other countries and their citizens, developed leadership skills and a lot of ideas on living and cooperating side by side in peace.

(Maria, Armenia)



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Armenia (www.ymca.am)
Belarus (en.ymcabelarus.org/national/home.html)
Belgium
Bulgaria (www.ymcabalkans.com/bulgaria.html)
Czech Republic (www.ymca.cz)
Denmark (www.kfum-kfuk.dk)
England (www.ymca.org.uk)
Estonia (www.ymca.ee)
Finland (www.ymca.fi)
France (www.ucjg.fr)
Georgia (www.ymca.ge)
Germany (www.cvjm.de)
Greece (www.ymca.gr)
Hungary (www.kie.hu)
Iceland (www.kfum.is)
Ireland (www.ymca-ireland.net)
Italy (www.ymca.it)
Latvia (www.imka.lv)
Latvian YMCA/YWCA in Germany
Lithuania
Macedonia (www.ymca-macedonia.org.mk)
Malta (www.ymcahomeless.org)
Moldova
Netherlands (www.ymca.nl)
Norway (www.kfuk-kfum.no)
Poland (www.ymca.pl)
Polish YMCA London Association
(www.polskaymca.org.uk)
Portugal (www.acm.org.pt)
Romania (www.ymcaromania.com)
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Co-operating movements

Albania
Austria (www.ymca.at)
Bosnia and Herzegovina (ymca-bih.tumblr.com)
Kosovo (www.ymcaks.com)
Montenegro
Nagorno-Karabakh
Serbia
Turkey - Yucel Cultural Foundation (www.yucelvakfi.com)



Friends of YMCA Europe Campaign

This YMCA Europe campaign was created in response to the increasing need for visibility of YMCAs in Resource Mobilisation and Festival 2013 planning. To date many organizations and individuals have contributed over €50,000 thus giving this initiative a clearly positive signal.

Find out more on www.ymcaeurope.com/become-a-friend-of-ymca-europe.

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Anderson Donald (USA)	Hammar Karin (Sweden)
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Colloton Ken and Family (USA)	Luck Ian (Norway)
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Denison Phil and Marsha (USA)	Michailidou Marina (Greece)
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Turck Beate (Germany)
Vosjan Martin (The Netherlands)
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Watford & District YMCA (England)
Weber-Perregaux Gabrielle
Weder Dolf (Switzerland)

Weder Helen (Switzerland)
Weder Martin (Switzerland)
Werder-Meier Erich
Will Mike (Scotland)
Y's Men International (Switzerland)
Y's Men - Aalborg 3 Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Alderslyst Y's Mens Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Aulum Y's Mens Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Billund Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Errits Y's Mens Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Frederikshavn Y's Mens Club
Y's Men - Give Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Grenaa Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Hamar Y's Mens Club (Norway)
Y's Men - Han Herreds Y's Mens Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Hardernes Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Herring Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
Y's Men - Hjelpefond Aabenraa Y's Men's Club (Denmark)



Y's Men - Kalundborg Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Kingswood Y's Men's Club (UK)
 Y's Men - Kronjyllands Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Lemvig Y'S Men's Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Loegumkloster Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Logstor Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Midtdjurs Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Naestved Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Odsherreds Y's Mens Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Roskilde Y's Mens Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Rougsø-Sønderhald Y's Men's Club (Denmark)
 Y's Men - Skjern Y's Mens Club (Denmark)
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 YMCA Iceland
 YMCA Poland
 YMCA Lebanon
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 YMCA Spain (including donation from Antonio Briones)
 YMCA Training (England)
 Young Leaders from the YMCA of Sao Paulo (Brasil)
 Anonymous

General Administration – summary

Accounts in CZK and EUR; Ex.rate 31.12.2011 1EUR = CZK 25,800

INCOME STATEMENT

INCOME	CZK	EUR
Members Contributions	5 704 76	221 115
Special Fundraising	5 702 147	221 013
Grants from European Institutions	1 987 460	77 033
Refunds and Sundry Contributions	460 599	17 853
EAY General Assembly	1 088 561	42 192
TOTAL	14 943 522	579 206

EXPENDITURE	CZK	EUR
Salaries	7 658 634	296 846
Travel	1 728 979	67 015
Operations	2 104 084	81 554
Projects	2 361 355	91 525
EAY General Assembly	1 086 429	42 110
	14 939 480	579 050
Surplus (+) Deficit (-)	4 042	157
TOTAL	14 943 522	579 206

CURRENT ASSETS	CZK	EUR
Assets (less depreciation)	22 500	872
Cash	5 343 138	207 098
Debtor Training Centre (to be fundraised)	240 000	9 302
Debtors	5 029 181	194 930
TOTAL	10 634 819	412 202
NET ASSETS	4 439 980	172 092

CURRENT LIABILITIES	CZK	EUR
Creditors	5 369 711	208 128
Funds (Special)	825 128	31 982
Subtotal	6 194 839	240 110
RESERVES	4 439 980	172 092
TOTAL	10 634 819	412 202

BALANCE SHEET

(Reserves include Fixed Capital, General Reserves, Surpluses and Contingencies)

Auditor's Report

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the international non-governmental organization European Alliance of YMCAs (EAY), which comprise the balance sheet as of 31 December 2011, and the income statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. Information about the international non-governmental organization European Alliance of YMCAs (EAY) is presented in Note to these financial statements.

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Statutory Body's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Statutory Body of the international non-governmental organization European Alliance of YMCAs (EAY) is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Czech accounting regulations and for such internal control as statutory body determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Act on Auditors and International Standards on Auditing and the related application guidelines issued by the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic. Those laws and regulations require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risk of the material misstatement of the financial

statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the international non-governmental organization European Alliance of YMCAs (EAY) as of 31 December 2011, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Czech accounting regulations.

Prague on March 7, 2012

Thank you

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- Representatives on behalf of YMCA Europe in European institutions,
- YMCA European Spectrum,
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- World Alliance of YMCAs for Resource Mobilisation support,
- YMCA of the USA and YMCA Canada,
- HorYzon,
- Westfaelische Landeskirche,
- Members of YMCA Europe Resource Team,
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YMCA Europe 2013 Festival – Love 2 Live

4 – 10 August 2013 Prague, Czech Republic

The Love 2 Live Festival will provide a unique opportunity for 10,000 young people from across Europe and the world to come together to celebrate life... celebrate culture... celebrate diversityand celebrate all that is inspiring about being young in Europe and the wider world. During the course of a week, the Festival will take young people on a journey: exploring their dreams, aspirations & talents; developing their leadership skills; and challenging them to become change agents in the world we live in locally, nationally and globally.

Steering Group

The Festival Steering group is directly responsible for organising and managing the 2013 Festival on behalf of YMCA Europe. The Steering group was appointed by the YMCA Europe Executive Committee and brings together a variety of staff, volunteers and programme leaders from across Europe.

Mrs. Kerry Reilly, Scotland (chair-person)
Mr. Pete Bürki, Switzerland
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Mr. Volker Kamin, Germany
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Ms. Alzbeta Molnarova, Czech Republic
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Mission statement

We love to live.
We celebrate and renew our passion, commitment and faith in ourselves, in others and in God.
The YMCA is a global youth movement empowering people and serving communities.
Let's work together to change lives.

Festival website: www.yefestival.com

10 good reasons to support our work

- We focus on young people all over Europe.
- We empower and provide leadership training to young people; they are our representatives in EU and Council of Europe.
- We coordinate more than 100.000 Scouts, Ten Singers, sport people, youth and social workers in 45 countries
- We have made 2 huge festivals for more than 15.000 young people from 54 countries around the globe to create understanding, friendship and peace.
- We plan for the third festival in Prague in 2013 (August 4-10) for 10.000 people.
- We have helped develop YMCAs in 20 past communist countries since the fall of the Berlin wall.
- We focus on burning issues for youth : employment, social inclusion, migration, HIV/AIDS prevention, social solidarity, creative leisure time.
- We organize seminars, trainings and events, often located in places of conflict.
- We help National Movements to analyse and improve their capacity to develop and to serve their communities.
- Our three priorities described in our 2011 – 2016 Strategic Plan are : "Mission Awareness/Advocacy/Representation ; Relevant Programmes ; Sustainability.





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