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

A intergovernmental collaboration within the Sustainable Mobility and Smart Connectivity NEXUS

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THE PEP and the NEXUS

THE PEP: Transport Health and Environment Pan-European Programme
A unique tripartite policy platform for member states, international organizations, NGOs and stakeholders from transport, health, environment for green, sustainable, healthy mobility and transport.

Focus areas: Sustainable mobility, clean transport technologies, public transport, active mobility, mobility management, sharing, urban planning, integration of health & environment into transport and land use policies, reducing emissions and climate change.

NEXUS arrangements: Jointly supported and serviced by the UNECE Sustainable Transport and Environment Programmes as well as WHO/Europe.
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Member States are guiding THE PEP through the tripartite Steering Committee and are involved in implementation mechanisms, like THE PEP relay races and partnerships focusing on concrete projects. Notably:

- **The Partnership on cycling promotion** – lead by A and F with UNECE, WHO, ECF and 28 Members (ARM, A, AZ, B, BIH, BG, CH; CR, CZ, D, DK, FIN, F, GE, H, IRL, I, L, M, NL, N, PL, RO, RUS, SRB, S, SK, SLO)

- **Partnership on eco-driving** – lead by A, RF, CH

- **TRANSDANUBE Partnership** – climate-friendly, low-carbon, low-emission, multimodal transport systems lead by A with D, SK H, SLO, CR, SRB, BG, RO

- **Jobs in green and healthy transport** – with ILO and UNECE, UNEP, OECD, EEA, A, F

- **HEAT Tool** – Health Economic Assessment Tool - with WHO, A, CH, EC, F, D, S, UK, EU-Project Pasta

- Integration of Transport Health Environmental Objectives into Urban and Spatial Planning – lead by RF and F
THE PEP High-level Meetings

Amsterdam – 2009

Paris – 2014

Vienna - 2021
Fifth Ministerial High-Level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment
17-18 May 2021, Vienna - Online

Building forward better by transforming to new, clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport

Austrian Hosts:
Federal Ministries on
➢ Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology
➢ Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection
Side events: 24 Webinars and virtual exhibitions 10 – 12 May 2021

Ministerial Sessions 17 May 2021

Opening & Welcome by

- Mr. A, Van der Bellen, Austrian Federal President (video message)
- Ms. L. Gewessler, Austrian Federal Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology
- Mr. W. Mückstein, Austrian Federal Minister for Social Affairs, Health, Care and Consumer Protection
- Ms. O. Algayerova, UNECE Executive Secretary
- Mr. H. Kluge, WHO EURO Regional Director
Ministerial Sessions 17 May 2021/18 May 2021

1: Building forward better – Reshaping cities and regions, mobility and transports for recovering after the pandemics

2: Climate neutrality – the challenge for green, safe and healthy mobility

3: Presentation of the Vienna Declaration and its Annexes, in particular the first ever pan-European Master Plan on Cycling Promotion

4: Investing in clean, active, safe and healthy mobility – benefits for citizens, cities and recovery of economy

Adoption and signing (virtual) of the Vienna ministerial Declaration and the first Pan-European Master Plan on Cycling Promotion
Political Decisions and Outcome of THE PEP 5HLM:

Vienna Declaration

“Building forward better by transforming to new, clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport”

+ joint vision and commitment to lead transformation towards clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport
+ developing a pan-European THE strategy and implementation actions including technical, planning, economic and legal options
+ resilience of transport and mobility
+ promoting healthy and active mobility - adoption and implementation of first pan-European masterplan on cycling
+ THE PEP fostering transformation and implementation
Political Decisions and Outcome of THE PEP 5HLM:

Vienna Declaration, Annexes

I. Challenges, opportunities and vision (THE PEP Facts & Figures)
II. Recommendations for Green and Healthy Sustainable Transport – Building forward better
III. Pan-European Masterplan for Cycling Promotion, with objectives, recommendations and implementation actions
IV. Policy Recommendations for Eco-driving
V. Conclusions and recommendations of the Handbook on Sustainable Transport and Urban Planning
VI. THE PEP Work Plan for the period 2021 – 2025
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For further information and registration
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