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**Implementation of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-
European Programme: financial matters****Status of the Transport, Health and Environment
Pan-European Programme Trust Fund****Note by the secretariat****I. Introduction**

1. The present document contains information provided by the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) secretariat on the use of financial resources available in 2021 and 2022 to the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) secretariats. Detailed information for 2020 and 2021 can be found in document ECE/AC.21/SC/2021/4–EUCHP2018924/4.1/4.

2. This note does not include the in-kind contributions provided by several member States and other stakeholders to the implementation of THE PEP programme of work, in terms of expert time, mobilization of technical expertise, hosting of meetings and workshops, engagement of consultants and participation in and support to the work of THE PEP Partnerships, Relay race workshops and Academy. These contributions are of paramount importance in advancing the implementation of THE PEP programme of work and are gratefully acknowledged. Lastly, this note also excludes the corporate resources made available by ECE and WHO to support THE PEP joint secretariat salary costs and provide conference services.



II. Financial resources received and used by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe

A. United Nations Economic Commission for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2021 and estimates for 2022 (as of 4 August 2022)

(United States dollars)

<i>Opening balance 2021</i>	268 472
<i>Contributions 2021</i>	
Austria	46 511
Serbia	5 967
Total contributions 2021	52 478
Total available 2021	420 950
<i>Actual costs 2021</i>	
Staff and personnel costs, international consultant fees, etc.	24 940
Contractors	
Contractual services	17 527
Operating and other direct costs	1 315
Travel	3 329
Total costs 2021	47 111
13 per cent programme support costs	6 124
Total expenditure 2021	53 235
Balance at 31 Dec. 2021	367 714
<i>Opening balance 2022</i>	367 714
<i>Contributions 2022</i>	
France	60 000 ^a
Serbia	5 580
Switzerland	15 000
Total contributions 2022	80 580
Total available 2022	448 294
<i>Expected costs 2022</i>	
Staff and personnel costs, international consultant fees etc.	57 000
Grants out to end beneficiaries	60 000
Contractual services	2 000
Travel	20 000
Total forecast costs 2022	139 000
13 per cent programme support costs	18 070
Total forecast expenditure 2022	157 070
Forecast balance at 31 Dec. 2022	291 224

^a Provided for the Green Jobs Study.

B. World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe summary of contributions and expenditures for 2021 and estimates for 2022 (as of 1 August 2022)

(United States dollars)

<i>Balance on 31 Dec. 2020</i>	139,622
<i>Contributions 2021</i>	
Austria	41 160
France	16 892
WHO resources	120 000
Total contributions in 2021	178 052
Total available in 2021	317 674(a)
<i>Expenditures 2021</i>	
Travel of staff (statutory meetings, conferences, relay race workshop)	0
Travel of meeting participants (statutory meetings)	0
Preparation for Fifth High-level Meeting: Communication materials	27 919
Consultants	29 479
Contracts for publications, including editing, translation and layout	35 183
Health Economic Assessment Tool update	57 168
Expenditures in 2021	149 749
13 per cent programme support costs	19 467
Total expenditures for 2021	169 216(b)
Total unencumbered net fund balance as of 31 Dec. 2020 (a) –(b)	148 458(c)
<i>Contributions 2022</i>	
Serbia	5 252
Switzerland (pledged, not received)	20 000 ^a
Total contributions (including pledges) in 2022	25 252(d)
Total available in 2022 (c)+(d)	173 710
<i>Expected expenditures 2022 (estimates)</i>	
Travel of staff (statutory meetings, conferences, workshops)	7 321
Travel of meeting participants (statutory meetings, workshops)	7 500
Communication strategy; THE PEP survey, communication materials	40 525
Consultants	18 834
Contracts for publications: editing, translation, layout of 2 publications	13 142
Health Economic Assessment Tool maintenance and update	30 442
Expected direct expenditures for 2022	117 764
13 per cent programme support costs	15 309
Total expected expenditures for 2022	133 073(e)
Expected balance at 31 Dec. 2022 (c)+(d)–(e)	40 636

^a Pledged for a short film.

3. It should be noted that, in 2021, the WHO side of the secretariat was able to exceptionally mobilize funding from internal sources to an amount equivalent to \$120,000. These funds supported the implementation of part of the activities related to the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment.

4. In 2022, as of August 2022, the WHO side of the secretariat did not receive voluntary financial contributions from the member States to the same extent as in previous years. To implement the activities mandated by the Vienna Declaration, WHO sought resources available to the WHO European Centre for Environment and Health, through the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection. These resources supported: maintenance and update of the Health Economic Assessment Tool for walking and cycling; and finalization of THE PEP publications.

5. In view of the low amount of funds in the WHO side of the Trust Fund for 2023, the WHO secretariat will review THE PEP workplan to reassess planned activities in line with resources, prioritizing the essential functions of providing secretariat services to THE PEP over the implementation of other activities, until a clearer perspective on the amount and predictability of dedicated resources becomes available.

III. Commentary of financial results

6. The secretariat would like to highlight the precarious financial situation of the THE PEP Trust Fund and in particular the likelihood that, without an increase in contributions, the possibility to fund the participation of member States to THE PEP meetings will be significantly reduced. ECE notes that its internal secretariat rules do not allow it to draw funding for THE PEP activities from sources other than direct funds from member States earmarked for this Programme; therefore it will not be possible to draw on funds from alternative sources in the short or long term, nor has this been done in the past.

7. Although the finances of THE PEP have benefited from reduced costs in 2021 and 2022, along with some financial contributions from member States, without interventions the precarious financial situation will continue.

IV. Guidelines for the transfer of contributions to the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme

8. The secretariat provides bank information for the transfer of contributions to ECE and WHO/Europe to ensure the effective implementation of the workplan of THE PEP and the adequate participation of experts from countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in its meetings. Contributions should be transmitted to the ECE THE PEP Trust Fund and/or to WHO/Europe.

9. For administrative reasons, funds for personnel and information technology infrastructure for THE PEP Clearing House should be made available to the ECE Trust Fund, while support for additional services to be provided by the Clearing House can be made available to either ECE or WHO/Europe. In general, resources made available through the ECE Trust Fund would mainly support activities with a strong transport and environment component. Funds promoting primarily health-related objectives could be directed to WHO/Europe.
