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WORKSHOP ON SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY URBAN TRANSPORT

Focus on Eastern and Southeast Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia

29-30 October 2008, Chisinau (Moldova)

Rose Conference Hall, Codru Hotel, 127, 31 August 1989 Str.

Organized in the framework of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP)

In cooperation with the Ministries of Health, Environment and Transport, Republic of Moldova, the Moldovan National Scientific and Applied Centre for Preventive Medicine (NSACPM) and the Ministries of Transport and Environment of Switzerland

***Objectives:** As a follow-up to sub-regional workshops on sustainable urban transport and land-use planning in Cyprus, Moscow and Tbilisi, this workshop is intended to build capacity, raise awareness and share good practice among the three sectors and to generate policy recommendations to Ministers for the 3rd High-Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment in (22-23 January 2009, Amsterdam) with a particular focus on the needs of countries in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus (EECCA) and South East Europe (SEE)*

Provisional Programme

Wednesday, 29 October 2008

09.30 Welcome by hosts (Ms. Larisa Catrinici, Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ms. Violeta Ivanov, Mr. Pavel Ursu, Head of Country LO and Mr. Oleg Benes, Director, National Centre of Scientific and Applied Preventative Medicine, Ministry of Health, Republic of Moldova)

09.45 Opening remarks / Introduction of workshop themes (Ms. Francesca Racioppi, Acting Director, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, Ms. Christina von Schweinichen, Deputy Director, Environment, Housing and Land Management Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE))

SESSION I. CHALLENGES IN SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY URBAN TRANSPORT IN EECCA/SEE: WHAT ARE THE CRITICAL ISSUES?

10.00-11.00

– **Background paper on Sustainable Urban Transport in Moldova** (Ms. Tatiana Plesco, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Ms. Ana Volneanschi and Mr. Ion Cotruta, Transport Agency, Republic of Moldova)

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- **Sustainable Transport in Tbilisi: Current challenges and the Way Forward** (Mr. Mikheil Tushishvili, Head of Air Protection Division of Integrated Environmental management and Biodiversity department, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources, Georgia)

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

11.30-12.30

- **Road traffic and its Health Impacts on Modern Society** (Mr. Gheorghe Ciobanu, Director, National Centre of Scientific and Applied Medicine of Emergencies)

- **Sustainable Urban Transport: Challenges and Good Practice in the Russian Federation** (Mr. Vadim Donchenko, Director General, Scientific and Research Institute of Road Transport (NIIAT), Russian Federation and Chair of THE PEP Steering Committee).

- **Discussion and conclusions from Session I**

12.30-14.00 Lunch

SESSION II. TOOLS AND METHODS TO PROMOTE AND EVALUATE SUSTAINABLE AND HEALTHY URBAN TRANSPORT

14.00-15.30

- **THE PEP products: Clearinghouse on Transport, Health and Environment and integration of THE PEP Toolbox** (Mr. Misha Pesut, Transport Division, UNECE, THE PEP secretariat)

- **Guidance on Economic Valuation of Transport-related Health Effects: Case Study of Transport-related Air Pollution**, (Ms. Francesca Racioppi, WHO/Europe, THE PEP secretariat)

- **Evaluating Good Practice in Sustainable Urban Transport: THE PEP Assessment Report** (Ms. Brinda Wachs, Environment, Housing and land management Division, UNECE, THE PEP secretariat)

- **Discussion and conclusions from Session II**

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

SESSION III. URBAN AIR POLLUTION FROM TRANSPORT: HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND ABATEMENT STRATEGIES

16.00-17.30

- **Health Effects from Urban Air Pollution** (Dr. Michal Krzyzanowski, WHO/Euro Centre for Environment and Health, Bonn, Germany)

- **Particulate Matter (PM) Abatement in Cities**, (Dr. Hansjörg Sommer, Head of Air Pollution Control Division, Office of Waste, Water, Energy and Air, Zurich, Switzerland)

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- **Air Quality Monitoring in the Republic of Moldova** (Violeta Balan, Hydrometeorological Service and Mr. Ion Salaru, National Centre of Scientific and Applied Preventative Medicine)
- **Discussion and conclusions from Session III**

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SESSION IV. STRATEGIES FOR URBAN TRANSPORT PLANNING AND MOBILITY MANAGEMENT

9.30-11.00

- **Improving Public Transport Efficiency: Infrastructure and Operations**, (Mr. Dominik Brühwiler, head of traffic planning, public transport operations, Switzerland)
- **Sustainable Urban Transport Planning in Yerevan** (Mr. Arman Vermishyan, President, Burg Youth Environmental Centre, Armenia)
- **Urban Traffic and Transport Solutions in Chisinau** (Mr. Iurie Povar, Director, Design Institute "URBANPROIECT", Republic of Moldova)
- **Client-oriented Rail Transport: Case Study of Brno Railway Station (Czech Republic)** (Mr. Helmut Meelich, Head of UNECE trans-European railway (TER) project, Bratislava)
- **Discussion and conclusions from Session IV**

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

SESSION V. IMPROVING POLICY INTEGRATION IN TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

11.30 – 12.30

- **Getting Transport Actors Involved: A Programme to Promote Mobility Management in Austria** (Mr. Robert Thaler, Head of Department, Transport, Mobility, Human Settlement and Noise, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Environment and Water Management, Austria)
- **Guidance on Supportive Institutional Conditions for Coordinated Policy-and Decision-making** (Mr. François André, International and Horizontal Affairs, Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety, Environment, Belgium).
- **Discussion and conclusions from Session V**

12.30-14.00 Lunch

SESSION VI. RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTERS: THE THIRD HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON TRANSPORT, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

14.00-15.30

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- **“Making THE Link” – The Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment: Aims, Scope, Planning and Programme** (Mr. Mario Fruianu, Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management, NL)
- **Inputs to the final Draft Outcome Document and Recommendations to Policymakers** (Round-table discussion)
- **Close of the workshop.** (Workshop hosts and organizers)¹

¹ Note: the closing session of the workshop will be followed by a pre-meeting of the Extended Bureau of THE PEP Steering Committee (16.00-18.00), to be continued on Friday, 31 October (9.00-15.00). See separate Bureau agenda.