



The Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

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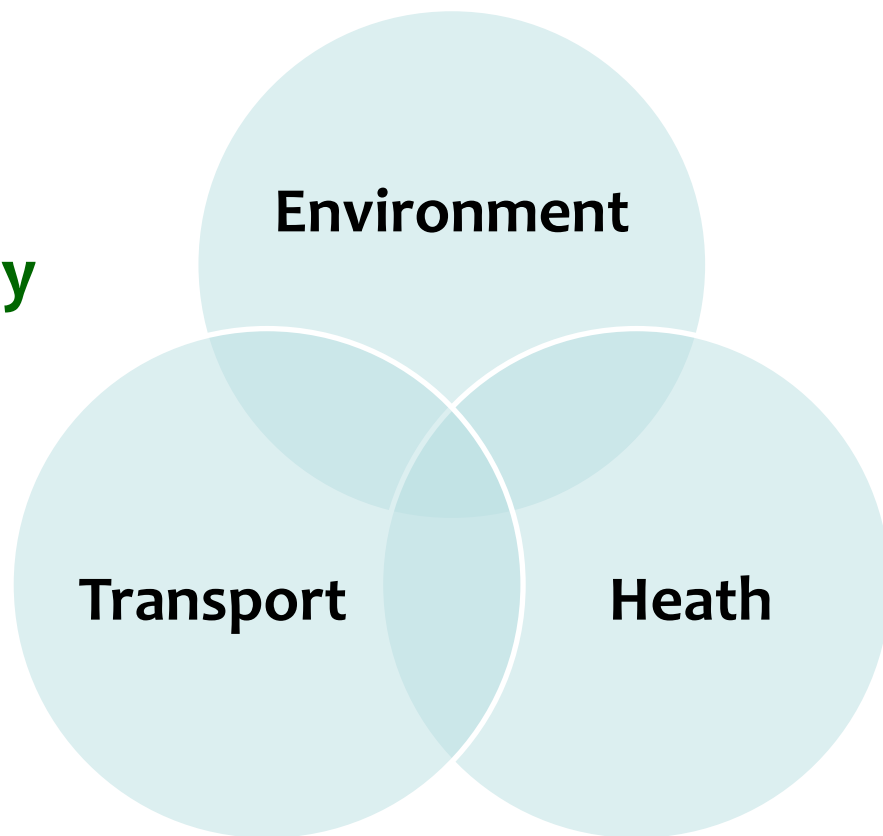
THE PEP Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

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What is THE PEP?

- Policy framework established in 2002
- Promote green and healthy mobility and transport in the European Region
- Three sectors – T, H, E
- UNECE
Transport/Environment Divisions and WHO
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Implementation mechanisms update

- The National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans
- THE PEP Relay Race
- THE PEP Partnerships
- THE PEP **academy** new mechanism



Communication strategy

- Modernizing architecture
- Enhancing ownership of THE PEP focal points and partners to contribute to the Clearing House
- More user-friendly interface

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United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
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Effects of transport | THE Integration | Urban transport | Demand management | Cross-cutting issues

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While the transport sector is a major economic actor in Europe, and contributes considerably to economic growth and our quality of life, the current transport system poses significant and growing threats to the environment and human health. The continuing expansion of transport, heavily dominated by road transport, raises serious concerns regarding the long-term sustainability of present mobility trends. Road transport is a major contributor to air pollution which affects human health and environment in particular in dense traffic zones in urban areas as well as through global effects on climate. The construction of roads and railways is increasingly threatening natural ecosystems and habitats. Traffic accidents, and in particular road traffic accidents, are a major cause of death and serious injury. A considerable amount of people in Europe are exposed to unhealthy levels of traffic noise as well as to health consequences of physical inactivity fostered by the current modes of transport and urban land-use planning. Adverse health impacts stemming from transport affect in particular the most vulnerable groups in our society, such as the elderly, people with disabilities and children.

The increasing evidence of the significant environmental and health impacts of transport is at the heart of the need to effectively address transport-related issues at the national and international levels. Since the adoption of Agenda 21 at the 1992 Rio Conference on Environment and Development, which identified transport as a key priority for action, it has been increasingly recognized that moving towards sustainable transport necessitates integrated action of the sectors concerned. As a result, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) launched a preparatory process that led to the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and its [Programme of Joint Action \(POJA\)](#) at the 1997 Regional Conference on Transport and the Environment. In 1999 the Third Ministerial Conference on Environment and Health adopted the [Charter on Transport, Environment and Health](#) and its Plan of Action.

In July 2002 a High-level Meeting on Transport, Environment and Health adopted the [Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme \(THE PEP\)](#) to bring together and to focus the UNECE and WHO/Europe activities on a number of key priority areas that had been selected from the UNECE POJA and the London Charter in the course of an intergovernmental preparatory process.

This Clearing House was established by THE PEP Steering Committee as a tool for disseminating information and good practices and for capacity building on the priority areas

Concluding, any suggestions?

- Suggestions are welcome!
- For instance how to raise awareness on our partnerships, on partnerships, the THE PEP Academy and the Clearing House?



Thank you for your attention!

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