

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Consultant

Expert in transport, health and environment governance and policy

Background

Since 2002 the Sustainable Transport and Environment Divisions of United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the WHO Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) provide secretariat service to the Transport, Health and Environment Pan European Programme (THE PEP) under which framework the Fifth High-level Meeting was organized on 17-18 May 2021.

A major outcome of the High-level event was the Vienna Declaration “Building forward better by transforming to new, clean, safe, healthy and inclusive mobility and transport”. One of the main commitments by member States was to develop a comprehensive pan-European Strategy on transport, health and the environment, including a clear pathway for its implementation, to achieve the agreed vision and guide the further work of THE PEP, for adoption in 2023, and use this Strategy to:

- (a) Strengthen our commitment to further developing and implementing THE PEP to ensure that it helps to improve living conditions in our urban, peri-urban, rural and mountainous areas, making them healthier, safer, better connected and accessible, in a perspective of social equity with no one left behind;
- (b) Develop further synergies between THE PEP activities and the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and other relevant intergovernmental processes through the activities set out in the Vienna Declaration aimed at assisting member States in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and climate action targets;
- (c) Strengthen our commitment to national action and international cooperation on policies to achieve our vision, including by integrating public transport, efficient intermodal connections and infrastructure for active mobility, for all users, with a view to reducing inequalities;
- (d) Consider the specific needs of children, youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities;
- (e) Develop effective monitoring by strengthening the collection of national and international data in the fields of transport, health and environment.

Description of duties

The main objective of this assignment is supporting THE PEP secretariat and the member States in the development of the comprehensive Strategy on Transport, Health and Environment, including the action plan for its implementation.

Key duties:

- carrying out a desk review of THE PEP publications about sustainable, green and healthy transport, including all outcome documents of the Fifth High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment held on 17-18 May 2021
- supporting the secretariat in organizing the meetings of the ad hoc working group composed of experts nominated from the member States
- developing a close synergy with the activities undertaken within the framework of THE PEP Partnerships and the other implementation mechanisms of THE PEP
- in close collaboration with the ad hoc working group, defining the following aspects of the Strategy:
 - the scope, timeline and target audience
 - long and short term objectives in line with the vision of the Vienna Declaration
 - strategic approaches and priority policy areas
- drafting the Strategy under the supervision of the ad hoc working group, maintaining regular contacts and exchanges with its members
- presenting the draft Strategy to the Steering Committee and its Bureau and taking on board feedback from member States
- developing key actions for the implementation of the Strategy, including timeline, and cost estimate.

Qualifications, experience, skills and languages

Qualifications

- An advanced university degree (Master's degree or equivalent degree) in Social Sciences, Public Administration or Management, Public Health, Transport or Environmental Science or Management, Public Policy Making, Political Science or other related fields.

Experience

- At least 15 years in social policy research, public policy making in national or international context;
- Work experience with UN organizations.

Skills/Knowledge

- Excellent analytical, planning, organization and writing skills and track record in conducting literature, rapid assessments and desk reviews;
- Demonstrated ability to work with external partners in an effective and competent manner and with due regard for cultural diversity;
- Demonstrated ability to transfer knowledge and expertise openly and freely, providing guidance and advice;
- Strong communication skills and experience in organizing and facilitating consultations with government officials;

- Practical experience with standard office software and databases.

Languages

- Excellent spoken and written fluency in English is required