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Board Meeting, Madrid (Spain), 10-12 April 2003

The newly elected YEPP President Daniel Bautista invited his new team, the YEPP Board and the Executive Officer Ann-Pascale Mommerency to Madrid (Spain) shortly after the 4th YEPP Congress. Even when the new Board had already gathered together the same night after the Congress for just a few minutes, this was the first time they met in order to start the work of the period 2003-2005. And Madrid was a good opportunity to meet each other, work and invest in team-spirit and start political discussions.

From this political perspective the work done by the Board in Madrid was very important to establish the guidelines for the next two years. Many were the decisions taken but one of the most important ones was the discussion and approval of the Work Plan 2003-2005 that the Board titled "More YEPP, More Europe". The document -it was afterwards taken to the Council meeting in Prague for approval- included all the internal and external guidelines for our work. From the main principles and values that should rule the inner work of the Board and the distribution of competences to the external dimension of YEPP and our new communication policy. All these measures were deeply discussed and finally agreed by unanimity by Board Members.   .

Among the discussions another important question was agreed: who was going to represent YEPP in the different EPP Working Groups and Fora, that is, who was going to attend the meetings in Brussels and will defend YEPP´s interests and proposals. That was going to be a very important work for our representatives, especially regarding the preparations of the EPP Political program for the upcoming years and electoral manifesto for the European elections to be held in June 2004.

But Madrid was not only about politics but also about team-building and friendship so Board Members and Executive Officer had the time to enjoy beautiful city of Madrid, including dinner at a tipical Spanish restaurant and short tour around Spain´s capital Madrid.

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