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Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme: Programme of work for 2021–2022

Draft programme of work for 2021-2022

Note by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme secretariat

Summary

At its eleventh meeting (Geneva, 23 October 2009), the Bureau of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Steering Committee requested the secretariat to prepare each year a detailed programme of work, showing work accomplished over the previous years and expected outputs for the forthcoming years.^a A draft programme of work for 2021–2025 was included in the Vienna Declaration of the Fifth High Level Meeting of THE PEP (online, 17-18 May 2021). The Committee is invited to review the activities carried out in 2021 and to endorse those planned for 2022.

^a See Report of the eleventh session of the Bureau of the Steering Committee of THE PEP, para. 2, available at

www.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/thepep/en/committee/bureau/documents/11thbureaureport.pdf.



I. Introduction

- 1. The Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (Vienna, online, 17-18 May 2021) adopted the Vienna Declaration, including the workplan for the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) for 2021-2025 (ECE/AC.21/2021/5-EUCHP2018924/4.3.5). The workplan is based on the priorities enshrined in the Declaration, which commit the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) member States to the pursuit of integrated policies aimed at achieving safe, efficient and environment- and health-friendly transport.
- 2. THE PEP workplan,¹ which covers the period between the Fifth and the Sixth High-level Meetings, sets out the activities to be pursued in the lead-up to the Sixth High-level Meeting, planned to be in Moscow in 2025. The Committee is invited to review the work carried out in 2021, endorse the activities planned for 2022 and provide guidance for their implementation.

II. Statutory meetings 2020–2021

THE PEP body (status)	Date and venue
Task Force on the Development of Green and Healthy Sustainable Transport Principles: final meeting	15 January 2021, online
Preparatory meeting for THE PEP	25 January 2021, online
Preparatory meeting for THE PEP	2 March 2021, online
Fifth High-level Meeting of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme: Side events	10-12 May 2021, online
Fifth High-level Meeting of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme: Special session of the Steering Committee of THE PEP	17 May 2021, online
Fifth High-level Meeting of the Transport, Health and Environment	17-18 May 2021, online
Nineteenth session of the Steering Committee of THE PEP	27-28 October 2021, Hybrid
Twentieth Anniversary celebration for THE PEP, Paris	13-14 January 2022, format to be defined
Thirty-nineth meeting of the Bureau for the implementation of THE PEP	June 2022, format to be defined
Twentieth session of the Steering Committee of THE PEP	October 2022, format to be defined

¹ Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Draft Work Plan 2021–2025, available at https://thepep.unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/2103031E.pdf.

III. Programme of work for 2021–2022

	THE PEP activity	Host/lead city/country/organization	Date(s)	Related targets under the Sustainable Development Goals ^b
1.	$Transforming \ to \ clean, safe, healthy \ and \ inclusive \ mobility \ and \ transport \ for \ happiness \ and \ prosperity \ for \ all$			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12; 13
	Initiate work towards the development of a comprehensive pan-European strategy on transport, health and environment, (taking into account the experiences of the COVID-19 crisis)	The Steering Committee, lead country	2021–2022	
	Initiate work towards the development of proposals for a possible legal instrument in line with THE PEP vision and the Priority Goals, for consideration by the Sixth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment	The Steering Committee, lead country	2021–2022	
	Organize a meeting to take stock of progress 20 years after the establishment of THE PEP	France	2022	
	Development of a communication strategy to raise awareness of opportunities for and benefits of sustainable and healthy transport and disseminate the results of THE PEP	Bureau	2021-2022	
	Development of joint initiatives and actions at the international, regional, national and local levels to support member States in the transition towards more resilient, safe, equitable and sustainable transport and mobility systems	Bureau and Steering Committee	2021-2022	
	Monitoring the implementation of THE PEP (and identifying country needs and main challenges in the implementation process): updating the questionnaire with the aim of integrating new elements introduced by the Vienna Declaration	Bureau and Steering Committee	2021-2022	
	Organization of annual meetings of the Steering Committee and of biannual meetings of the Bureau	Bureau	2021-2022	
2.	Ensuring the resilience of transport systems to climate change, pandemics and other disasters			
	Exploring how to assist member States in the implementation of the Recommendations on green and healthy sustainable transport and support member States	Steering Committee/ Task force	2021–2022	3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12

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3.	Improved living conditions in cities and regions by integrating environmental and health policies and objectives into coordinated transport and spatial planning			
	Activity to support coordination on the integration of sustainable transport, land-use planning, health and the environment	Russian Federation and France	2021–2022	
4.	Clean, safe, low-noise and net-zero emission transport by implementing policies and actions for healthy, active and safer mobility			3; 7; 11; 12; 13
	Activity to implement the Pan-European Master Plan for Cycling Promotion, including activity to promote measures to shift from motorized mobility to active mobility (and measures directly addressing COVID-19 and the role that cycling could play in making transport systems more resilient), including continuing the work on and the implementation of the infrastructure module and the development of the pan-European competence centre on active mobility	Austria and France, as leaders of the Partnership, ECF, CONEBI, UNECE and other member States	2021–2022	
	Development of a pan-European master plan for active mobility	Austria, France and other member States	2021–2022	
	Activity to further develop THE PEP tools and promote their application in decision-making process	Steering Committee	2021–2022	
	Activity under THE PEP Academy to transfer knowledge and best practices and reinforce capacities of member States for integrated policymaking	Steering Committee and lead country	2021–2022	
	Activity for future updates and improvements of HEAT	WHO	2021-2022	
	Activity to promote eco-driving	Austria	2021–2022	
	Activity to accelerate development and introduction of low- and zero-emission vehicles, electromobility and related infrastructure through financial and other support programmes	Steering Committee	2021–2022	
	Activity for future updates and improvements of ForFITS	UNECE	2021–2022	
5.	The social inclusivity of access to mobility and transport			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12
	Identify partners and stakeholders and create synergies with them so that all levels of society can be reached (how to involve them, how to benefit from them and how to make them benefit from us) (including custodians of Sustainable Development Goals and indicators)	Bureau and Steering Committee	2021–2022	

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6.	Directing investments, fiscal incentives and green finance initiatives towards sustainable transport to stimulate job creation and the economy			8; 9; 11; 12; 13
	Green and healthy jobs in transport	France exploring possibilities regarding further support	2021-2022	
7.	Making the best use of the benefits of the digitalization of transport and mobility services	Steering Committee	2021-2022	3; 8; 11; 12
8.	Implementing sustainable mobility management and services, employing appropriate technologies for clean, efficient, healthy and safe transport systems			3; 7; 8; 9; 11; 12; 13
	Provide ad hoc support and advice towards the creation of transport, health and environment action plans	Bureau and Steering Committee	2021-2022	
	Compilation and sharing of good practices and innovations on green and healthy mobility and cooperation between relevant sectors, at the national and local levels	Bureau, Steering Committee and other stakeholders, for example EPOMM	2021-2022	
	Promotion activities and sharing of good practices on mobility management and more on studies on managed mobility	Bureau, Steering Committee, lead country, for example Austria, and stakeholders, for example EPOMM	2021-2022	
	Activities on tourism and mobility	Austria	2021-2022	
	Development and implementation of studies on the environment and health impacts on new mobility options	Bureau and Steering Committee	2021-2022	
9.	The promotion of solutions to implement sustainable urban mobility, including a wide range of electric urban public transport modes and cycling and walking, and consideration of these forms of mobility in transport and spatial planning			3; 7; 9; 11; 12; 13
	See activities in programme areas 3 and 4 on supporting active mobility and integration of transport planning into urban planning	Bureau and Steering Committee	2021–2022	

^b Generally speaking, THE PEP supports achievement of all of the Sustainable Development Goals and, in particular, Goals 3 and 11. Shown here are the additional targets under the Goals that are relevant to specific activities.