

# INFORMATION NOTE<sup>1</sup>

## THE PEP WORKSHOP

### Working Together for Sustainable and Healthy Urban Transport

8-9 June 2011, Kyiv, Ukraine

The workshop is organized in the framework of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) in cooperation with

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine  
Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources of Ukraine  
Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine  
Ministry of Health of Ukraine  
Kyiv City State Administration

[In cooperation with the Government of France and the City of Toulouse]

#### I. Objectives

The objective of the workshop is to: encourage transport, health and environment policymakers to work together in developing strategies and measures for sustainable and healthy urban transport, with a focus on Eastern Europe and Caucuses. Participants will identify challenges and needs to promote innovative policies and mobility management programmes in Kyiv and cities of the region that support environmentally friendly and healthy transport policies and improve urban livelihoods.

Environment, transport and health as well as other related sectors will be represented at the workshop. Government officials, national and local authorities, representatives of private sectors, financial structures, academia, nongovernmental organisations (NGOs) and international experts will come together to inform and learn from each other. Participants will have the opportunity to present successful experiences and discuss obstacles and enabling factors in implementation of sustainable urban transport policies that aim at improving the transport situation and health and environment in urban settings.

#### II. Background

The workshop is organized under the auspices of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP), established in 2002 by the Member States of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe). THE PEP aims to support healthier and more environmentally friendly transport in the Pan-European region through the implementation of integrated and concrete policy actions involving the transport, health and environment sectors. At the Third High-level Meeting held in January 2009 in Amsterdam, ministers and other high-level officials from UNECE and WHO/Europe Member States renewed their political commitment to sustainable and healthy transport in the region and adopted the Amsterdam Declaration “Making THE Link: Transport Choices for our Health, Environment and Prosperity”, clearly defining mechanisms to support its implementation on the ground

([http://live.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/thepep/en/hlm/documents/2009/Amsterdam\\_Declaration\\_ENG.pdf](http://live.unece.org/fileadmin/DAM/thepep/en/hlm/documents/2009/Amsterdam_Declaration_ENG.pdf))

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One of THE PEP priority goals is to manage sustainable mobility and promote a more efficient transport system by promoting mobility management schemes for businesses, schools, leisure activities, communities and cities, raising awareness of mobility choices by improving the coordination between land use and transport planning and promoting the use of information technology. Furthermore, one of the elements of THE PEP work plan for 2009-2014 in supporting national action and international cooperation is to build capacity for better integration of transport, health and environment policy. In order to answer these expectations and fulfil these objectives, the workshop is organised under the leadership of the Government of Ukraine, in collaboration with the THE PEP secretariat (UNECE and WHO/Europe) and International Charitable Organisation “Information Center “Green Dossier” (Kyiv, Ukraine).

### **III. Background documentation and workshop outputs**

The following documents will serve as background material for the workshop:

- “Amsterdam Declaration”, “Working together for Sustainable and Healthy Transport: Guidance on Supportive Institutional Conditions for Policy Integration of Transport, Health and Environment”: [http://live.unece.org/thepep/en/hlm/hl3\\_info.html](http://live.unece.org/thepep/en/hlm/hl3_info.html) (English, French and Russian)
- Action points for policymakers, industry and society from the Pruhonice-Prague Workshop on Safe and Healthy Walking and Cycling in Urban Areas.

Participants are welcome to make other relevant material available at the workshop.

The two-day workshop and side event (see above) will bring together representatives from ministries responsible for transport, health and environment, as well as representatives of civil society and industry from countries of the UNECE and WHO/Europe region, in particular from Eastern Europe and Caucasus. Drawing on good practices, the workshop will encourage policymakers across the three sectors to develop targeted strategies and concrete measures that support an integrated policy approach to mobility management, efficient public transport networks and information technology for urban traffic management. Using an interactive format of debates and roundtable discussions, participants will work together to identify challenges and needs to promote innovative strategies, policies and measures and to support public transport and mobility management schemes for increasingly healthy and attractive sustainable transport in Kyiv.

### **IV. Practical information**

#### **1. Meeting venue**

The workshop will take place in Kyiv City State Administration building (Khreschatyk str. 36, metro st. Khreschatyk or metro st. Maidan Nezalezhnosti). Details are available on the web (<http://live.unece.org/thepep/en/welcome.html>).

#### **2. Working hours, language of the meeting**

The Workshop will start at 9.00 am on Wednesday 8 June 2011 (on site registration starts at 8.30) and ends at 4.00 pm on Thursday 9 June 2011. The Workshop will be conducted in English, Ukrainian and Russian. Simultaneous translation will be provided.

In order to organise the workshop efficiently, lunches and coffee breaks in the morning and afternoon sessions on 8 and 9 June will be held at the venue free of charge for participants. Please indicate in your registration form, if you have specific dietary requirements.

### **3. Registration**

The Workshop is open to experts from national and local authorities, practitioners, the private sector, academia, non-governmental organizations and other stakeholders from all UNECE and WHO/Europe member states as well as for experts from international organizations.

Each participant should complete a registration form (see annex and webpage <http://live.unece.org/index.php?id=16942>) and return it to the UNECE-WHO/Europe secretariat (e-mail: [secretariat@thepep.org](mailto:secretariat@thepep.org)) as soon as possible.

### **4. Financial assistance**

Limited funds made it possible to finance participation of experts whose work has a direct relevance to the activity from the following countries with economies in transition: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Russian Federation and Ukraine.

### **5. Travel to Kyiv**

By air you will enter Ukraine through Boryspil International Airport. Check with your travel agent to find out which connection best fits your needs. Depending on your departure place, it might also be advantageous to travel to Kyiv by train or by car/bus. Information about train connections is available on <http://www.uz.gov.ua> (only Russian and Ukrainian).

#### Local transport from the airport to hotels and the city centre

The host country is planning to provide a shuttle service for participants from the Boryspil International Airport to hotels and from hotels to the workshop venue. More detailed information regarding the shuttle service will be sent to participants by e-mail at a later stage. Please provide prompt information about any changes in your arrival and departure dates and times.

Airport Boryspil is situated about 35 km from the city center. There are buses available from the airport to the nearest metro station "Boryspilska" and to the central railway station (metro "Vokzalna"). Travel from airport to city center takes about 1 hour and costs about 25 UAH (about 2,5 Euro). All payments should be done in Hrivna (UAH). Tickets can be purchased from the driver for all types of public transport. More information is available at <http://kbp.com.ua/english/general/index.html>.

The best way to get to Kyiv from the airport is using a taxi. Normally a taxi from Boryspil International Airport to the city center cost approximately 200-250 UAH (about 20-25 Euros). Only cash in local currency is accepted by the taxis (i.e. no foreign currency or credit cards).

#### Transport in Kyiv

Public transport in Kyiv (metro, tram, buses, shuttle buses, trolley) operates from 6 am to 12 pm. Average price for one trip by public transport in Kyiv is 0.20 Euro. Only one trip tickets are available. Taxi service is also available. Normal taxi fare within the city center is about 45-55 UAH (4 to 5 Euros). More information on the transport system in Kyiv is available at <http://gorod.kiev.ua/ut/> (Russian and Ukrainian only).

### **6. Accommodation**

The organizers have made block hotel booking at a reduced rate. Detailed information about accommodation is available on the web (<http://live.unece.org/thepep/en/welcome.html>).

Please contact the local organizers (Green Dossier) for all accommodation-related matters.

All participants shall settle their bills directly with the management of the hotel, including any additional charges (laundry, room service, bar bills, telephone calls etc.). All major credit cards are accepted. Foreign currency exchange offices are available in Kyiv.

## **7. Visas**

Visa is not required for a stay up to 90 days within a 180 day period for citizens of EU member states, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Iceland, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Republic of Moldova, Montenegro, Russian Federation, Switzerland, Tajikistan, United States of America and Uzbekistan.

Please check with your travel agent if a visa is required for your travel to Ukraine. If so, kindly apply for a visa as soon as possible. You could check also visa requirements for foreigners entering Ukraine at <http://www.mfa.gov.ua/mfa/en/publication/content/1865.htm>.

Please note that visas cannot be issued at Boryspil International Airport. Visas are issued exclusively by the Diplomatic and Consular Missions of Ukraine abroad. For other details please consult the web page of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine <http://www.mfa.gov.ua>.

In case it is necessary, the organisers will provide invitation letters. Please indicate this requirement in your registration form and contact Ms Kateryna Malkova (e-mail: [ecoweek@bg.net.ua](mailto:ecoweek@bg.net.ua) / phone + 38 067 440 5937) for further questions.

## **8. Currency and money**

In Ukraine the currency is Hrivna (UAH). Up-to-date exchange rates are available at <http://www.xe.com/ucc/full/> or National Bank of Ukraine <http://www.bank.gov.ua/Engl/default.htm>. If needed you can buy local currency at exchange desks in the airport, railway station, at automatic teller machines (with a credit card) and at exchange offices. Commission for money exchange will not be charged. Note that the exchange rates in the airport and in railway station are usually lower than in city center.

## **9. Insurance**

Please make sure that you have adequate health, accident and travel risk insurance. The organizers do not provide coverage for workshop participants.

## **10. Further information**

For questions related to the programme:

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For local logistics, accommodation, visa, shipment of material and other practical questions:

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Up-to-date information, the registration form and relevant material will be made available on the following website in due course: <http://live.unece.org/thepep/en/welcome.html>.

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