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Managing THE PEP: programme of work for 2011-2012

Programme of work for 2011–2012

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

Summary

At its eleventh meeting, the Bureau of the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) Steering Committee requested the secretariat to prepare a detailed programme of work, showing work accomplished over the previous years and expected outputs in the forthcoming years. Subsequently, a draft programme of work for the period 2011–2012 was considered by THE PEP Steering Committee Bureau at its fourteenth meeting in Rome in June 2011. The Committee is invited to consider and adopt the following draft programme of work, intended to take stock of recent and ongoing activities and to guide the work of THE PEP in the coming years.

The report of the Bureau's fourteenth meeting will be available shortly online from the address given in footnote 1 above.



¹ The Bureau report is available from http://live.unece.org/index.php?id=2506.

I. Introduction

- 1. The Third High-level Meeting on Transport, Health and Environment (22–23 January 2009, Amsterdam) adopted the Amsterdam Declaration, including the Transport, Health and Environment Pan-European Programme (THE PEP) workplan for 2009–2014, which supports national action and international cooperation (ECE/AC.21/2009/2–EUR/09/5086385/2, annex). This workplan is based upon and in line with four priority goals, enshrined in the Amsterdam Declaration, which commit United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) and the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe (WHO/Europe) member States to pursue integrated policies aimed at achieving safe, efficient, environment- and health-friendly transport.
- 2. THE PEP programme of work, covering the period between the Third and Fourth High-level Meetings, is subdivided into six chapters that address a range of activities to be pursued through 2014. THE PEP secretariat has structured the programme of work for 2011–2012 in accordance with the headings adopted in the Amsterdam Declaration for implementation of its activities to ensure that the prescribed activities are in line with the policy guidance provided by the Third High-level Meeting.
- 3. The Committee may wish to review and approve THE PEP programme of work for the period 2011–2012, as outlined below, and provide guidance for its implementation.

II. THE PEP programme of work for 2011–2012

THE PEP activity	Host/lead country/organization	Date and venue
(a) Develop a platform to attract and support in	nvestments in environment- and he	alth-friendly transport
THE PEP 2011 SYMPOSIUM: "Inclusive and innovative urban mobility" (Goal 2 of Amsterdam Declaration) (in progress)	Steering Committee and THE PEP secretariat	16 November 2011, Geneva (Palais des Nations)
THE PEP 2012 SYMPOSIUM: "Reduction of transport related emissions" (Goal 3 of Amsterdam Declaration) (under discussion)	Steering Committee and THE PEP secretariat	14 November 2012, Geneva (WHO headquarters)
(b) Build capacity for better integration of tran	sport, health and environment poli	cy
Relay race 3: Working together for sustainable and healthy urban transport (completed)	Kyiv (Ukraine)	8–9 June 2011
Relay race 4: Regional workshop on sustainable urban transport (under discussion)	Awaiting proposals	Spring 2012
Development and launch of the Health Economic Assessment Tools (HEAT) for cycling (completed); Further pilot testing of HEAT for walking (in progress)	THE PEP secretariat, in collaboration with the European Commission (the promoting networking and action on healthy and equitable environments for physical activity (PHAN) Project) and the European network for the promotion of health-enhancing physical activity (HEPA Europe) (HEAT for walking)	25 May 2011, International Transport Forum side event (Leipzig, Germany)

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Development of a practical THE PEP tool for economic assessment of transport-related health effects (in progress)		THE PEP secretariat in collaboration with HEPA Europe and the European Commission (PHAN Project)	First quarter 2012			
Development of material for capacity on green and healthy jobs in transport		THE PEP secretariat and lead countries/THE PEP Partnership	Fourth quarter 2011			
(c) Share and disseminate good practice in environment- and health-friendly transport						
THE PEP Brochure (completed)		THE PEP secretariat	January 2011			
THE PEP Communication Strategy (completed and adopted)		THE PEP secretariat	January 2011			
Outreach to schools and local communities to share experience in sustainable urban transport (e.g., the Walking School Bus, THE PEP Prize, photography and art competitions) (in progress)		THE PEP secretariat and lead countries	2012			
THE PEP Toolbox: further enrichment with more supportive tools (under discussion)		THE PEP secretariat and lead countries	2011–2012			
THE PEP Clearing House:		THE PEP secretariat				
(i)	Upgrading and migration to new server platform (completed);		First quarter 2011			
(ii)	Modification in concept of uploading and maintenance of data and information (in progress)		2012			
(d) Facilitate the implementation of activities at the local, national and regional levels						
THE PEP side event "Making THE Link: Transport choices for our health, environment and prosperity" at the Seventh "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference (in progress)		THE PEP secretariat and lead countries	21 September 2011, Astana (Kazakhstan)			
Development and launching of the brochure "Green and healthy jobs in transport" — the substantive outcome of the thematic session on Goal 1 of the Amsterdam Declaration (in progress)		THE PEP secretariat	21 September 2011 Astana (Kazakhstan)			
Develop manual on the preparation of national transport, health and environment action plans (in progress)		THE PEP Secretariat	Spring 2012 (third draft completed in January 2011)			
Country-specific assistance in developing national action plans through THE PEP Partnership programmes (under discussion)		Beneficiary country and supporting countries (to be identified)	Spring 2012			

THE PEP activity Host/lead country/organization Date and venue Support international advocacy and cooperation projects to promote best practice and an integrated approach to policymaking in transport, health and environment 20-21 June 2011 Rome Project development of THE PEP Partnership THE PEP secretariat, THE PEP (under discussion) Steering Committee Bureau (WHO/Europe) Develop proposal with the United Nations THE PEP secretariat/UNEP 2011-2012 Environment Programme (UNEP) for advocacy and public campaigns on sustainable mobility, making use of UNEP links with municipalities and local non-governmental organizations in South-Eastern Europe and other subregions (under review) Explore potential of THE PEP as a model for other THE PEP secretariat/ESCAP 2012 regions on sharing experience and good practice, beginning with urban Asia, in collaboration with UNEP in Bangkok and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), focusing on sustainable urban transport (under review) 2011-2012 Strengthen collaboration with the European THE PEP secretariat/European Commission, international financial institutions and Commission/international other international forums (e.g., in follow-up to the financial institutions Parma Declaration on Environment and Health), as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector, towards achieving THE PEP priority goals (in progress) Enhance monitoring and reporting mechanisms for implementation Bureau of the THE PEP Steering Preparation and approval of a framework and a 2011 Committee and THE PEP questionnaire to regularly monitor the implementation of the Amsterdam Goals secretariat (completed) Producing Internet reports for each member State THE PEP secretariat 2011-2012 and a regional overview for consideration by the Steering Committee (in progress)

III. Statutory THE PEP meetings 2011-2012

THE PEP body (status)	THE PEP secretariat participation (yes/no)	Date and location
Steering Committee Bureau, fourteenth meeting (completed)	Yes	20–21 June 2011, Rome (WHO/Europe)
Steering Committee, ninth session (under preparation)	Yes	16–17 November 2011, Geneva (Palais des Nations)
Steering Committee Bureau, fifteenth meeting (under preparation)	Yes	18 November 2011, Geneva (Palais des Nations)
Steering Committee Bureau, sixteenth meeting	Yes	June/July 2012 (to be determined)
Steering Committee, tenth session	Yes	14–15 November 2012, Geneva (WHO headquarters)
Steering Committee Bureau, seventeenth meeting	Yes	16 November 2012, Geneva (WHO headquarters)