

THE PEP Steering Committee, 9th session
Agenda item 7(a)

IMPLEMENTING THE AMSTERDAM DECLARATION

National Transport, Health and Environment Action Plans

PROPOSAL FOR MEMBER STATES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARDS THE FINALIZATION OF THE MANUAL ON NTHEAPS

Prepared by the secretariat

A. Background

1. The national transport, health and environment action plans (NTHEAPs) were agreed in the Amsterdam Declaration as the main national or subnational implementation mechanism to achieve priority goals of THE PEP. NTHEAPs could be developed and implemented by making use of existing mechanisms, plans and programmes in the fields of transport, health and environment, by building on national processes across the three sectors or by developing new NTHEAPs. Countries should develop strategies that suit the needs of their citizens and the capabilities of their administrations, taking into account different socio-economic situations. The NTHEAPs should address transport-related health and environmental impacts and increase transport efficiency, as well as set targets and timetables for implementation.
2. The development of NTHEAPs or similar national or subnational strategic tools to ensure the integration of health and environment aspects into transport planning is the responsibility of the Member States. THE PEP will support Member States in the development, implementation and evaluation of NTHEAPs in two ways: (a) development of guidance and common tools, for dissemination through THE PEP Toolbox and THE PEP Clearing House; and (b) support provided upon request to facilitate national actions (e.g. through policy dialogues and workshops).
3. The secretariat has developed a draft manual on NTHEAPs for use by the Member States as guidance on developing NTHEAPs. The Steering Committee at its eighth session in 2010 has adopted this draft version of the manual. At its 14th session, the Bureau endorsed the below proposal for inviting Member States to contribute to the finalization of the manual.

B. Specific project proposal: Collaboration with Member States for the development, implementation and evaluation of national transport, health and environment action plans

4. Objectives: This project aims at supporting Member States in developing, implementing and evaluating national or sub-national programmes to implement the

priority goals of the Amsterdam Declaration. This could be done through NTHEAPs, making use of existing mechanisms, plans and programmes in the fields of transport, health and environment and building on national processes across the three sectors or by developing new policy frameworks. For this purpose Member States can make use of the current draft manual on developing NTHEAPs, produced by THE PEP secretariat.

5. **Activities:** Member States are invited to express interest in applying the manual either in its entirety or partially and to provide the secretariat with feedback on the experience made to inform the final version of the manual. The main steps envisaged for this would entail:

1. Assessment of the current situation in the country regarding the development of a NTHEAP (i.e. current stage of development, policy situation etc).
2. Identification of suitable parts of the manual for application in the country based on a comparative analysis between the findings of step 1 above and the steps and stages outlined in the manual
3. Implementation of the manual (or parts of it) and documentation of the experience
4. Sharing the documented experience with the secretariat for inclusion in the manual

6. In addition or as an alternative, Member States are also invited to provide the secretariat with already existing experience and good practice examples to illustrate the different steps and stages outlined in the manual.

7. **Expected timeline:** Member States were invited to express their interest by e-mail in August 2011. Submissions can be made up to February 2012. Final production of the NTHEAP manual is expected for summer 2012.

8. **Estimated budget:** The required resources depend mainly on the scope of the activities to be carried out as decided by the Member State. If the Member State requests support for development of NTHEAPs from THE PEP secretariat, the following costs are estimated to cover the complete development of a NTHEAP: \$45,000 (for international experts, travel, etc.) for a baseline assessment for one country, with \$30,000 for a final workshop.

9. **Possible collaborators:** countries participating in THE PEP Partnership which are interested in supporting another country in developing a NTHEAP.
