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Over the past 20 years, since the opening up of Central and Eastern Europe, **ymca europe** has extended the YMCA into many countries throughout Europe. Today, we operate in 41 countries and half of these National YMCA Movements are still developing their identity, their programmes and their financial future.

Y's Men and **ymca europe** are working together

We have worked in close cooperation with Y's Men International through this time, having signed Principles of Partnership in 1997 at your meeting in Herning, Denmark. Ever since then, we have met regularly and worked together to help extend both the YMCA and Y's Men International.

A fantastic example of our joint working is the wonderful European YMCA Training Centre in Litomyšl, Czech Republic. Y's Men in Denmark, under leadership of Poul Thomsen, gave €70 000 over 10 years ago which was the essential seed funding to enable €2million in total support from governmental and YMCA sources to be spent on the training centre. We have also received from Y's Men on international level extensive support from the Time of Fast Programme (TOF) for projects based on activities from the European YMCA Training Centre. Y's Men is more than welcome to use the Training Centre.

In July 2009 at the Y's Men International Convention, again in Herning, I was able to give greetings and my thanks for your support and in particular the success of the Training Centre.

The World Financial Crises has been hard on **ymca europe**

Over the last 12 months, during the world financial crisis, **ymca europe** has found it increasingly difficult to raise money from its usual sources. Half of our budget is funded from voluntary donations. We are now in a position where we are faced with an annual €50,000 shortfall in our budget for the next three years. Unless we take radical action, we cannot continue with our strategy which has been so successful over the last two decades. One course of action is to close half of our activities, from general office management to extension. We have decided that this is not the right answer.

Instead, we want to become even more effective in Europe; to help not only the growing Movements but long-established Movements which are also facing difficulties. We have started a three year programme to renew our image, improve our communication systems and approach new potential sponsors for financial assistance.

You and your Y's Men's Club can help us

This is where you can help us. We are asking you to become a Friend of **ymca europe**. Join me in becoming a Friend of **ymca europe** by agreeing to donate a minimum of €100 per year for the next three years. This will allow **ymca europe** to continue working with its present strategy until new resources flow to enable new opportunities to be met.

Thank you for your time in considering this appeal. Details of how to donate are below.

Peter Posner, President, **ymca europe**

For more information about **ymca europe** please see our web site www.ymcaeurope.com

For more information about the YMCA Training Centre please see www.esclitomyšl.cz

Donation form

Yes, I would like to help **ymca europe** build a new future.

I will transfer my contribution for this year €_____ (minimum €100) in the month _____.

For the next 2 years I will do that in the month _____.

OR: I will transfer my contribution for all 3 years EUR_____ (minimum €300) in the month _____.

Y's Men Club: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____ ZIP: _____

Country: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

*Donation form to be sent to YMCA Europe, Na Porici 12, 110 00 Prague 1, Czech Republic.
Electronic version of donation form can also be downloaded on www.ymcaeurope.com.*

Bank details

EUR Account IBAN: CZ84 0100 0000 1955 7969 0217

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SWIFT: KOMBCZPP

Beneficiary: European Alliance of YMCAs (EAY)

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