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CALENDAR

20 – 21 January 2009

Session of European Youth Forum in Luhacovice, The Zlin Region

22 January 2009

Meeting of the representatives of the EYF with Troika's ministries of employment and social affairs

22 – 24 January 2009

Informal meeting of the EU Ministries for Employment

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The Zlín Region at work for ensuring good and stable jobs to the young generations

EU Ministries for Employment and Social Affairs will meet in Luhacovice for informally discussing the challenges of the labour market at international level. The Zlin Region has raised the occasion for organising a special event bringing there the European Youth Forum and several EU experts.

An important event is scheduled for the current month of January in Luhacovice. There, the Ministries of Employment of the 27 Member Countries of the European Union will meet in the frame of the Czech Presidency to the EU Council for an informal discussion with the European Commission. At the centre of the debate, the present difficult situation on the job markets because of the financial crisis.

The Zlin Region has decided to actively participate to the event by organizing a special session of the European Youth Forum (YFJ) under the title "Youth Employment in Time of Crisis". Representatives of Youth Parliaments from all over Europe will come to Luhacovice and work for two days on a paper that will be then officially presented the 22nd of January to the EU Ministries. The "Zlin Paper" will deal with topics such as the first occupation of young people, the workers' mobility, the promotion of entrepreneurship and the security of the job contracts.

Experts from the European Commission, the EU Social Partners and the Zlin Region will also help the young delegates. President Misak will welcome the EU guests and open the special session.

"The idea of inviting the main non-governmental organization of young generations and the EU experts came from the Representatives of the Zlin Region to provide an opportunity to the EU decision-makers to listen what youth today perceive as quality employment, difficulties to enter the labor market and precariousness if working conditions" explains Mr. Mattia Crosetto, the Director of the Zlin Region in Brussels.

This event marks the sound engagement of the Zlin Region for ensuring better living conditions to all its citizens, and especially the young generations, not only at the local, but also at the European level.

Official web site of the Zlín Region: <http://zlinskykraj.eu/>

More information about activities of the Zlín Region in Europe: www.zlinregioninbrussels.eu



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