

**REPORT OF THE NINETEENTH SESSION
OF THE EXTENDED BUREAU OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE TRANSPORT,
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT PAN-EUROPEAN PROGRAMME (THE PEP)**

4-5 April 2013, Paris

A. Participation

1. The Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee met from 4 to 5 April 2013 in Paris to discuss the preparations for the Fourth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (4HLM) to be held in Paris on 14-16 April 2014.
2. The meeting was chaired by the previous THE PEP Steering Committee chair Mr Philippe Maler (France). The following members of the Bureau or Steering Committee attended: Ms Nadine Asconchilo (France), Ms Nino Tkhilava (Georgia), Ms Katrin Dziekan and Mr Kilian Frey (Germany), Mr Ion Salaru (Republic of Moldova), Mr Vadim Donchenko (Russian Federation), Ms Biljana Filipovic (Serbia), Mr Matthias Rinderknecht (Switzerland), Mr Mihail Kochubovski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) and Mr Bart Cobbs (United States of America).
3. Ms Francesca Racioppi, Mr Christian Schweizer (WHO Regional Office for Europe), Mr Martin Magold (UNECE, Transport Division) and Ms Brinda Wachs (UNECE, Environment Division) participated from THE PEP secretariat. The meeting was hosted by the French Ministry of Social Affairs and Health.
4. The Bureau adopted the report of its eighteenth session (Geneva, 16 November 2012).

B. Format and logistics

5. The representatives of France proposed a format for the three-day event, which would partly take place in connection with the Transport Research Arena (TRA). The first day and a half would take place at La Défense and the second day and a half would take place at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. The Bureau discussed in detail and tentatively agreed the following schedule of events:

Sunday, 13 April 2014

- Arrival and welcome of participants.
- Evening reception (cocktail) for participants.

Monday, 14 April 2014

Venue: La Défense

- Morning session: registration of THE PEP participants and free participation at TRA sessions. Possible opening session at La Défense.
- Lunch: at TRA for THE PEP participants.
- Afternoon session: free participation at TRA sessions; possible session/seminar of THE PEP at TRA (CNIT)
- Evening reception at La Défense with round-table of the former chairs of THE PEP

Tuesday, 15 April 2014

- Morning venue: La Défense or Ministry of Health (to be confirmed).
- Morning session: Joint TRA-International Transport Forum-THE PEP plenary meeting/seminar (“strategic session”).
- Lunch and relocation to city centre
- Afternoon venue: Ministry of Health in the center of Paris.

- Afternoon session: synthesis of progress made on Amsterdam Goals, launch of key background documents;
- Finalization of the Paris Declaration (possibly earlier in the schedule to leave time for translation).
- Evening: social event in the center of Paris with opportunities for bilateral exchanges between delegates and ministers

Wednesday 16 April 2014

- Venue: Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
- Morning session: Statements by Members States from the three sectors, debates with youth network and transport, health, environment associations/non-governmental organisations on THE PEP Future: Where do we go from here?
- Lunch
- Afternoon session: Ministerial statements and adoption of the Paris Declaration and press conference.
- Closing ceremony and Ministerial reception.

6. The Bureau stressed the importance of focusing ministerial level participation to maximum one day, i.e. Wednesday, 16 April 2014. In planning the content of the various elements of the 4HLM, special attention should be given to the fact that the meeting will take place in two different locations and with three different audiences (researchers, THE PEP/technical focal points and ministers/policy-makers).

7. As possible main themes for the session on THE PEP future the Bureau agreed on the following: non-communicable diseases (in particular in relation to levels of physical activity), the involvement of youth (also as advocates for active mobility e.g. through social media), mobility demand reduction partnerships and cities (vertical integration). Suitable keynote speakers could include a health expert on physical activity, CEO of large company with a strong policy for teleworking, social marketing and a mayor of a major European city.

8. There will be limited options for side events and exhibitions available, either at La Défense or at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health. More details will be made available at the next meeting of the extended Bureau.

9. The secretariat together with the concerned French ministries will send out announcement letters for the 4HLM to all Member States before the next meeting of the extended Bureau in July 2013.

C. Themes and topics

10. The Bureau discussed and agreed on the slogan for the 4HLM: “City in motion – people first!”

11. The French delegation informed the Bureau on the possible contributions of THE PEP to the TRA2014, i.e. THE PEP side event on 14 April afternoon and the joint strategic session on the morning of 15 April with ITF and TRA.

12. For THE PEP side event, the Bureau proposed to focus on the tools of THE PEP, in particular HEAT for walking and cycling, embedded in a general session on THE PEP.

13. For the joint strategic session, the Bureau discussed potential topics to be discussed with ITF and TRA at a joint coordination meeting to be held in late April 2013. The Bureau has entrusted the secretariat and the chair of THE PEP with the further negotiations on this.

14. The Bureau considered a first proposal for a conference visual design by France. An updated proposal will be prepared for consideration by the Bureau at its meeting in July.

15. The secretariat outlined the current draft structure and elements of the policy outcome document of the 4HLM, i.e. the Paris Declaration. A core part of the declaration would be the formulation of THE PEP vision. The Bureau discussed a proposal from the secretariat and arrived at an updated version: Living in places that provide green and health-friendly transport¹ and prosperous, sustainable livelihoods for all².

D. Declaration

16. The Bureau discussed the first draft of the Paris Declaration, accepting its main structure and elements and noting the need to shorten and hone it and to retain the original descriptions of the four Amsterdam Goals.

17. Additional topics to be reflected in the Declaration included: not only horizontal integration (across the three sectors) but vertical integration (translating national and regional policy into local and municipal action); environment and health considerations in spatial planning and urban design; the need to make cities more resilient and prepared for the expected changes ahead (environmental, demographic and economic) and to bring them closer to THE PEP vision. Moreover, new partnerships need to be formed with researchers, cities, implementers and relevant stakeholders, including youth, the elderly, persons with reduced mobility and other vulnerable populations. To include this, the introduction of a fifth goal should be considered. Additional elements could alternatively be encompassed in a “chapeau” or introduction to the Paris Goals.

18. A revised version of the Declaration will be produced by the secretariat and circulated among the members of the Steering Committee for comments. A third draft will then be produced and considered at the extended Bureau meeting in July in Copenhagen.

E. Background documentation

19. France informed the Bureau of the current draft and plans for completion of the compendium of THE PEP relay race experience. The Bureau took note of the preliminary results and endorsed the proposed structure and elements. A first draft should be made available to the Extended Bureau at its July meeting in Copenhagen. The Bureau considered the latest draft of the study on signs and signals in walking and cycling and requested the secretariat to explore options and next steps.

20. The secretariat updated the Bureau on plans for completing the remaining background documents: Manual on NTHEAPs, Overview of the policy responses to THE challenges, Green and healthy jobs in transport and an updated THE PEP brochure.

¹ Several delegations preferred the term “mobility” to “transport”.

² Several delegations pointed out that “prosperous” was redundant, as this was implied by “sustainable livelihoods”.

21. The Bureau agreed to use the same basic design for all 4HLM background documentation in order to have a “corporate identity” for the 4HLM, with the possible exception of the NTHEAPs manual as it has already been designed.

22. A first draft of all publications should be presented to the Extended Bureau at its 20th meeting in Copenhagen in July.

F. Next meetings and other business

23. The Bureau was briefed on the status of the planning for the next relay race workshop, proposed to be held in Almaty, Kazakhstan, October 2013. The Ministries of Transport and Environment, the municipal authorities of Almaty (Akimat) and UNDP/GEF are coordinating the preparatory work and a preliminary programme is being developed in consultation with the secretariat. The subregional workshop will be focused on Urban Central Asia with three main themes: 1) to contribute to sustainable economic development through investment in environment- and health friendly transport; 2) transport-related air pollution and GHG emissions, abatement and mitigation and 3) policies and actions conducive to healthy and safe modes of transport (active mobility).

24. The secretariat reported on improvements and maintenance work done on the Clearing House and proposed further steps, e.g. improved process for document submission. The Bureau stressed its importance as one of the most used tools of THE PEP, urged Member States to provide financial support for further maintaining and improving it and to provide the secretariat with relevant research papers, academic studies, popular articles and other material to be uploaded to the Clearing House.

25. The Bureau accepted the offer of Switzerland to host the 22nd meeting of the extended Bureau in Zurich either on 30-31 January or 6-7 February 2014 for final preparations for the 4HLM.

26. The next (20th) meeting of the Extended Bureau would be held on 11 and 12 July 2013 in Copenhagen, at the WHO/Regional Office for Europe.
